

August 29, 2022

Dear School Administrator or Music Director,

On behalf of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, I would like to invite you and your students to participate in the 26th annual ODACS Band and Choir Festival on November 17-18, 2022. Over the years decades, the festival has proven its worth to more than one thousand Christian school students by providing them with a quality performance atmosphere, improving their ensemble skills, placing them under the leadership of high-caliber Christian conductors, and facilitating an enjoyable time forging friendships with students from other Christian schools.

The Symphonic Band will be conducted by **Mr. Bruce Cox**, professor of music at Bob Jones University. **Mr. Duane Ream**, choir director Ambassador Baptist College, will direct the Festival Choir. The Concert Band will be conducted by **Mr. Philip Haas**, music teacher at Landmark Christian School in Richmond. Each conductor has selected a quality repertoire from sacred, classical, and folk genres to help your students develop their talents.

The festival will be held at Bethel Christian School in Hampton. After meeting the conductors at 6 PM on Thursday, students will rehearse that evening and throughout the day on Friday in preparation for a concert at 7 PM on Friday. Contact the Bethel Christian School office at (757) 826-7711 for information about lodging.

Woodwind, brass, and percussion instrumentalists in grades 7-12 with two or more years of playing experience are invited to participate in one of two bands. Instrumental students wishing to audition for seating in the Symphonic Band will be scored on their performance of scales and repertoire. **All auditions must be recorded by a band director or school official and be submitted by October 14.** Players who do not audition will be automatically placed in the Concert Band. Please contact Mr. Haas at Landmark Christian School, (804) 644-5550, philip.haas@lcsrichmond.com, to obtain audition information.

Choral students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in the festival choir. Singers must be able to hold pitch; they must either read their vocal line with accuracy or assimilate their part quickly. Choral participants do not need to audition.

Several forms are available on the website to help you with your school's registration. **Registrations sent by September 30 will be \$40 per student;** registrations sent after September 30 will be \$45 per student. Please complete the school registration form and write one check payable to ODACS, then mail them to ODACS Band and Choir Festival, 3131 Valor Court, Broadway, VA 22815.

I encourage you to participate in this year's festival. Students and directors alike view this as a highlight of the school year. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Dan Zacharias
ODACS Executive Director