



March 8th, 2018

Dear colleague,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2018 Lions' Classic High School Marching Band Competition. "The Classic" will take place on **Saturday, October 6th, 2018** on the campus of Carterville High School at Lions' Field. We hope to include many local bands in and around the Southern Illinois area, as well as those outside of the Route 13 corridor. This exciting competition will be an early season show for directors to get feedback from well-known professionals within the music education field. Bands will also have the opportunity to perform their show using our state of the art campus facility, which includes an all-artificial turf field.

The competition will begin at approximately 4:30 PM. We will be using a traditional 7 member-judging panel. Caption awards for Music Performance, Visual Performance, Percussion, Auxiliary, and Drum Major will be given for each class, in addition to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placement awards within each class. An overall Grand Champion (regardless of class) will be crowned at the end of the competition, in addition to a Soloist Award. We will strive to employ the highest quality adjudicators to evaluate your performance. Judges' comments will be recorded digitally and given to directors via a webpage or email.

Remember to complete the entry application properly and completely. *In addition to the application process, we are requiring a \$200.00 entry fee with application before or on August 10th, 2018. All entries accepted after August 10th will require an entry fee of \$225.00 with the application.* **Please note the early entry deadline for the 2018 Lions' Classic is Friday, August 10th. All entries are due by Friday, August 31st.** Please mail, email, or fax the application.

I thank you for your support, interest, and hopefully participation in our high school marching band competition on the CHS campus. **We look forward to hosting you and your fine band on Saturday, October 6th, 2018!**

Sincerely,

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