



Junior Winds

LIVING WORD YOUTH HONORS ENSEMBLE

Dear band students and parents,

I am very excited to share with you an opportunity for young musicians in our community. Living Word Lutheran High School has a youth honors ensemble, called the Junior Winds, which is available by audition to 6th – 8th grade students who have already had at least one full year of lessons on their instruments.

Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings at Living Word Lutheran High School (2230 Living Word Lane, Jackson, WI 53037) from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. The first rehearsal will begin on Tuesday, September 7. Students are able to join after the first rehearsal date.

There will be three performances where the LWL Junior Winds will have the opportunity to play with the high school's Concert Band and Symphonic Band. These dates are:

October 17 at 3:00 p.m., December 12 at 3:00 p.m., May 21 at 2:00 p.m.

The LWL Junior Winds is meant to complement, not replace, a student's school music program. If students are invited to participate in LWL Junior Winds, they are also required to be participating in their schools' band programs. Home-schooled students should be taking lessons in addition to their Junior Winds participation. The cost of participation in LWL Junior Winds for the 2021-2022 school year is \$150.

Students can upload a recording of their auditions as an unlisted YouTube link. To upload the recording, simply (1) Create a YouTube account; (2) Select "Upload Video" icon; (3) Select the video file of the recording, click the dropdown icon, and select "unlisted"; (4) Click publish. Once posted, the link will not be public. Only the people who are sent the link are able to view the video. Once you upload the unlisted link to YouTube, please email the link to skrueger@lwlhs.com.

For their audition, students are asked to play one octave of a concert B-flat ascending and descending scale in addition to two minutes of a prepared solo or concert music. This music can include several shorter excerpts from a lesson book, excerpts from their band music that showcase their instrument, or part of a longer solo. Auditions and registration forms submitted by the Monday before the first rehearsal that the student would like to attend. Registration forms are online at www.lwlhs.com/juniorwinds.

The goal of Living Word Lutheran Junior Winds is to give middle school students who excel on their instruments another ensemble experience that allows them to play with more advanced musicians. As we seek to develop our talents and gifts, we seek to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through our music. If you have any questions, please contact me at skrueger@lwlhs.com or call me at 262.677.9353.

In His service and in yours,

Shannon Krueger, Living Word Lutheran Junior Winds Director