

**The HIGH SCHOOL BAND PLACEMENT TEST for the
2017-18 school year at Kettering and Mott High Schools:
“CIRCUS DAZE” by Robert Sheldon (music provided)**

Information about high school placement auditions:

- ✓ All auditions will be performed at your school or at Kettering High School using “*SmartMusic*” on a computer.
- ✓ *SmartMusic* scores you on your NOTES and RHYTHMS (50 points possible)
- ✓ The High School Band Directors afterwards will score you on Tone (10 points), Intonation (10 points), Articulation (10 points), Dynamics (10 points) and Musicianship/Expression (10 points). For Percussionists (both Mallets AND Snare auditions), the Directors score you on Tempo Consistency (10 points), Dynamics (10 points), Accents (10 points), Rolls (10 points), and Musicianship/Expression (10 points).

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE ==> 100

You can do as many “takes” as you want on the computer, until you are happy with the score that you received from *SmartMusic* on the rhythm and note accuracy, then you just click “Submit” to officially send your audition to Directors.

Students will be notified by mail in June about their band placements for next school year at the high schools. There is no need to contact school counselors—we will send any band class changes to them directly, once band class placements have been determined.

Students are placed in one of 3 bands at the high schools based on:

- > Your score on this test
- > Supply & Demand/Instrumentation needs in the various band classes
- > Course scheduling requirements with your counselor
- > Behavior/Citizenship in Middle School band class

In addition:

- To be competitively placed into the *first* band or *second* band, students are required to perform this audition.
- Students who do not perform an audition are automatically placed in the third band.
- Percussionists who wish to compete for the *first* or *second* band classes must play **BOTH** the mallets **AND** the snare audition (same piece, but played once on each instrument).

DATES FOR SMARTMUSIC PLAYING AUDITIONS AT WATERFORD KETTERING HIGH SCHOOL:

- Wednesday, April 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm
- ~~Saturday, April 22 from 1:00-4:00 pm~~ CANCELLED due to Solo & Ensemble
- **ADDED: Wednesday, April 26 from 7:00-9:00 pm**

Drive around to the back of Waterford Kettering High School—near the football stadium. Enter Door #13 (Music Suite). The high school address is: 2800 Kettering Drive, Waterford, MI 48329

Questions? Contact your middle school band director, or Mr. Adkins at Kettering High School: (248) 673-1261, ext. 314 or AdkinR01@wsdmi.org