

Congratulations on earning a spot in one of the 2025 GMEA District XII Honor Bands!

The deadline to accept your Honor Band position is Friday, January 17, 2025

RSVP HERE

Please read the following information very carefully. The event will be at Lassiter High School, located at 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta, GA 30066. The dates of the honor band weekend are February 7-8, 2025.

The rehearsal and performance schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 7:	Arrive early enough to warm-up and be ready to begin rehearsal on time. Traffic in the area can be heavy at this time of day so please plan accordingly.
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Student arrival and check-in. Please plan to arrive by 6:00 PM so that rehearsal can begin promptly at 6:30 PM. You will need to stop by the check-in desk located in the lobby of the Lassiter Concert Hall, so that we know you have arrived.
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Rehearsal at Lassiter HS. Breaks will be given as needed. Students should be on the way home no later than 9:30 PM. Please make appropriate transportation arrangements. If desired, instruments can be stored over night at Lassiter in a secure space.
Saturday, February 8:	Arrive early enough to warm-up and be ready to begin rehearsal on time.
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rehearsal at Lassiter HS
12:00 PM – 12:15 PM	Lunch. A pizza lunch can be pre-ordered for \$7 at the time of accepting your honor band spot. Meal payments should be turned in to your home band director. All students must remain on campus for lunch unless you have discussed plans with your band director.
12:15 PM – 4:00 PM	Rehearsal at Lassiter HS
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Dinner. A Chick-Fil-A sandwich dinner can be pre-ordered for \$7 at the time of accepting your honor band spot. Meal payments should be turned in to your home band director. All students must remain on campus for dinner unless you have discussed plans with your band director.
4:45 PM – 5:15 PM	Clinic Band and Honor Band relocation for concerts
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	Warm Up
6:00 PM	Clinic Band Performance (Russom)
6:30 PM	Honor Band Performance (Smith)
7:00 PM	Concerts conclude

Plan to arrive at each rehearsal with time to spare for proper assembly, warm-up and other necessary activities. Traffic in the area can be heavy and slow on Friday evenings, so please plan ahead to ensure an on time arrival.

Note that tardies/absences from any rehearsal, for any reason, will subject you to dismissal from the event

Expectations and Rules

1. **Attendance.** Students must attend all rehearsals throughout the weekend. Missing all or part of any rehearsal is grounds for dismissal from the group.
2. **Drop-off/Pick-up.** Plan now for transportation to and from Lassiter High School. All rehearsals will begin and end on time. Students should be on the way home immediately after rehearsals are over, with no loitering on campus. Drop off and pick up will be at the front entrance to the Lassiter Concert Hall.
3. **Behavior.** Participation in Honor Band is, in fact, an honor and a privilege, which carries with it responsibility. This is a school event, so appropriate school conduct is expected and required. Any inappropriate behavior, whether inside or outside of rehearsal, will subject you to dismissal from the event.
4. **Supplies.** Students are responsible for providing their own instruments, mouthpieces, and accessories (extra reeds, valve oil, cork/slide grease, swabs, tuners, etc.) for the event. Students playing reed instruments should have 2 to 3 “broken-in” reeds at all times. Instruments and accessories will not be provided at Lassiter High School. Percussionists should bring all necessary mallets and sticks.
5. **Name tags.** All instrument cases should be clearly labeled with a name tag to avoid confusion. Students will be gathering from a large number of schools, and many instrument cases look alike.
6. **Instruments and Music.** Instruments can be securely stored at Lassiter High School over night. Music will be provided ahead of time by your home band director and should be practiced prior to Honor Band weekend. It is expected that students arrive to the event with their music in hand.

Concert Details and Logistics

1. **Concert Attire.** Students will be given an official Honor Band t-shirt upon arriving to rehearsal Saturday morning. This shirt is to be worn with jeans for the concert. Please refrain from wearing jeans that would not be appropriate for school (no ripped jeans or holes).
2. **Concerts.** Doors to the concert hall will open at 5:45 PM. Please keep in mind that a band will be rehearsing on stage in the concert hall leading up to 5:45 PM. Concerts will begin promptly at 6:00 PM and 6:30 PM.
3. **Flash photography/video recording.** Please refrain from approaching the stage to take pictures or videos during each performance. This can be severely distracting for the performers and audience members. A flash can temporarily blind a musician causing them to lose their place in their music. We appreciate your understanding.
4. **Souvenir items.** Recordings and additional hoodies/t-shirts/plaques will be available for purchase or order in the theater lobby.

Best wishes for a great experience at this year’s Middle School Honor Band event!

Sincerely,

Andrew Paller
District XII Middle School Honor Band Organizer