Good evening Honor Band Students,

I hope you are well rested after the holiday weekend, and excited for summer which is just around the corner. Below are the details on the first video assignment.

Over the course of the next few months, we will be completing a few assignments to get some material prepared for our experience of several performances while in Pasadena. It is imperative that you watch these videos and make preparation of this material a priority in order to achieve the level of excellence that we aim to achieve with this ensemble.

The more preparation we do now, the more confident we will be when we get to Pasadena. We want the time in California to be spent refining and working on performance qualities. If you have to learn 8 minutes of new material when we get there, we lose valuable time working on details and we compromise quality. As performers, you will also be under more stress if you are trying to cram everything into a few short days in December. Let's start the work now! Learning some material now will help us in the long run even if we modify or adjust parts of these phrases later down the road. The opportunity to perform in this parade and in the Bands of America Honor Band is truly once in a lifetime, and our preparation over the next few months should be substantial.

The good thing about learning by video is that we can learn on demand by rewinding as much as we need, or taking it slow, building section by section to build it up to speed. Please don't try to rush through it without having a strong understanding of what your instrument/flag and body are doing.

We do not expect that you can watch the video one time and then perform it at full speed. This will take time to learn, to process, and you will want to build speed slowly while building repetition. This is especially important later in the process as we add music to the assignment list.

**ASSIGNMENT #1**1. Watch instructional Videos  
2. Record the assignment for your section.

3. Upload recordings to YouTube as UNLISTED. This is different than a “Private” video. *More information on uploading unlisted videos at the end of the email.*4. Fill out the form for your section. This form is where you will share the link to your uploaded video.

Link to Dropbox Folder with Instructional Videos:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vdgqqoaorid6unu/AACOpSBAn4KLo0DQGtt8EKgja?dl=0>

**COLOR GUARD ASSIGNMENT:**

* Please do the carves, spins, and tosses as instructed and demonstrated on the video.  
   20 drop spins on both sides  
   20 carves on both sides  
   2 of each tosses, on both sides
* Please record yourself doing the two equipment phrases with music   
   [For Good](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fopen.spotify.com%2Ftrack%2F3WkgLAd7jGX3sZikfkF0lU%3Fsi%3D1e6f5e4e97744d24&data=04%7C01%7Cjessica.s%40musicforall.org%7C089d9ce31e0840e06b1208d922beca27%7C720ef2d2a6e341d3907eeaa242cadd73%7C0%7C0%7C637579025101959872%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ubvE7CH8YNpyv0bmn%2FDs57F2%2FU7VVFG7wRMGu%2BZZ4CY%3D&reserved=0) (start at 2:50 on the left side of the timer)   
   [Putting It Together](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fopen.spotify.com%2Ftrack%2F41LBQ33UOnOC4O3UO6pf9G%3Fsi%3D0ef4540c3b324973&data=04%7C01%7Cjessica.s%40musicforall.org%7C089d9ce31e0840e06b1208d922beca27%7C720ef2d2a6e341d3907eeaa242cadd73%7C0%7C0%7C637579025101959872%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4lrFJ3nirAlk6INTXFNNAtzrX5eAaIo7NaMPWFYHW50%3D&reserved=0) (start at about :50 on the left side of the timer)
* **Fill out this** [**FORM**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeowrq1CTE8zNdHWuFnu_CGYXbsgXj_FgHaiKQSM_HgLvCFXw/viewform) **to submit your video assignment.**  
  You can submit multiple links in one single form; **do NOT fill out the form multiple times.**

**NOTE:** Check out the technique session at the end. We want to work on releasing the same way and spinning the flag the same way so we come off as a more cohesive ensemble. Though we may be accustomed to doing things a certain way at home, learning new techniques is exciting and we will all grow together as we embark on this exciting performance opportunity.

**WINDS AND PERCUSSION ASSIGNMENT:**

* 2 Posture checklist photos: Front view and side view (facing left).  
  *Full frame should be above the top of your head and below the bottom of your feet.*
* WINDS ONLY Mark Time Video: Mark time 16 counts, close with horns up and all vocal cues. *Record video in landscape video showing entire body.   
  Percussion mark time will be discussed at Percussion Rehearsal Weekend in November.*
* **Fill out this** [**FORM**](https://www.tfaforms.com/4909772) **to submit your assignment.**

**NOTE:** Though we may be accustomed to doing things a certain way at home, learning new techniques is exciting and we will all grow together as we embark on this exciting performance opportunity. Learning the basics together will make this ensemble look identical, like we have been performing together before!

**There is no instructional video or homework assignment for dancers at this time. You will be contacted individually if this changes.**

**UPLOADING AN UNLISTED VIDEO TO YOUTUBE**  
**Please upload your video files to YouTube as “unlisted”;**this allows us to view them when provided the link, but does not make them public. An unlisted video is different than a private video. “Unlisted” means that only people who know the link to the video can view it. An unlisted video will not appear in any of YouTube’s public spaces (such as search results, your channel, or the Browse page).  **An unlisted video is different than a private video.**

Here’s how:

1. Sign into or create your YouTube Account

2. Go to your My Channel page

3. If you need to upload a video, click on the upload arrow in the upper right banner and skip to step 5.

4. If you want to edit a video you’ve already uploaded, go to the Video Manager

5. Select the video which you’d like to make an unlisted video. Click the Edit button to access the video’s settings.

6. Go to the Privacy section of the page. There you’ll see the option to mark your video as “unlisted,” “public,” or “private.” **Select unlisted.**

7. Click the Save Changes button. Once you’ve done this, your video will be an unlisted video.

8. Copy the “Video URL” found to the right of the video in Video Manager (under “video information”), and paste the link below.

If you have any questions, please let me know!  
Jess