

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS BAND REPORT
SPRING MEETING: MAY 9, 2011

HONORS BAND, MAY 21-22:

- **Conductors:** Dr. Cormac Cannon, Assistant Director of Bands, MSU, and Ms. Shelley Roland, Director of Bands at Clarkston Sashabaw Middle School
- **Honors Band Site:** Lansing Pattengill Middle School, 626 Marshall St., Lansing, MI 48912. Thank you to Tawnya Hicks, our host!
- **Honors Band fees** of \$15 per student should be sent to Treasurer Bryan Mangiavellano by May 22.
- **Considerations** for next year:
 - I recommend that submitting **electronic music files** for the auditioning process be implemented. This makes it easier for directors to submit but potentially creates more work for the chairperson. Submitting cassettes should be discouraged because the quality is significantly inferior to digital recordings. Digital recorders, such as the Zoom H1, can be obtained for under \$100.
- **Facility Use:** The days of using a school for free are probably numbered. Even if the facility rental is waived, custodial fees may be assessed. Weekend events are overtime. This year the estimate for custodial fees is \$798. That equates to an additional per student assessment of: \$5.
- **Acquisition of music:** We've been borrowing music when possible and providing copies for students. However, we are no longer permitted to use the MSBOA email list to broadcast requests to borrow music. Also, it's been difficult to borrow all the pieces these past two years because some of the music is new repertoire. Consequently, I've had to purchase 3 pieces each of the past two years with my school budget, and then spend more money to copy these pieces. Photocopying music is not only expensive when you can't do it at school, but is illegal and sends the wrong message to students. Consider budgeting up to \$500 for the purchase of music each year (four pieces per band @ \$60 per piece). If we purchase music, we would then have to decide whether the music is expendable (students keeping it) or whether to collect it and sell it at the fall meeting.
- **Facility use fees and the purchase of sheet music, potentially raise the per student fees by \$10 per student, with a new rate of \$25 per student.**

Respectfully submitted,

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