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Greetings NEMBDA Band Directors!

The 2009 North East Regional MBDA 6-8 & 9-10 Honor Bands will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Grand Rapids High School. Here are the details...

Who is eligible: The Honor Bands are made up of students from MBDA member's schools. The bands are formed by "director's recommendation" (no auditions) - so join MBDA, have a student play in the NEMBDA Honor Band!

Conductors for the honor bands will be: 6-8 Honor Band - Eric Anderson, Director of Bands at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus (formerly band director at Cambridge High School); and 9-10 Honor Band - Marianne Connelly, Director of Bands at the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN.

Nominate your students: Enclosed you will find the nomination forms. Please complete the form - be sure to note grade of student, instrument (indicate T.C. or B.C. Baritone and list area of strengths for percussionists) and your e-mail address. (You will be notified by e-mail which students are accepted into the honor bands.) Mail your completed nomination forms to the address listed.

Join MBDA: Any current MBDA member who nominates a student for the band will have a student represented from their school. Membership fees are \$30. Visit the MBDA website (www.mbda.org) to complete your membership application. *You no longer need to be a member of MMEA to join MBDA - so your total cost is only \$30.*

We look forward to receiving your nominations for the 2009 NEMBDA 6-8 & 9-10 Honor Bands and wish you a successful fall semester!

Sincerely,

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