

August 24, 2024



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 27th ODACS Band and Choir Festival on November 21-22, 2024. Over the years, 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. Nick Kozar**, professor of instrumental music at Pensacola Christian College. The Concert Band will be conducted by **Mr. Greg Reed**, band director at Faith Baptist School in Fredericksburg. 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 Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy in Fairfax Station. 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. Information about lodging is posted on the ODACS web site.

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. 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 18.** Players who do not audition will be automatically placed in the Concert Band. Please contact Mr. Philip Haas at Landmark Christian School, (804) 644-5550, philip.haas@lcsrichmond.com, to obtain audition information.

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 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 us know if you have any questions.

Dan Zacharias
ODACS Executive Director