

**MSBOA District 6  
2011 All Star Band**

Dear Colleague,

The following packet contains information and materials needed for the 2011 All Star Band. This year the event will be hosted by Edwardsburg Public Schools in their rehearsal and performance facilities. I know that in the midst of marching season it is difficult to think about All Star Band, but please share this information with your students as soon as you can. Also, all this information and music (plus more ☺) is now online at [www.allstarband.yolasite.com](http://www.allstarband.yolasite.com).

The past couple years we had a huge turn out in auditions for the band! Thank you for your efforts! We still fell short in several areas so please continue to encourage your students to audition. We will continue to offer students two options for auditioning. Everyone will prepare section **A** and **B** of the audition material. A more challenging section **C** has been created for students that wish to compete for principal chair. If no student from a particular section performs the **C** section, then the best performance sections **A** and **B** will be selected for principal chair. This will hopefully encourage more students to audition. Please help by participating in this event and **ENCOURAGING** those students who would excel in this activity! Perhaps making this audition music also your fall chair test music would encourage more students?

Also included in this information is a publicity poster for you to post immediately. Please put this in a prominent place in your room and point it out to your students.

A few reminders as we head into the new school year:

- Timeline
  - Auditions Postmarked      Friday, October 14
  - Rehearsal                      Monday, November 14, 6:30PM-9:00PM
  - Rehearsal                      Friday, November 18, 9:00AM-5:00PM
  - Payment Due                 Friday, November 18 (one check)
  - Rehearsal                      Saturday, November 19 10:30AM-1:30PM
  - Performance                 Saturday, November 19, 2:00PM
- Your assistance with sectionals and rehearsals is strongly encouraged if your school is sending students.
- If you are available to listen to auditions, please contact me with the section you wish to hear.
- There is a \$20 participation fee for every student accepted into the All Star Band. **PLEASE PAY WITH ONE CHECK FROM EACH SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18.**

I am very pleased to inform you that our guest conductor and composer is James Curnow of CURNOW Publishing. He will be premiering our commissioned work for John and Carolyn Tarwacki.

If there is any way that I can be of assistance to you, please call me at (C) 616.648.0637 or (O) 269.663.1060 or e-mail me at [swhite@eps-online.org](mailto:swhite@eps-online.org).

Sincerely,

Spencer White  
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