



Dear Director,

I hope your rehearsals are off to a great start as you begin what promises to be an exciting year. I wanted to remind you that registration opens on August 15th for our 66th Annual JR/SR Honor Band this fall on **November 15th and 16th**. This two-day event provides participants with a musically diverse and fulfilling experience. Your students will have the opportunity to study their all-region etudes with our distinguished applied faculty and perform in the clinic honor bands. This year I am pleased to share the podium with Garth Gundersen, our new Associate Director of Bands, Jeff Bradford, Director of Fine Arts in Richardson I.S.D., and to welcome **WILLIAM OWENS** as our guest composer for the weekend!! All students in the honor bands will have the opportunity to work with Mr. Owens, one of the most popular modern band composers. Other unique musical events are scheduled throughout the weekend, including a performance by our Wind Ensemble and many of our applied faculty.

The participants of this year's Junior/Senior Honor Band Weekend will again be chosen solely from director recommendations. I am asking that each director select a maximum of *TEN* deserving upperclassmen to participate in the event. (I would encourage you to nominate a percussionist as part of the ten since Mr. Owen's music is often very percussion intensive). **Positions in the honor bands are limited and will be filled in the order the nominations are received.**

To register your students, please go to [HERE](#) or scan the QR Code below. Availability is limited so please choose your students as soon as possible when school resumes and CONFIRM THEIR ABILITY TO ATTEND prior to registering them. The registration fee, which includes a T-shirt, is \$40.00 per student. To celebrate the musical accomplishments of your students, we are pleased to offer discounts to your students who achieved the following status during the past year (2023-2024). All-Region members may register for \$30.00, All-Area members may register for \$20.00, and All-State members may attend the Junior/Senior Honor Band Weekend free of charge. Students involved in performing at playoff football games on Friday night are still strongly encouraged to participate.

All payments will be due on or before Friday, November 8th. For directors, students, and parents that would like to spend Friday and/or Saturday night near campus, a select rate has been established with several local hotels in Commerce and Greenville and information is available on the website. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at tamucbands@tamuc.edu or by phone at 903.886.5248. I look forward to seeing you and your students in November!

Sincerely,

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