

Andover Trojan Bands

**Andover High School, Andover Middle School
Cottonwood and Robert M. Martin Elementary Schools**

Concert Band * Marching Band * Jazz Band * Pep Band * Beginning Band

To: Parents/Guardians of Band Students
From: Band Staff

The Kansas John Philip Sousa Honor Band is a statewide honor band open to students in grades 6-9. Rehearsals and the performance are held on the campus of the University of Kansas on Friday and Saturday, January 23 & 24, 2009. There are two bands, a Blue Band and a Red Band. Composer Douglas Akey will conduct the Blue Band and professor of Music Education Martin Bergee will conduct the Red Band.

The audition material is available in the bandroom or students wanting to audition need may download the material at

<http://teachers.usd497.org/sarobins/John%20Philip%20Sousa%20-%20audition%20music.htm>

The Andover band staff will assist the students in making their audition tapes, which will have to be submitted on CD with a postmark no later than October 25, 2008. A \$5.00 application fee will be required. If the student is accepted to one of the honor groups and chooses to participate, there is a membership fee of \$30.00. Additionally, parents/guardians will be asked to cover the students lodging fee. We may also need parental assistance with student supervision on the trip since it is an overnight stay.

There are more details at the website listed above. If you have further questions contact one of the band directors.

Sincerely,

The Andover Band Staff

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