

**Oswego District #308
Junior High School Honor Band Festival**

January 25, 2014

Dear Band Members,

We are very pleased to invite you to participate in the Oswego Junior High School Honor Band Festival. This group will be comprised of select students from each of the five junior high school band programs. It is an honor to be chosen to represent your school in this prestigious event. You will be performing with the strongest student musicians from each school and it will be a great experience for everyone involved. Your guest director will be Mr. Jim Stombres from St. Charles North High School. Mr. Stombres is highly regarded on a national level and is wonderful with young musicians. The group will be playing some of the best music available for young bands, including the World Premiere of a new work by acclaimed composer, Dr. Donald Grantham.

You will be given music by your director which you will need to prepare ahead of time. We will hold a sectional rehearsal and pizza party on Friday, April 11 after school. We will have a rehearsal with our guest director and concert on Saturday, April 12, 2014. All activities will take place at Traughber JHS. A detailed schedule and permission slip is included. Please check your calendar and complete the permission slip and return it to your director.

Congratulations and we look forward to sharing this special honor and event with you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Heemstra, Bednarcik JHS
Ms. Fulton, Plank JHS
Ms. Karvelius, Murphy JHS
Mr. Harrison, Thompson JHS
Mr. Werve, Plank & Thompson JHS
Ms. Corry, Traughber JHS
Mrs. Maxwell, Traughber JHS

**Oswego District #308 Junior High
Honor Band Festival**

Hosted at Traughber JHS
April 11-12, 2014

GUEST CONDUCTOR

Mr. Jim Stombres-St. Charles North High School

MUSIC

Portrait of a Clown
Little French Suite
March TBA
Sol y Sombra

Students have been issued music for Band. They must bring that music to the festival.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PREPARE ALL MUSIC PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FESTIVAL.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

All participating students will need to have their own transportation to/from Traughber JHS on April 11 & April 12, 2014.

CONCERT ATTIRE

School Band Uniform

Student may wear comfortable clothing all day and change into concert clothing .

ALL BAND STUDENTS MUST BRING INSTRUMENT, MUSIC, & A PENCIL. Be sure to label all stands and instruments with student and school names. Percussionists need to bring their own mallets and sticks.

MEALS

Students will eat dinner on Friday at Traughber and lunch on Saturday at the Festival. The menu on Friday is Pizza, drinks & cookies. The menu on Saturday is Buffalo Wild Wings, dessert and drinks.

There will be a \$15 charge for each student to pay for meals and music expenses.

INSTRUMENT REPAIRS

A light emergency repair service will be available in the Commons/Cafeteria provided by PM Music Company.

ADMISSION TO THE CONCERT

The concert will be held in Traughber JHS Cafeteria/Auditorium. There will be a \$3.00 admission charge, with children under 12 receiving free admission. The doors for the concert will open at 1:15 p.m., and the concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. The concert should conclude no later than 2:30 p.m.

STUDENT'S SCHEDULE

Friday, April 11, 2014

3:30 pm, Meeting for students at Traughber Band Room

4:00-5:30 pm, Sectional Rehearsals I

5:30-6:15 pm, Dinner Break

6:15pm-8:00 pm, Sectional Rehearsals II

**Rehearsal breaks will be at the discretion of the directors*

Saturday, April 12, 2014

8:30 am, Meeting in Traughber Band Room

8:45am-12:00pm, Full Band Rehearsal

12:00-1:00pm, Lunch and Change into Concert Clothing

1:00-2:00pm, Final Rehearsal

2:00 pm, Concert

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Commitment & Permission Form
Please return to your director by **February 3, 2014**

I (we) as parents and or legal guardians of _____
give permission for our son or daughter to participate in the Oswego District
#308 Honor Band on April 11-12, 2014. We understand that due to
rehearsal/performance preparations our child is committed to participating in
the Festival.

I (we) as parents and legal guardians of _____ a minor
of _____ years, do hereby authorize emergency medical treatment by qualified
personnel in the event of accidents or illness as required.

Please Include Payment

- \$15, Checks made payable to Traughber JHS Band Boosters

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Phone Numbers

(H) _____ (Cell) _____

Other Emergency

Contact _____

Phone Number:

Special Note