Hello Everyone,

We are moving forward with Concert Band Auditions. They will be done on YouTube. The process will look like this:

**Get Music**

The cuts that we made to the music have been updated on the band website, you can get a NEW PACKET under "Online Audition Info"

http://www.d131music.org/online-audition-info.html

**Record**

Record a video yourself playing the following IN ORDER:

1. Your Name, Clearly and Slowly!
2. Concert Eb Major Scale
3. Concert G Major Scale
4. Chromatic Scale
5. Either the A Etudes or B Etudes, both of which have TWO pieces of music

The video MUST:

* Include your face and instrument
* Loudly and clearly state your name at the beginning of the video
* All excerpts MUST be done in a SINGLE take. You CANNOT splice different recordings together.
  + You can of course record the whole audition as many times as you like, you just can’t take the best of each recording and submit it. Trust…I’ll know if you did…

Before you make your recording, try a test recording. Make sure your device is far enough away from your instrument that it sounds good, and that there isn't any background sound. Additionally, this video should be as short as possible. You don't need to rush through the music, but make sure there is no "dead time" in your video. It shouldn't be longer than six or seven minutes. Be prepared to play straight through both etudes and the scales.

**Upload**

* Upload your video to YouTube.
* Under "Visibility," select "Unlisted." Do NOT select private, as we will not be able to view it. By making your video "Unlisted" it is video accessible to ONLY people who have the link; it will NOT show up on a Google Search.

**Submit**

Submit your video to the following form by next Tuesday, MARCH 31:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1da03ER2MkeFRUcOV2D_seG_CEOBC2NIg-a05tRUYdFUN0pKMzczRFZQUDcxNU5VVFIzU1U5V0k4Mi4u>

**Attention to Detai**

There is an elevated expectation of detail on these auditions. You get the opportunity to make yourself sound and look the best you possibly can. Both detail in the execution of the music and the technique will give you your desired placement. Please be sure you represent yourself to the best of your ability and submit a video that is competitive and well done. I don’t expect a major motion picture level quality movie, but I expect a high quality level of playing.

**FAQ**

"Do I have to use my district iPad?" - No, if you have another device that you'd rather use, go for it! A laptop computer might be the easiest.

"When is this due?" - Tuesday, MARCH 31

"What if I can't figure this out?" - ​1) Search online for help and tips. There is likely an answer to your question out there already. 2) Contact one of your peers for assistance. 3) Ask Mr. Damore

"What if I have something at home preventing me from doing this?" -- If you have a truly unique situation at home, then please reach out to us with specifics, so we can address these on a case-by-case basis. Remember, the district has negotiated for free internet access during the school closure, so that particular concern can be addressed easily.

"Who is judging the auditions?" - The auditions will be judged by the same judges that were originally planning to come to auditions, they will be giving each video a score and the band directors will then create next year's bands from these scores.

"When will we get results?" - I don't know. ​

**THIS IS A NEW AND COMPLICATED PROCESS. RE-READ THIS ENTIRE EMAIL BEFORE YOU ASK ANY QUESTIONS.**

**STILL HAVE A QUESTION? EMAIL MR. DAMORE - JDAMORE@D131.ORG**