

SUBJECT: High School Honor Band Weekend Weather Update

Dear High School Honor Band Participant,

We are looking forward to having you join us for a weekend of music making. With the uncertainty of the weather, we wish to update you about the weekend events.

**First, the High School Honor Band Weekend WILL take place.** Here are some specifics to help you plan:

### **All Participants**

- Forecasts as of this mailing predict that ice and snow will hit Columbus starting at 3 p.m. on Friday. **With this in mind, you are invited to arrive early.** Participants are welcome to arrive as early as 12:00 p.m. Please check in to Weigel Hall, 1866 College Rd., Columbus 43210. Students will be invited to observe ensemble rehearsals including, Symphonic Band, and Men's Glee Club.
- Participant safety is paramount! If you feel that you cannot travel to campus safely at any time, please contact us. You can email [hshonorband@osu.edu](mailto:hshonorband@osu.edu) or call the weekend emergency phone 614-309-5494 (not a direct line to OSU) and let us know the name of the participant and when we can expect you to arrive. Informing us of your plans will allow us to make the most appropriate accommodation for your late arrival.
- If you are unable to arrive on Friday for registration and your audition, we welcome you on Saturday and will do our best to place you in an ensemble that best fits your abilities.

### **Commuters**

- If road conditions prohibit travel, please contact us and let us know. Both the High School Honor Band email address ([hshonorband@osu.edu](mailto:hshonorband@osu.edu)) and emergency phone number (614-309-5494) will be monitored all weekend.
- If you wish to stay at a hotel closer to campus, we can offer two options:
  - Students who wish to stay at the official Honor Band Festival hotel can be placed with the Honor Band block in a two-bed, four student-per room arrangement. Please contact Christopher Dent, at [hshonorband@osu.edu](mailto:hshonorband@osu.edu) to make arrangements.
  - Families can choose to stay at one of the many hotels near campus. Please visit [music.osu.edu/hotels](http://music.osu.edu/hotels) to find a hotel that fits your needs.

### **Long-Distance Travelers**

- If road conditions prohibit travel, please contact us and let us know. Both the High School Honor Band email address ([hshonorband@osu.edu](mailto:hshonorband@osu.edu)) and emergency phone number (614-309-5494) will be monitored all weekend.

We are looking forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Sincerely,

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