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Dear Colleagues:

We are most pleased to announce the Thirteenth Annual Virginia Tech Honor Band. The event will be held on the Virginia Tech Campus January 22, 23 and 24, 2010, and is open to middle and high school students. Students selected for Honor Band will be placed by audition in one of five bands from middle school through advanced high school and will have the opportunity to rehearse, perform and hear great music during the weekend.

Please look over the information about this event, including the schedule, hotel lists and nomination instructions. Parents should contact their band directors to discuss the program, as all nominations must be made by the student's band director. Band directors are asked to rank numerically the students nominated to help us in the selection process (best overall student #1, second best overall #2, etc.) We will do our best to accommodate your wishes but will make the necessary choices to balance instrumentation. (Please refer to the nomination guidelines) Each year we select 500 students from the more than 1700 nominations, representing more than 170 schools in eight states. If allowed, please list the home address for each student, as personal invitations are sent to each selected nominee.

Nominations must be made online by band directors. You must use your access code (available to directors by email to tammyh@vt.edu or phone 540-231-5685). Paper copies, email or telephone nominations cannot be accepted. This website will be open October 1 – November 1. **Deadline for nominations is November 1. The website will be shut down at 11:59 pm November 1, 2009.**

After receiving your list of nominees, we'll send a list of students selected to the band director and a formal invitation will be sent to each selected student in early December. At that time, a complete schedule of activities will be sent to participating schools. A \$40.00 registration fee for each student will be charged and students will be responsible for their own meals/lodging. This fee covers the operational and facilities cost. Registration fee is payable in advance, *by a single check from the school or boosters organization.* A tax identification number is also required for each school. In the event we cancel due to weather conditions, half the fee will be refunded and the identification number is needed for a refund.

Please refer to the hotel list for nearby accommodations. You may want to contact some of them now and reserve a block of rooms in anticipation of the number of students who may attend.

We ask that the band director or a designated band parent accompany the students during their entire weekend and that the band director make arrangements for their meals/lodging.

If you have any questions about Honor Band, please email or call me (dwidder@vt.edu) or Tammy Henderson (tammyh@vt.edu) at the above number. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

David Widder
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