



UNITING COMMUNITIES OF EXCELLENCE

Maple Grove Senior High School

June 3, 2013

Dear Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Students, Parents & Guardians,

My name is Peter Buller and I am the new Director of Bands for MGS. I graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in Instrumental Music Education and I have spent the past couple of years at Blaine High School where I was the Marching Band Director and directed their level 2 band. This is a fantastic program and we are going to continue to build the great things at this school. Please feel free to send me an email and introduce yourself!

The Maple Grove Senior High School Wind Ensemble and Concert Bands have been approved to move forward on plans for a performance tour to New York City, NY during the week of April 29–May 3, 2014. This is a tour offered as part of our 2013-14 performance season and we would like to give proper notice so that all ensemble members are able to attend.

The group will depart via motorcoach on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 29 and return home during the evening on Saturday, May 3. Each motorcoach will have two drivers, which means that we will make all necessary meal and rest stops while maintaining an efficient arrival schedule. Each ensemble will have an opportunity to perform a concert at an area high school as well as a performance at a local venue. We are also working on the possibility of a Master Clinic at a local university or college.

Sightseeing and entertainment possibilities will include visits to a music hall (either Carnegie or Lincoln Center), a ferry tour of Ellis Island & the Statue of Liberty, the 911 Memorial, a guided tour of New York City, sightseeing/shopping, and attending a Broadway musical.

The cost for our tour will be \$700.00 with four fundraising opportunities offered through the Maple Grove Music Department. A non-refundable deposit of 25% (\$175) will be due no later than September 13, 2013. The second payment of 25% (\$175) will be due by December 13, and the final payment of \$350 will be due by March 14, 2014. All checks should be made payable to MGS Music.

Because of the financial commitment involved with such a performance season, we ask that students begin saving money over the summer and also take advantage of fundraising opportunities during the upcoming school year. This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for students in the Band Program at MGS. Please check your family calendar and reserve a spot for this educational and performance tour. If you have questions, please be sure to contact me in September. Have a great summer and keep practicing!

Musically Yours,

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