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Dear Directors,

February 24, 2013

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you and your band this invitation to join us for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual *Lafayette Contest of Champions on September 27, 2014!*

***I am excited to announce some new and exciting changes to our festival for this year.*** In an effort to improve both you and your students' experience at Contest of Champions, we are adding a clinic session after each preliminary band's performance. These clinics will be student-centered and educationally focused video clinics led by clinicians who will watch your performance and then work with your band inside Lafayette High School. You will have the choice for these clinics to include your students or only your staff.

**In addition to the clinics, performance order will be based on date of entry.** The only exception to this will be the previous year's grand champion will perform last in preliminary competition.

Our show is prelims/finals format. Divisions will be based on band size. **We will mix the divisions together for the preliminary performances.** The judging panel will not be aware of band classification prior to each preliminary performance. The purpose is to have the bands judged on the merit of their performance regardless of class. Ten bands will perform in Finals competition.

**Please note that the entry deadline is Friday, August 22.**

To register, follow the directions stated below. For additional information, please call 636.733.4100 ext. 44004 email me at [BalogBrad@Rockwood.K12.MO.US](mailto:BalogBrad@Rockwood.K12.MO.US). I look forward to seeing you and your band on September 27, 2014 at the *Lafayette Contest of Champions!*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Balog".

Brad Balog  
Director of Bands  
Lafayette High School

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#### **TO ENTER:**

- 1) Visit our website at [www.lafayettebands.com](http://www.lafayettebands.com)
- 2) Click on "**Contest of Champions**" in the main menu
- 3) Next, click on "**Director's Entry Form.**"
- 4) Fill out your band's information online and submit it!