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Dear Colleagues:

Greetings from Hastings College! Now that football season is in full swing, it is time to shift our focus and start preparing for the Hastings College Honor Band which will be held February 5th through the 7th of 2015, on the Hastings College Campus. Once again, this Honor Band will provide an extensive musical experience for all of the participants which will create life-long memories.

I am very excited to announce that Dr. Michael Knight will be this year’s clinician. Dr. Knight is the Director of Bands at St. Norbert College and previously was the Associate Director of Bands at the University of Missouri-Columbia. We are excited to be able to bring back Dr. Knight as he was the clinician when we cancelled due to snow.

This year, the Hastings College Honors Music Festival will only be accepting online registrations. As in the past, the Honor Band will be accepting auditions from High School Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.

Wind and Brass students will be asked to record the following: (1) selected portions of a prepared solo or etude, (2) chromatic scale (two octaves when possible).

Percussionists need to record one of the following: (1) Snare Drum solo, (2) Keyboard solo, (3) Timpani solo. Students are encouraged to audition on more than one percussion option.

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14th.
Online registration information is included with this letter.

Students (Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors) are invited to submit an audition. Students who are selected will be assessed a non-refundable $50.00 registration fee, paid at the time of registration. Hastings College provides all meals on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday (students and directors). The college also provides housing for all students involved in the festival.

STUDENTS AND DIRECTORS MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.HASTINGS.EDU/HBOC

Notification of accepted students will be posted on the website by December 12th. Music will be mailed to the students’ director the first week of January, 2014.

I look forward to another successful Hastings College Honor Band. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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