The 23rd annual Doane University Fall Festival of Winds will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 on the Crete Campus of Doane University. If you have received a copy of this letter from your director, I thank you for your interest and willingness to participate in the wonderful Concert Band festival. Every year more than 250 students audition for the one day festival.

The Doane University Fall Festival of Winds has three ensembles. The **Honor Band** is an auditioned ensemble and requires you to upload a video audition. The **Merrill and Tiger Bands** will be equal bands selected by nomination. Here are some specific details.

All participating students must be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grades.
All participants must be a member, in good standing, of their high school band.

All students wishing to participate must fill out the online application at:
http://www.doane.edu/ffw-student-application

Please apply between Tuesday, September 13, and Monday, September 26

**MERRILL AND TIGER BAND NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Who is selected for these bands?
These two bands will consist of a select group of students who have applied as well as some students who auditioned for, but were not accepted into, the Honor Band.

**HONOR BAND AUDITION PROCEDURES**

Who is selected for this ensemble?
The band will be selected on the basis of ability as demonstrated in the recording.
Honor Band students are able to use their All-State Audition recording for the auditions.
Students who are not auditioning for the All-State may use an alternative audition etude available on the Fall Festival of Winds website.
All audition recordings will be uploaded to the Virtual Impressions Audition website:
https://goo.gl/94IYe6

Complete information for all students can be found at
www.doane.edu/ffw-students

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