

May, 2016

Dear Edina Band Member,

## **Congratulations! You have been selected for the 2016-2017 CONCERT BAND**

As you know, the Edina Bands have an outstanding state, national and international reputation, and you should feel honored to be a part of such a strong and vibrant program. Please embrace your placement in Concert Band with pride, duty, seriousness, and a strong work ethic. Work hard in your private studies this summer as well as throughout all of next year!

### **CB Expectations:**

- **Commitment:** With so many demands, so many fabulous opportunities and so many other people that want to be in Concert Band, it is absolutely imperative that YOU, as a member of the Edina Concert Band, are aggressively committed to achieving the very highest level of excellence – in private study, in an overtly positive attitude, in rehearsals every day, in practice at home, in taking music to your private teachers. Talk to your private teacher today and set up an aggressive private study program this summer.
- **Solo & Ensemble:** You should plan to prepare a solo *or* ensemble and perform it for the MSHSL Solo and Ensemble Contest in April, 2017
- **Private Study and Practice:** Each concert band member is expected to study privately throughout the year – either with a private teacher or by arranging individual private lessons with Mr. Kile. Find the finest private teacher available – many of our students study with members of the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, or top private teachers in the Twin Cities. If you need names of private teachers contact Mr. Kile. Find the finest private teacher and every lesson will open new, exciting doors in your musical endeavors.

### **Supplies:**

- **Concert Band**

Exercises for Ensemble Drill by Ramond C. Fussell	(Belwin)	\$6.95
Symphonic Techniques for Band by Claude T. Smith	(Jenson)	\$4.95
- **Concert Band Percussion Requirements**
  - Stick Bag of your choice (there are many brands and prices to choose from)*
  - Snare Drum Sticks - Vic Firth SD1 General*
  - Xylophone/Bell Mallets - Grover Artist Choice M2 – Hard Grey PVC*
  - Marimba/Vibraphone Mallets - Balter 23R – Med Blue Cord*
  - Marimba Mallets - Set of 4 Vic Firth M115 Robert Van Sice Model*
  - Brass Bell Mallets - Balter 9R – Rattan with hard brass head*
  - Timpani Sticks - Vic Firth T1 General or similar sticks of another brand*
  - Timpani Sticks - Vic Firth T4 Ultra Staccato*
  - Triangle Beaters- Grover SV-TB-SET Triangle Beater Set of 3*

**Band Placements:** While we hope you are happy with your placement in Concert Band please keep in mind not everyone made it into the band they wanted. There are many factors that go into balancing and placing students in the EHS bands. There is fierce competition on some instruments, and some students may be disappointed with their band placement and in fact they might wish they were in your chair in Concert Band. Many of these people are tremendously deserving of being in the Concert Band too. Be understanding, encouraging and supportive of other bandies who are disappointed with their band placement today. Some of them might feel like quitting, and YOU might be able to help some of them continue to enjoy their music and the many great opportunities in the EHS Bands. We encourage all band students to bloom wherever planted! As we repeatedly say, and it is very true, there are many outstanding opportunities in all of the EHS bands, including marching band, pep bands, jazz bands, the concert bands, tours, back-up bands, tournament games, many great concerts, and many new friendships! We look forward to working with all of you throughout the year.

### **IN THIS MAILING**

**Parent Band Boosters Form:** Please, please, please encourage your parents to become active in the band parent booster organization - the band program needs and *wants* their involvement and support!

**Marching Band Letter and Calendar:** Work now to enter these dates in your family calendar. I look forward to seeing you **Monday, August 15, 2015**, for marching band camp. Percussionists, your mini-camp will be held **August 10, 11, 12**.

### **CONSTRUCTION SEASON**

Normally we do a mailing during the summer months, but due to construction at the High School this summer, we will not have access to the band office. With that in mind, we encourage you to check the band website ([www.edinabands.com](http://www.edinabands.com)) occasionally throughout the summer to get information and updates on the 2016-17 Band Calendar, our Peach Fundraiser and other items. We will also be sending out occasional email blasts regarding the marching band season and band program. If you are not currently receiving the weekly Edina Bands '*Band-O-Gram*', please email Martha Lundquist at [Martha.lundquist@edinaschools.org](mailto:Martha.lundquist@edinaschools.org) to be added to this invaluable weekly source of band information!!

### **CONCERT BAND TOUR MEETING    Thursday, June 2 7:30 pm EHS Band Room**

As next year is a tour year for Concert Band, all parents and students are invited to attend a brief meeting regarding next year's tour. We will announce destination, time frame and cost. The meeting will be held in the high school band room on Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 pm

**For band updates and schedules, please check the Edina Band website at:  
[www.edinabands.com](http://www.edinabands.com)**

**Have a great summer!**

Sincerely,

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