



## Wind Ensemble Auditions

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Dear Band Members,

Congratulations! You are about to audition for one the finest high school bands in the nation. There are talented musicians in every section. Good preparation will help you be relaxed during your audition. So, start practicing today. Here is an approximate instrumentation for the 2011-2012 Shaker Wind Ensemble: (numbers may vary after auditions)

1....Piccolo	2....Bass Clarinets	7....Trombones
8....Flutes	3....Alto Saxes	2....Euphoniums
2....Oboes	2....Tenor Saxes	4....Tubas
2....Bassoons	1....Baritone Sax	6....Percussion
1....Eb Clarinet	9....Trumpets	
9....Clarinets	6....French Horns	

The Wind Ensemble audition process will include three sections:

- 1. Major and chromatic scales (at least two octaves for each scale – to be played evenly and smoothly)**
- 2. The required excerpts from “Four Scottish Dances” by Malcolm Arnold. (the tempos indicated are very important!)**
- 3. A 45-second etude or solo passage of your choice. Please pick something that contrasts your required excerpts.**

Auditions will begin September 9<sup>h</sup>. Audition time slots will be posted. Late audition requests will not be granted. If you have a conflict with your audition time, you should audition before the rest of your section, not after.

The Wind Ensemble list will be posted on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Symphonic Band auditions will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students who auditioned well on their Wind Ensemble audition, but did not make the group will be given extra consideration on their Symphonic Band audition.

If this is important to you.....PRACTICE. Audition to the best of your ability. We have a fantastic Band Program at Shaker. Be proud of it. Enjoy the competition. Our Concert Bands play music at a comparable level to most bands in our state. Our Wind Ensemble is one of the finest anywhere. We want each of our students to succeed. Good Luck to all.

Musically Yours,

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