

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a personal invitation to everyone to participate in the District IV Honor Bands next school year. As many of you know, the band directors of LMEA District IV have been hosting these Honor Bands for many years now, and as a membership have made it a priority to see the size and quality of the organization grow. To that end, we would be honored to have the band directors and music teachers of those schools and school districts in LMEA District IV who have traditionally not participated join us in the upcoming round of meetings, auditions, and honor band activities.

It is our intention to make the District IV Honor Band a very prestigious honor band that represents the entire district. We know that there are many fine programs across the area who do not participate, but who would lend a great deal of credibility and quality to our groups. At the January 2009 meeting, we also discussed the possibility of expanding the bands to two high school groups and two middle school groups. If we see an increase in participation, I feel confident that we will expand our offerings to make it possible to have more students involved.

I also know that there have been some conflicts in scheduling with other honor bands and school events. Please do not hesitate to let me know of any competing event that would prevent you or your band from joining us. I personally promise that every effort will be made to accommodate your requests and suggestions if it means seeing more participation.

The following are the events and dates we have scheduled for the upcoming school year:

October 6, 2009 - Meeting @ St. Amant High School 6:00 PM
November 3, 2009 - Meeting @ St. Amant High School 6:00 PM
December 12, 2009 - Honor Band Auditions @ East Ascension High School
January 9, 2010 - Honor Band Reading Session @ St. Amant High School
January 14-16, 2010 - Honor Band Weekend @ SLU Hammond

To become a member and have your students participate, you simply have to attend the meetings, and you can find our

constitution and handbook at <http://www.districtiv.org> .
Likewise, please let me know if you require audition
material, scale sheets, or anything else.

Best regards,

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