

Galesburg-Augusta 7th and 8th Grade Middle School Band to Perform as Guest Ensemble

We are pleased to announce that the Galesburg-Augusta 7th and 8th Grade Middle School Band under the direction of Ms. Janice Edgerton will be performing as our guest middle school ensemble for the Second Annual Conference on Middle School Band Music, “The Joy of Middle School Band: Kids, Music, Teachers.” They will perform at 3:45pm in the Dalton Center Recital Hall and, following their performance, our guest composer Mr. Douglas Akey will clinic the band.

At the inception of this conference, the organizing committee decided that a middle school whose bands have a history of excellence should be invited to perform and receive a clinic with the guest composer, similar to the design of WMU’s Spring Conference on Wind and Percussion Music. The organizing committee considered a variety of methods for choosing the guest ensemble and decided to follow the approach used by the Gilmore Keyboard Festival. The members of the committee function as “secret shoppers” observing ensembles in varied performance and classroom situations over time and noting consistently high quality experiences and outcomes. Then, through nominations and discussions during a closed meeting, the choice is made and the invitation is extended.

It was with great enthusiasm that we welcomed the Mattawan 8th Grade Band to perform at our inaugural event and we are equally excited to have the Galesburg-Augusta 7th and 8th Grade Middle School Band join us this year.