

# OMEA District XIV 2016 Honor Jazz Band Festival

January 5, 2017

Dear Junior High & High School Band Directors,

The O.M.E.A. District 14 Honor Jazz Band Festival will be held on February 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Auditions, rehearsals, and the performance will be held at Princeton High School.

**Auditions** will be held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at Princeton High School. We are asking each band director to submit a list of students intending to audition by **Friday, January 13, 2016** to [kphillips@vikingmail.org](mailto:kphillips@vikingmail.org). Your list should include the students' names and instruments, as well as your name and school name. Once names are compiled, an audition schedule will be sent via e-mail to directors by **Thursday, January 19, 2016**. *Please also indicate if you are interested and available to volunteer to assist with any of these events- auditions, sectionals, etc.*

Each student planning to audition must bring a completed "application form" to the audition. (Printable from the OMEA Website, Google drive, and available on sight)

## **Audition Information**

Auditions will be held on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at Princeton High School from 5 – 8pm. Upon arrival, students will check in, and be guided to their warm-up rooms.

## **Audition Requirements**

**Drums:** sight-read a big band chart, and demonstrate 16 measures of the following grooves:

- swing beat (fast and medium)
- latin beat (bossa)
- rock beat (various tempi)
- ballad using brushes

## **All others:**

- Provided excerpt
- Improvisation- 2 choruses of a 12 bar blues
- Sight reading
- Scales
  - o Concert Bb, Eb, Ab, F, C major
  - o Concert Bb, Eb, F blues

## **Results**

The audition results will be sent to directors via e-mail on or before February 1, 2016. There is a \$50.00 fee due by Friday, February 12, 2016 for each student selected. Please submit one check per school made payable to "**O.M.E.A. District 14 Treasurer**" and mail to Kyle Phillips (address below). The fee will be used to cover lunch on Saturday (see schedule) as well as other expenses involved in the festival. This fee must be received in order for the student to participate.

Selected students must attend all rehearsals as well as the performance. Please have students and parents check their calendars before they audition. **There will be no exceptions to the rule.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you- we are looking forward to working with your students!

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## District XIV Honor Band Festival Schedule

<b>Monday, January 23, 2016</b>	5:00pm-8:00pm	Auditions – Princeton High School 150 Viking Way Cincinnati, OH 45246
<b>Friday, February 24, 2016</b>	6:00pm-8:00pm	Rehearsal – Princeton High School 150 Viking Way Cincinnati, OH 45246
<b>Saturday, February 25, 2016</b>	9:00am-5:00pm	Rehearsal – Princeton High School
<b>Sunday, February 26, 2016</b>	4:00 pm	Concert – Matthews Auditorium Princeton High School Call time- 3:00 HS Sound Check- 3:00-3:15 JH Sound Check – 3:15-3:30 <i>Concert – 4:00 pm</i>

## Directions to Princeton High School

### **From the north**

I-75 South to exit 15  
Right on Sharon Road  
Right on Chester Road  
Left on Viking Way  
Enter Viking Village main entrance

### **From the south**

I-75 North to exit 15  
Left on Sharon Road  
Right on Chester Road  
Left on Viking Way  
Enter Viking Village main entrance