



Ruston Junior High Bearkit Band



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Subject: District Honor Band

Updated 11-30-11 due incorrect dates.

District 1 Honor Band **tryouts** are coming up on Saturday, **Jan. 7th** at **Calhoun Middle School**. District Honor Band is an Honors band comprised of the best JH musicians from the Northeast corner of Louisiana. There are 8 Districts in Louisiana. Those who are selected will receive a T-shirt and/or a patch that can be applied to their senior band jacket in HS. As some of you already know, this is the highest form of recognition a JH band student can receive on a District Level and is a stepping stone for All-State Band in HS. The students have the tryout music and have been testing on it once every 2 weeks. It's a "no brainer" that everyone should tryout, since they have been and are continuing playing the same music for periodic tests anyway; Advanced band members are **required** to tryout, for it is part of their 9 weeks grade. This is do-able by all the students because there have been beginners in the band who have tried out and made it. The cost for the tryout is \$7 per student, and you must find your own transportation to and from the tryout site. Make checks payable to RJHS band and turn in with this slip. It is very important to understand that for those who are selected during tryouts, they must commit to the rehearsals and concert that take place on the **27th and 28th** of January. If they cannot be there for the rehearsals and/or concert at ULM, then **DO NOT** sign-up for the tryouts and include an explanation on the back of this form. I will be transporting the students to ULM by bus when the actual rehearsals take place on the **27th and 28th**; however, you must be pick them up at noon on the **28th** to take them to eat and dress for the concert. The deadline for their **\$7** tryout fee and this signed form is **tomorrow Thursday, Dec. 1st**. I have to turn in the names money on Friday to the District Chairman, by Friday, Dec. 2nd or none of my students will get entered. They will then issue times for each student's tryout, and send those to me, and then I will send you another hand out with the time, a map and pertinent information for the tryouts. Those who are selected will then receive the music and another letter concerning the rehearsals and concert. Please encourage them to start practicing diligently now on a daily basis!!! In order for me to be sure that no parent has missed out on this wonderful opportunity for their child, I need **everyone** to return this form, even if your child will not be trying out. Everyone needs to sign this form and return ASAP **with with with with** the tryout fee if you are entering. This will help limit the amount of time spent on calling each of you. Students who make District Honor Band will be entered into a drawing for an IPOD TOUCH. TWICE IF THEY MAKE FIRST CHAIR. More chances will arise when Solo and Ensemble festival comes around in April. Those who tryout and make at least a 50% score will receive 10 bonus pts. Those who are selected will receive an additional 10 bonus pts. So, notoriety, bonus pts. and a chance to win an Ipod Touch. All 3 bases covered for incentives. Nuff said! Thanks!

The annual RJHS Christmas Concert is **mandatory** for all band students and will be **Tuesday**, Dec. 20th at 9:15am. This is mandatory for all band students. Khaki pants and red band t-shirt. Parents are encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

The RJHS Int. and Adv. Band will be marching in the Christmas Parade once again this year on Thursday, Dec. 8th. It is **mandatory** and we are to meet at the Police Jury Annex Building parking lot, which is located in the old Temple Baptist Church building next to the cemetery on Alabama Street at 5:30pm. The parade will last app. 1 hour, and you must pick your child up in the same place at 7:00pm. The uniform for this event will be nice blue jeans (school code) and red band shirt. Try to dress to so that a coat will not be necessary. (Insulated underwear, heavy shirt under band shirt, etc.) However, if it's too cold, a coat will be allowed. Gloves will be allowed, but woodwinds will need to cut the tips out in order to handle their instruments. Every student is in charge of getting their instrument to the parade site and back. If it is raining at 5:30, then we will not be marching in the parade. We have a **mandatory afterschool parade rehearsal** on Tuesday, Dec. 6th, and there will be no rehearsal after school on Thursday Dec. 8th.

Keep the top portion of this document and detach the bottom and return by tomorrow, **Thursday Dec. 1** to receive 5 bonus pts. in the student's grade, 1000 brownie points, name entered in the Guineas Book of World Records, an "attaboy" or "attagirl", and an authentic look of amazement on the band directors face. P.S. I long for the days when the word mandatory wasn't necessary.

I have read the information concerning the Christmas Concert. _____ **(Initialize)**

I have read the information concerning the Christmas Parade. _____ **(Initialize)**

I understand that this will affect the advanced band members grade if they don't try out. _____ **(Initialize)**

I have read the information above concerning the District Honor Band and my child **WILL WILL NOT** (circle one) trying out for District Honor Band on Jan. 7th. I realize that if my child is selected, that they will also be required to attend the rehearsals and concert at ULM on the **27th and 28th** of Jan. as well. **You must include the \$7 tryout fee with this form.**

Parent Signature

Instrument

Student's Name **(Print)**