

Olathe Northwest High School

Incoming Freshmen – Percussion Auditions

Students who wish to participate in the Olathe Northwest Raven Pride Marching Band are automatically placed in one of our advanced concert ensembles! Successful completion of the audition as described below will earn the student a place in our Raven Pride Marching Band and a promotion from our open enrollment Concert Band class. Students who wish to be non-marchers are permitted to participate in advanced concert bands after completing Concert Band and earning an A or a B.

Selected percussionists will additionally complete a part placement assessment in May to fill our spots in the Raven Pride Marching Band Drumline. These spots include...

Front Ensemble: Marimba, Vibraphone, Bells, Piano, Bass Drum and Tam-Tam, Auxiliary Percussion, Cymbals, etc...

Field Battery: Snare, Tenors, Bass, Cymbals

For most of our Ravens, and especially our Raven Percussionists, marching season is the best time of the year! We hope you will try it out, we will look forward to welcoming you and your friends to the team!

AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR APRIL 3rd - 6th

Please select at least two selections to perform that showcase what you do best! These can be lines from your ensemble development book (Sound Innovations) that you feel you can demonstrate your best musicianship with. Approx. 8-16 measures is terrific! Doesn't have to be from a book, could be from a solo, an etude, or even a piece of music you feel proud to share. If you need some guidance on what to select, don't hesitate to reach out!

Want to be considered for Wind Ensemble? We would like to hear work on **two** of the following instruments: Snare, Mallets, and/or Timpani.

Want to be considered for Raven Winds? We would like to hear work on **all three** instruments: Snare, Mallets, AND Timpani.

Reminder: Non-marchers do NOT need to complete an audition. This is for Freshmen who would like to be considered for Marching Band and will earn a place in an advanced concert ensemble.

GOOD LUCK!