



## Watterson Area Honor Band Program

St. Agatha St. Andrew St. Brendan St. Brigid of Kildare  
Delaware St. Mary St. Michael Immaculate Conception  
Our Lady of Peace St. Timothy



### HONOR BAND CODE OF CONDUCT AND ATTENDANCE POLICY 2015-2016

As a member of the Honor Band Program, you are expected not only to perform at a high level, but also to exhibit good behavior at all times. Exemplary behavior should be shown not only during rehearsals, but also during any Honor Band event, concert, or meeting at Bishop Watterson or any other location. All rehearsals and concerts are mandatory. Any student that does not abide by these rules will be dealt with according to his/her particular school rules initially. Any extreme infractions will result in the student being removed from the ensemble permanently. Any improper behavior compromises the learning environment we have for such a brief time each week.

As a member of the Honor Band Program, students are expected to attend all rehearsals, adjudicated events, and concerts. ***It is essential that each student be on time for each rehearsal.*** The outside door will be closed and the first note will be played at 6:30P.M. Students should be in their seats and tuned ***before*** that time. ***Absences will be excused only if the student contacts one of the directors prior to the missed rehearsal, and are related to the following situations: 1) student's illness; 2) family emergency; 3) school function that is required for a grade (students need to contact the directors at least two weeks prior to these events).*** Sporting events or theater productions and practices that are held on Tuesday nights do not count as an excused absence ***unless*** a schedule is worked out with the Honor Band directors ***at least two weeks before the season begins.*** ***Students may not miss two consecutive weeks for a sport or theater practice.*** We want to accommodate all the students' interests without placing importance on one above another and expect the students to do the same. Students who have three unexcused absences will be removed from the group permanently. This attendance policy is intended to create the optimum learning environment for the students and to create a sense of responsibility toward the ensemble. Each student is an integral part of these ensembles and should behave in such a manner.

In the event of inclement weather, the following policy goes into effect: if Columbus Catholic Schools are closed, there will not be Honor Band that evening; if the weather/road conditions become dangerous after school, the directors will begin send out an email and Remind text to cancel Honor Band by 5:30PM that day. We will also post on the Honor Band website as soon as a decision is made ([www.wattersonbands.org](http://www.wattersonbands.org), Honor Band links.) As always, if you feel conditions are unsafe to travel, call or email the directors to inform us of your decision. We have students from all around the area and weather conditions are equally varied.

Honor Band members are also in charge of making sure they have the following at **EVERY** rehearsal: their instrument, instrument care items, pencil, 3-ring binder with page protectors for music and handouts (ordered by the directors), and their metronome/tuners. These items are a musician's baseball glove, bat, ball, and cleats...if you don't have them, it is difficult to get beyond the fundamentals and it's going to hurt in the process. They are also in charge of acquiring the Honor Band uniform (see below).

Once again this year, all students are required to pass-off their music. This means they will play through portions of the concert music for one of the directors in order to participate in the ensemble performances. Students will be allowed one retake the following week if they do not pass. If the student does not receive a passing score, their position in the ensemble will be reevaluated. This is a tried and true approach to music education that is used weekly in the best band programs across the country to create a higher caliber group for those who are truly interested in improving their musicality. The ensemble is a team and all members need to be held accountable for their position.

We look forward to a wonderful, productive year with the Honor Band Program! If you have any questions, or need to contact us, feel free to call us at (614) 268-8671 ext. 335, or email at [jinscho@cdeducation.org](mailto:jinscho@cdeducation.org).

Sincerely,  
The Honor Band Directors

Parents,

In preparation for this year, we are sending out this letter to inform you of the Honor Band uniform and required equipment. Each student needs to have a Watterson Area Honor Band polo shirt, black dress pants (for boys and girls), black dress shoes (no tennis shoes please) and black socks. This uniform will be worn for the Christmas Concert, Jazz Dinner, Spring Tour, Spring Concert, and OMEA Adjudicated Event. Black bottoms are provided by the students; however, polo shirts are purchased through the directors for \$22.

Polo shirts will be a different design this year to keep with the official Bishop Watterson logo designs. If you already have a polo shirt from last year, you **do not** need to order a new one. We will be phasing out the old ones over the next two years. Checks should be made out to **Watterson Honor Band**. Polo orders are due **Tuesday, October 13, 2015**.

Thank you!  
The Watterson Honor Band Directors

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Polo Size (\$22)	YM	YL	AS	AM
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I have read and will abide by the Honor Band Code of Conduct and Attendance Policy.

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(Student's Signature)

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(Parent's Signature)