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School District 64 Students Selected as Musical All-Stars; Two are "First Chair" performers

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 middle school student musicians have been selected to participate in two annual regional events sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA), including two students who won prestigious "First Chair" assignments as top performers.

The **IMEA District Festival** will be held on Saturday, November 6 at Wauconda High School. More than 800 of the finest band and orchestra students from over 60 junior high schools in the North Suburban area auditioned for a position in this all-star group. First Chair designates the top student from all 60 participating schools.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our top band and orchestra students to meet and perform with talented students from other schools. Students also have the opportunity to work with nationally known conductors," according to Brian Jacobi, Curriculum Specialist for Instrumental Music.

District 64 students at the District festival include: **Emerson** – Bridget Bonadona, Andrew Lazara, and Greta Ramsey, viola; Alec Wojda, cello; Conor Flynn, first chair bass; Timothy Kwasny and Ben Paolelli, trumpet; and, **Lincoln** – Isabella Goldman, French horn; Brynn Keller, cello; Ernest Mato and Jacqueline Murphy, violin; and Robby Reinhard, bass.

Professor Erica Neidlinger from DePaul University will conduct the band and Joanne May will conduct the orchestra.

The second event is the **IMEA Jazz Festival**, which will be held on Saturday, November 20 at Lake Zurich High School. Professor Rob Parton from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio will conduct Band 1, and Emerson band teacher Eric Bachmann will direct Band 2. District 64 participants include: **Emerson** – Timothy Kwasny, Brian Talbot and Ben Paolelli, trumpet; and, **Lincoln** – Guy Olson, first chair baritone saxophone, and Tommy Deeter, tenor saxophone.

District 64's Jacobi also has been tapped to conduct the top IMEA junior high jazz band for a neighboring northwest/ west suburban IMEA district at its festival in Geneva, IL on Saturday, October 30.

In addition to Jacobi and Bachmann, other District 64 teachers who instruct these students include: Natalie Jacobsen, Dallas Klytta, Mary Ciccotelli, Jamie Hestead, and Erica Charous.

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