



**OAKVILLE TIGER BANDS**

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OHS Wind Symphony Students

RE: Western Illinois Showcase of Bands

Dear Students and Parents:

Our Wind Symphony has been selected to perform at the 2012 Showcase of Bands at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois on February 23-25, 2012. Our band was one of three high school band selected across the bi-state area for this event based on our performance of last years concert literature.

The university is bringing in Paula Crider, Professor Emeritus, University of Texas-Austin for this event. Mrs. Crider will rehearse our group on the music we are currently learning and conduct a piece for our portion of a concert on February 25. While not in rehearsal our kids will either be in master classes with the Western Illinois University music faculty, watching a rehearsal of another band, or attending a concert of one of the university's bands. This is truly an educational experience for all of us.

Thanks to the generous support from the OBPA and a private donation we are able to attend this event for \$63 per person. This includes two nights at a hotel, all meals on Friday 2/24, and two meals (breakfast and lunch) on Saturday 2/25, instruction, and use of the facilities.

This fee is in addition to our Spring Festival in Washington D.C. Since our approval of a U.S. Capital tour; I am reworking our D.C. itinerary and meal options with our Destination Specialist to adjust our trip accordingly. Our D.C. trip fee will go down, however I am unsure of those final numbers at this point. Please continue making payments as normal and I will let you know those numbers once they are finalized. I am still keeping my fingers crossed for our band to have a White House tour while in D.C. however we will not get confirmation or even know the day of our visit until just weeks prior to our trip.

Sincerely,

Vance Brakefield  
Director of Bands  
Oakville High School