

Marywood University

2009 Wind Band Celebration

DIRECTOR'S INVITATION

Greetings from the newly created (as of July 1, 2009) Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance! We are delighted with the new possibilities this reconfiguration offers us.

On Friday and Saturday, December 4 & 5, 2009, we will host the annual Junior High Honors Band Festival (now known as the Marywood University Wind Band Celebration). All 7th - 9th grade students are eligible for nomination by their directors. The "Celebration" will meet on the campus of Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania. There will be auditions, rehearsals with nationally known clinicians, a director's banquet, a performance by the Marywood University Wind Ensemble, and the event will conclude with a final concert on Saturday evening.

If travel dictates an overnight stay, directors will be responsible for housing and chaperoning students. Seating placement auditions are scheduled for Friday morning Dec. 4th. Any question regarding the festival or logistics should be directed to the Marywood University Director of Bands – Dr. David Romines (dromines@marywood.edu). Many necessary details are provided in the attached procedural manual.

The selection of students will be solely based on nomination ranks as provided by participating directors. Please rank your students on the nomination form according to their playing ability and be sure to return the form by the published deadline. We will invite as many students as can be effectively served by the event. We are pleased to have two of the county's finest clinicians as our band directors. **David Holsinger** and **David Shaffer** will each conduct one of the two honor bands.

Attached to this e-mail is a ranking form and procedural manual. Please carefully read the procedural manual and fill out the nomination form. Be sure to mail the nomination form back to the Marywood University Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance (**postmarked by October 23, 2009**).

Mail completed nomination form by October 23rd to:

Marywood University Wind Band Celebration
c/o Patricia Purcell
Administrative Assistant
Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance
Marywood University
2300 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18509-1598

If you desire, you may scan the completed form and e-mail it as a PDF attachment to: (dromines@marywood.edu).

This is a wonderful opportunity for your band members to meet student musicians from other schools while working under the direction of two nationally known clinicians. The "Celebration" promises to be a wonderful event. We hope to see many of you on our campus this December.

Sr. Joan McCusker, IHM, Ph.D.
Chairperson, Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance