September 14, 2016

Dear Band Director or Principal,

Your school and students are invited to take part in the **14th Annual Lutheran Honor Band Festival**. This event will take place on **Friday**, **March 17**, **2017**, **at Concordia Lutheran Grade School in Peoria**, **IL**. I am pleased to announce that we are in the process of commissioning a new band work to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary festival. This means that we will be utilizing our own directors and music library for this upcoming year's festival. If you are interested in being a conductor, please contact me, Eric Hipple at Concordia Lutheran School as soon as possible.

If your school is interested in participating in this year's Lutheran Honor Band Festival, please complete the Google form which can be accessed using the internet link at the bottom of this letter. This form will help with future contact for both you and your school. Please complete this form no later than **Friday, October 14, 2016.** This will officially register your school for this year's festival and you will be added to the email distribution list for updated information, nomination of students, and other festival information.

**Just what is Lutheran Honor Band?** LHB is a one day festival that brings together the top musicians in our Illinois Lutheran middle school / junior high bands. Students are nominated by their directors, and chosen based on their credentials and the band's instrumentation needs. They prepare music in advance that is rehearsed with the group and guest director on the day of the festival, and present an evening concert for families and friends. It is an opportunity to share their musical gifts with others, and experience a large ensemble and challenging literature.

I hope that your school will be able to join us for this special festival event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. Remember – **School Information Sheets must be completed online by Friday, October 14**<sup>th</sup>!

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Online School Registration Form: https://goo.gl/forms/kRINIrIYy8WCWwML2