

## **Briarcrest Marching Invitational** Saturday – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (afternoon/evening)

Dear Colleagues,

I want to invite you and your band to attend the Briarcrest Marching Invitational on Saturday October 18, 2014 (afternoon/ evening). Each year, the Briarcrest Marching Invitational is carefully planned and designed to give you, your students and your fans an outstanding musical experience:

- We intentionally select **A World Class Judging Panel** of **Nationally Recognized** trained and certified judges from across the country, many of whom have judged for organizations such as Drum Corps International (DCI), Winter Guard International (WGI), and The United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA). This year's panel includes **Mike McIntosh** (Legendary DCI Instructor/ Adjudicator), and **Keith Baker** (visual judge for DCI) just to name two.
- **Instant Feedback sent directly to your smart phone.** Our judges use **iPads** equipped with digital recording software which instantly stores their comments onto a <u>secure</u> website where only you can INSTANTLY review your tapes moments after your performance! In addition, we supply every band with comment CD's for good measure.
- A Revamped Judging and Scoring System featuring two overall effect judges, instead of one music effect and one visual effect judge. The use of two overall effect judges is a coming-trend within the marching band world and has been piloted as an approach by both DCI and USSBA. In addition to the two effect judges, your band will be evaluated in each of the following areas.

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Ensemble Musical Performance	Percussion
Ensemble Visual Performance	Color Guard
Overall Effect (2 judges)	Field Commander
there will also be an award for outstanding soloist in each class	

- **Brand New Category for Show Bands**!!! We know that there are numerous band programs across the mid-south whose style might not be conducive for a typical Corps Style competition. In an effort to provide these programs with a competition and performance outlet, we have integrated a new category exclusively for Show Bands.
- A Customer Service-Approach to Hospitality. Our number one priority is for you, your students, and your band families to have an unparalleled experience that is musical fruitful, educationally edifying and altogether FUN! Our 105-acre campus is a gorgeous facility that includes plenty of parking for busses and cars. The centerpiece of our campus is our university style sportsplex that features an amazing grass field and has a 2,500-seat capacity. In addition to a spectacular performance area, we also provide guarded changing facilities located next to the field as well as a hospitality center for Directors, Staff and Bus Drivers which overlooks the field.

All Best, Michael Parsons, Director of Bands, Briarcrest Christian School mlparsons@briarcrest.com 901-765-4638 (office); 901-751-6402 (fax)



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<b>Registration Form</b>	
Classification (number of winds only)	
Class A* 1-32	
Class AA* 33-55	
Class AAA** 56-80	
Class AAAA** 81 or more	
Show Bands ***	
* = Green Division ** = Gold Division *** = Show Bands	
School/Band Name:	
Band Address:	
City/State/ZIP:	
Director(s)	
Field Commander(s)	
Phone: School () Mobile: ()	
E-mail Address:	
Total Number of Winds: Class Entered:	
Number of vehicles used to transport band:	
School Bus(s): Charter Bus (s): Equipment Truck (s):	
Truck/trailer(s): Other (explain):	
Special Needs (explain):	

Please Mail, Email or Fax this form by September 26<sup>th</sup> to: Briarcrest Christian School Band 76 South Houston Levee Eads, TN 38028 901-751-6402 (fax) mlparsons@briarcrest.com