

# AUDITIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 YHS WIND ENSEMBLE

February 26, 2023

Dear YHS Band Students and Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about the Wind Ensemble audition process for the 2023-2024 school year.

## **Audition Information:**

**Date:** 4/24 - 4/28 (Monday- Friday)

**Time:** During the student's lesson period for the week

## **Audition Materials:**

### • **Wind Instruments:**

- 12 Major Scales
- Level IV, V, or VI NYSSMA Solo
- Sight Reading

### • **Percussionists:**

- Level IV – VI Snare NYSSMA solo and Rudiments
- Level III – VI Mallet NYSSMA solo
- Level III – VI Timpani NYSSMA solo

**Who should audition:** Students who meet the following criteria as outlined in the YHS Band Handbook:

For a student to participate in the **YHS Wind Ensemble**, they must:

- Show a **positive attitude** towards their band peers, towards the director, and towards the music being performed.
- Have a history of **consistent band lesson attendance**.
- **Show responsibility** regarding course requirements, assignments, and care of equipment.
- Show a **consistent effort to improve** their own technical skills on their instrument.
- Be a **leader and team player** within their section and performing ensemble.
- **Be able to perform** all music worked on in the ensemble.
- **Be present** at all performances throughout the year.
- Demonstrate knowledge of major scales (or rudiments), arpeggios, chromatic scale and alternate fingerings.
- Successfully complete the YHS Wind Ensemble audition on a NYSSMA level 4, 5 or 6 solo
- It is also strongly recommended that these students also participate in the NYSSMA Solo Festival.

**Please remember that ALL students wishing to be in the '23 -'24 Wind Ensemble MUST audition.  
(This includes students currently in the '22 -'23 Wind Ensemble).**

## **What to bring to the Wind Ensemble audition:**

- You.
- Your instrument.
- Two copies of your NYSSMA solo (Xerox is fine). Please be sure YOUR NAME IS **NOT** on these copies.

If you have any questions regarding the audition process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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**PLEASE RETURN THE LOWER PORTION BY WEDNESDAY 3/15/23**

**I have read and understand the audition procedure for the 2023-2024 YHS Wind Ensemble.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_