Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is coming home to you because your student has expressed interest in auditioning for the Valley Honors Band. The Valley Honors Band is a wonderful opportunity for Kate Collins Middle School band students to play with other musicians from our local area. They also have the chance to play some very challenging music, work with a guest conductor, and put on a concert in just two days!

The Valley Honors Band is made up of band students from Waynesboro city, Staunton city, and Augusta County Schools. Selection into this band is by audition only. The audition is made up of two major scales/rudiments from memory, the chromatic scale/long roll, concert roll, a prepared piece, and a sight reading piece. We will be reviewing all of this information in class; however, it is vital that students are practicing this at home as well.

***\*Any student who auditions will receive 40 points of extra credit and they may also put 30 minutes on their practice logs.***

**Audition Information:**

* Auditions will be held on Monday November 2nd and Stuarts Draft Middle School. Students will need a ride to Stuarts Draft Middle School the afternoon of the auditions. Middle school students will receive pre-assigned audition times.  You should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your audition time in order to check in and warm up. Parents should wait for their child to finish their audition.
* Registration opens at 4:15 pm
* Auditions begin at 5:00 pm
* The audition fee is $3.00 per audition.
\* **This should be brought in to Mr. Harner no later than October 14th**

**Event Information:**

* The Valley Honors Band rehearsals will take place at Wilson Memorial High School on Friday, January 29th and Saturday the 30th.
* Students who make the ensemble will be excused of their absence at school but are responsible for any work missed in their classes.
* The concert is on Saturday, January 30th and is open to the public and is free of charge. Start times will be announced later.

Please fill out the permission form below and send it back to me as soon as possible. If I do not receive this form back, your student will not be allowed to audition. Please save the top portion of this letter for your calendar. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school between 8:30 and 9:30 am.

Thank you,
Berkeley Harner
KCMS Band Director
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**Please return the bottom portion of this form to Mr. Harner by October 9, 2015**

**\_\_\_\_\_** I give permission for my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to audition for the Valley Honor Band at Stuarts Draft Middle School, on November 2, 2015. I understand that if my child successfully auditions for this group, then they will be involved in the Valley Honor Band Festival taking place January 29th and 30th .

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help chaperone this event. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_