



# NEWS

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## District 64 Music Students Selected for All-Star Groups

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 has the distinction of having 22 middle school student musicians selected to participate in two upcoming regional events sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA). "This is a tremendous opportunity for our top band and orchestra students to meet and perform with talented students from other schools," according to Brian Jacobi, Curriculum Specialist for Instrumental Music.

The District Band and Orchestra Festival will be held on Saturday, November 3 at Maine West High School. More than 800 of the finest band and orchestra students from over 45 junior high schools in the north suburban area auditioned for this all-star group. Students have the opportunity to work with nationally known conductors: band – Dr. Glenn Hayes from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater; and orchestra – Professor Robert Gillespie from Ohio State University.

District 64 students selected for this festival are: **Emerson Middle School** – Jeremy Apolinski (French Horn), Kyle Besetzny (Cello), Matt Brendza (Viola), Allison Curry (Flute), Kristina Grandi (French Horn), Meredith Machon (Oboe), Alex Pantazi (Alto Sax), Celia Petersen (Bass), Soren Ramsey (Viola) and Jessica Spratley (Flute); and **Lincoln Middle School** – Matthew Anderson (Tenor Sax and Bass), Renee Kumon (Violin), Ryan Matthew (Violin), Daniel Mleynek (Percussion), Kaia Parenti (Alto Sax), Lauren Porter (Tenor Sax), Nicole Romano (Flute).

In addition, the IMEA Jazz Festival will take place on Saturday, November 10 at Niles North High School under the direction of Professor Don Owens from Northwestern University. The following students won positions: **Emerson Middle School** – Alex Campbell (Trumpet), Justin Coyne (Trombone), Derek Dare (Percussion) and Adam Smith (Alto Sax); and **Lincoln Middle School** – Kaia Parenti (Alto Sax) and Josh Timm (Trumpet).

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