

Dear HCPSS Band Students,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. As we begin the year, all HCPSS high school band members are encouraged to apply for the HCPSS High School Gifted and Talented Band. The Gifted and Talented Band will perform in concert on Saturday, January 11, 2020, 7:00 PM at Marriotts Ridge High School.

As you know, Howard County is host to many outstanding music programs. These programs have earned a national reputation for excellence due to the efforts of the students, directors, and parents from our elementary, middle, and high school programs. The goal of the Gifted and Talented Band is to provide a unique musical experience to make great music with students from around the county. With the opportunity to rehearse and perform exceptional music and sit alongside other musicians who share a deep passion and commitment to music, the Gifted and Talented Band is a wonderful opportunity for all serious musicians.

Requirements

- Applicants **MUST** be currently enrolled in a HCPSS high school.
- Applicants **MUST** be members of their school band program.
- Applicants **MUST** be able to commit to the full rehearsal/performance schedule.

Application - Selection Process:

Students can apply by logging onto <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/fine-arts/music/gt/>. Scroll down and follow the links for the *High School Gifted and Talented Band Application*. **The deadline for student applications is October 11, 2019.** Students will be considered for the ensemble based various factors including a recommendation from their Band Director and also the need to create an ensemble that represents every school in Howard County while also maintaining ideal instrumentation to ensure musical success. Ensemble Participants will be announced no later than November 5th via emails to all students and directors.

Fees:

Selected students will be charged a fee of \$100.00 to cover the costs associated with this program. Students that are selected to participate will be required to pay the fee by **November 15** or they will forfeit their position to another student.

Application Schedule:

- Student Applications due by 10/11
- Director Ratings due by 10/18
- Notification of acceptance by 11/5
- Accepted Student confirmation forms and payments due 11/15
- Music sent out to students by 12/6
- Seating Auditions for students on a 1st part in their section will take place prior to the second rehearsal, 2:45pm the same day.

Rehearsal & Performance Schedule:

	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
<i>Prep Rehearsal</i>	January 4	9am - 1pm	Wilde Lake High School
<i>Prep Rehearsal</i>	January 9	3:30pm - 8:30pm	Wilde Lake High School
<i>Prep Rehearsal</i>	January 10	3:30pm - 8:30pm	Wilde Lake High School
<i>Dress Rehearsal</i>	January 11	10am - 1pm	Marriotts Ridge High School
<i>Performance</i>	January 11	7pm (<i>Call-Time 6pm</i>)	Marriotts Ridge High School
<i>Snow Date Performance</i>	January 13 or 14	7pm (<i>Call-Time 6pm</i>)	Marriotts Ridge High School

To apply go to <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/fine-arts/music/gt/>

If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask your director or contact us at the emails below for more information!

Sincerely,

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