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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This is a note about “Huron Musicfest”, our annual Massed Band concert taking place this Thursday, November 17th, 7:00pm at Central Huron Secondary School. Along with Madill, this concert includes the bands from Central Huron, Goderich District, and South Huron Secondary School. Each Band performs 2 pieces, followed by a joining of all the band members from all the schools to perform as one “Massed Band” of approximately 200 students. It is an incredible evening of music!

This marks the second year that each school’s Intermediate Bands will be performing as well as a massed band! Although the Intermediate Bands do not play pieces on their own, they do get the incredible experience of performing in an incredibly large ensemble and learning from each other’s talents and skills.

The schedule for Thursday, November 17th is as follows:

12:00pm	Arrive to the music room at Madill and begin loading the bus
12:30pm	Depart Madill for Clinton (Central Huron Secondary School)
1:15pm	Rehearsal 1 with the massed band
3:00pm	Break
3:15pm	Rehearsal 2
4:45pm	Break for dinner
7:00pm	Massed Band Concert - Parents invited to attend of course! Admission is free.
9:00pm (approx)	Concert ends.

This annual concert is a great experience for our band members. Not only do they get to participate in a performance-group of immense size, they are also given the opportunity to hear what other school bands in Huron County are doing and get to work with those students one-on-one.

As well as having this incredible opportunity, we are pleased to be bringing in a renowned conductor/clinician, Mr. Colin Clarke. Mr. Clarke’s biography can be found below.

N.B. There is no bus that returns to Madill at the end of the evening. The idea is that parents/guardians and friends are attending the concert and students can then get a ride home with them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at the school or by email at ericvari@fc.amdsb.ca

See you at the concert!

Mr. Varillas
Music Director



Colin Clarke



A recipient of the Clifford Evans Award for Conducting, Colin Clarke's credits include collaboration with groups such as the United States Air Force Band of Liberty in Boston, Massachusetts, the New Symphony Orchestra of Sofia, Bulgaria, the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, Ballet Jörgen, Peter Appleyard, trumpet virtuoso Allan Vizzutti and the Canadian Brass. Colin is best known for his work with the multi-award winning Toronto Youth Wind Orchestra, a group he started as a high school student. For two decades the ensemble has earned a reputation nationwide as one of the leading performance ensembles of its kind in Canada. Under Colin's baton, the Wind Orchestra made its Carnegie Hall debut in 2006, and returned this past spring for another performance at New York's famed concert hall to mark its 20th anniversary.

With a passion for music education and outreach, Colin maintains a commitment to working with young people and the community. He has conducted several all-city bands, orchestras and choirs across Ontario, and has lead the Provincial Honour Bands of Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island. In the spring of 2008 he served as conductor of the prestigious National Youth Band of Canada. Recently married, Colin lives in Oakville with his new wife Laura