



## NORTON INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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### NORTON CONCERT BAND UPDATE

Dear all Concert Band students and parents,

First let me share congratulations to everyone involved in our Severance Hall performance. It turned out to be a really nice day spent with great people in an amazing place. It was very rewarding to hear all the positive remarks from students and parents afterwards.

The month of February has a number of events I would like to make sure everyone is aware of. Concert band has shown a really great approach to class over the last few weeks. Their attitude has been hard working and driven yet appreciative of the timely humorous moments in class. I'm share their excitement for their significant improvement and we are all looking forward to performing some new music.

This brings me to a performance opportunity that we have been offered. **Cuyahoga Falls High School is putting on an event for concert bands** in the area to highlight their achievements. I mentioned this to the students and they seem to be very interested in it. I am not a fan of putting extra dates on our calendar but I believe this is a great opportunity to reward these students for their hard work and accomplishments. **The date is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Festival begins at 7pm which will make our departure time about 5:30pm.** Since this was not on our original calendar I intend to be flexible and understanding of conflicts. From what the students have mentioned everyone seems to believe they are available. Please be aware this puts two performances in the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Cuyahoga Falls on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and our Norton concert on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.** The Norton concert will also feature the jazz and symphonic bands. All of this is in preparation of OMEA contest the first weekend of March. We have not received our performance time yet but I am requesting Friday evening.

The month of February also brings in sectional help afterschool. Students have collaborated within their section to find the best times to work as a small group on the music we are performing. Most sections are meeting once a week for 45 minutes. Again, I know our students are active in many different things so conflicts are understood. The goal is to give each section an opportunity to work together on challenging parts and discuss specific issues with their instruments.

Thank you for all of the efforts put forth so far to take advantage of every opportunity we have. I am proud of our recent successes and look forward to our future opportunities.

Musically,

*"Pride, Class, & Dignity"*