

## **ALL-WEST TN JR. HIGH BAND AUDITIONS**

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016

North Side High School 3066 N Highland Ave, Jackson, TN 38305

## **ALL-WEST TN CONFERENCE WEEKEND**

Thurs.- Sat., February 11-13, 2016

Cook Convention Center Memphis, TN

**ALL-WEST TN JR. BANDS CONCERT** Sat., Feb. 13, 2016 8:00am

Cannon Center for the Performing Arts Memphis, TN

The All-West TN Jr. Band auditions are a regional (West TN) audition for instrumental music students in grades 8 and below. Students will be auditioning for positions in one of 2 bands (Red Band or Blue Band) performing at the All-West Conference. Maps and directions will be available. Parents provide transportation to and from the audition. The audition fee is \$10.00 per student and is included in your band fees. Students are assigned a specific time to audition through a random computer program (Beginning at 8:00AM - 6:30PM). Once the audition is complete, students may leave. Plan for about two hours at the audition site. **BE ON TIME FOR YOUR AUDITION – YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION LATE!!**

Each student will audition by performing a prepared piece of music (percussion music will include snare, xylophone and timpani), and 2 of the 12 major scales plus the chromatic scale (all scales are from memory). Students may use their own music for the prepared part of the audition. Students do not know ahead of time which 2 major scales they will be asked so learning all 12 scales is required. The third part of the audition is sight-reading. Percussionist will sight read on snare, xylophone and timpani.

This is a blind audition, which means the judge will be sitting behind a screen and not see the student or hear the student speak. A monitor escorts the student into the judge's room and leads the student through the audition process. Parents are not allowed in the judge's room. Once the student has performed, he/she may leave. The results will be posted the week following the audition on [barretschapelband.org](http://barretschapelband.org) and [WTSBOA.com](http://WTSBOA.com)

The students earning positions in one of the 2 bands will participate in the All- West TN Band Clinic held at The Cook Convention Center. Due to the strenuous rehearsal schedule, the students and director will stay in at the Sheraton Hotel, which connects to the Cook Convention Center. Rehearsal schedules will be available two weeks prior to the event.

At the Clinic our students, together with other middle school students from all over West TN, will form 2 bands. The students will rehearse (under the direction of special clinicians) Thurs. afternoon, evening and all day Friday. Saturday, Feb. 13, at 8:00am, in the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts, the Junior High Bands will each present a concert starting with the Red Band and concluding with the Blue Band. Parents, family and friends should attend this special event! Each student receives an All-West patch at the conclusion of the Blue Band Concert. Parents may pick up your son/daughter after the conclusion of the Jr. High Blue Band Concert.

Every student I have taken to the All-West Clinic LOVES the experience! Parents will be amazed at the musical growth this weekend will provide. This is an excellent opportunity for students to excel as individuals in a regional competition. This also is a big step toward earning college band scholarships. College professors are given rosters of students earning positions in the All-West Bands and eagerly seek them out for scholarships. The highest scoring Senior High Band students will also earn positions in the TN All-State Band, which will be held in Nashville, TN during the Tennessee Music Educators Association Conference at the Opryland Convention Center.