

## MCS Honor Band Information

**What?** The Music in Catholic Schools Honor Band is a select all-city ensemble of students in the MCS band program. It is a full ensemble where students further develop their skills and play more challenging music to present at retirement homes, a six-school tour, and at one final concert per semester.

**When?** The Honor Band rehearses on Thursday nights from 7-8:30. Rehearsals will be held at Christ the King School (90<sup>th</sup> & Pacific) and Skutt Catholic High School (156<sup>th</sup> & Center). Attendance at rehearsals is important for the success of the whole group.

**How?** Interested in joining? You will need to prepare a minimum of a one-octave chromatic scale (Red Book, p. 43 or Ms. Parent's Chromatic Scale sheet). All students are encouraged to work towards as much of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade All-State Scale as they can do. Students will also be provided two band pieces to be performed by the ensemble in the first semester to learn, this will be handed out by Ms. Parent at the beginning of band in the Fall.

**The Audition** Auditions will be September 21, 25, and 26. We prefer to have like instruments on the same audition nights when possible. 9/21-woodwinds, 9/25-brass, 9/26-percussion. Students are able to audition on other nights as well, especially in the cases of siblings. You will need to sign-up for an audition time with Mrs. Lund prior to the date of your audition (this helps us know how many students to expect). You will enter the room and play your chromatic scale and a small portion of each of the provided band pieces.

**Jazz Band** The MCS Jazz Band meets prior to Honor Band at 6:20 and is a great opportunity for students wishing to explore the realm of jazz band music. Students with piano, bass, or guitar experience may also consider playing in this ensemble. There is no audition for the jazz band.