December 12, 2022

Congratulations! Based on your application and your director's recommendation, you have been selected to participate in the 32nd Annual Auburn University High School Honor Band Festival. The Festival is sponsored by the Auburn University Bands and the Department of Music and will be held in Auburn the weekend of February 9-11, 2023. The Festival will consist of two bands: the Wind Ensemble, and the Symphonic Band. We are very excited to announce that our guest composer will be Viet Cuong.

In order for you to participate in the Festival, we must receive your festival fee of \$65.00 by <u>Monday, January 9</u>. If we have not received your payment by <u>January 9</u>, and have not heard from you regarding your payment, we will assume that you do not wish to participate in the Festival and another student will be chosen as a replacement. You may pay online at the AU Bands <u>website</u>. If you prefer to pay by check, please make it out to AU Bands, and mail to AU High School Honor Band, 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL 36849. Mailed checks must be postmarked by January 9.

Release Form: The Honor Band Release Form can be found on the <u>High School Honor Band page</u>. It is to be completed online and signed by your parent or guardian. Release forms must be completed by Monday, January 9. Parents will be informed of any medical emergency and will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred. Students with special needs of any kind should provide the Auburn University Band staff with detailed information so we can accommodate you.

Money: Your \$65.00 fee covers participation in the Festival. Also included in that fee is a commemorative Festival T-Shirt and Festival medal. You should bring sufficient money for your hotel room, meals, snacks, souvenirs, etc.

Festival Finale Concert: The Festival will conclude by featuring both Honor Bands in a Finale Concert in the Gogue Performing Arts Center on the campus of Auburn University at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Families, friends, and directors of participating students are encouraged to attend this concert. Admission is free.

Reminder: Be sure that you pay the fee of \$65.00 by Monday, January 9. If will be unable to attend the Festival, please notify us immediately at auhb@auburn.edu so that we can offer the place reserved for you to someone else. (Registration fees cannot be refunded.)

Plan to check in for the honor band at Goodwin Music Building between 2:00-2:30 on Thursday, Feb. 10th. Check our website and your email in the coming weeks for the final schedule, hotel list, and other details.

We look forward to having you with us for the 32nd Annual Auburn University High School Honor Band Festival. We believe that it will be an enjoyable and rewarding weekend for everyone involved. If you have any questions, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rick Good Auburn University Director of Bands

VERY IMPORTANT: To participate in the Auburn Honor Band Festival, you must attend **ALL** of the festival rehearsals, clinics, master classes and concerts. If you have any conflict which would necessitate missing any part of the Honor Band Festival, you **MAY NOT** participate in the Festival.