

## You have been selected for the 2016-2017 SYMPHONIC BAND!

**Welcome:** I want to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning Edina Symphonic Band members. The Edina Bands have an outstanding state, national and international reputation and you should feel **proud and honored** to be part of such a strong and vibrant program with an amazing history of excellence.

**Band Placements:** Please keep in mind that there are *many* factors that go into balancing bands and placing students in the bands. There is *fierce* competition on some instruments. Some students will be very happy with their band placement, while others may be surprised or even disappointed in their placement in bands, but the opportunities are truly outstanding in **all** of the bands! I encourage you to bloom where planted and work your hardest to be the best you can be in whatever band you are placed. Excellent opportunities are available in all of our ensembles from marching band to pep band and everything in between.

**Commitments:** For students with a good work ethic, positive attitude, and a desire to be part of the band program, there is **always** a place for you. With large band enrollments, the numbers of students desiring to advance continue to increase. For those of you who strongly desire to improve, we highly recommend that you continue studying privately; or if you have not been studying, **start!** Private lessons with an expert on your instrument will increase your overall enjoyment of music and advance your skills for future performance opportunities.

If you do **NOT** plan on being in band next year for any reason, please contact Mr. Kile at [paul.kile@edinaschools.org](mailto:paul.kile@edinaschools.org) ASAP so that we can be prepared for the 2016-17 season.

### Supplies:

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| <b>Symphonic Band</b> | Exercises for Ensemble Drill by Ramond C. Fussell | (Belwin) | \$6.95 |
|                       | Scale Etudes by James 'Red' McLeod/Norm Staska    | (Alfred) | \$6.95 |

### Symphonic Band Percussion Requirements:

- ½ inch or 1 inch black 3 ring binder *and* a 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 Mallets* - Balter 23R – Med Blue Cord      *Timpani Sticks* - Vic Firth T1 General or similar sticks in another brand

### 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!!

Sincerely,

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