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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of our entire Band Staff, Russ Mikkelson, Jon Woods, Jon Waters, Tom Cook, and our graduate conductors, it is my pleasure to announce the 29th Annual High School Honor Band. This year's event will return to our usual weekend prior to Martin Luther King Day, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 15–17, 2010.

Each year, we seem to draw more and more outstanding players, who are able to take on more and more demanding literature, and who usually outdo the previous year's band. Our special guest conductor this year is Dr. Vince Polce, who is currently Music Education Instructor and Assistant Director of Bands at Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and, prior to this appointment, served for thirty-six years as Director of Bands at Defiance High School. He will join forces with our Band Faculty and Studio Professors to share with your talented students a jam-packed weekend of music-making, masterclasses, concerts, and fun.

All students interested in applying for this year's Honor Band should fill out the enclosed application form (please duplicate as needed) and send it in with their audition tape or CD *by November 1, 2009*. You or your students may also visit our website www.bands.osu.edu for further details and additional application forms.

You will find a tentative schedule for the weekend accompanying this letter; whether or not your students are selected, we cordially invite you to any of the activities listed, all free of charge. Please be in touch with us if you have questions or concerns; we are here to serve you and your program and want to do all we can in the name of music education. Our email addresses are on the website or call our Office Associate, Tom Cook, at 614-292-5272.

Have a great year!

Cordially,

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