**North Mac High School Honors Band**

**Mrs. Braley, Director**

**Honors Band                                                                                    Grade: 11, 12**

**Prerequisites: Previous instrument study             Credit:  1 per year honors weight**

**AND consent of director**

**Course Description:**

High School Honors Band is based on and structured around the *Illinois Fine Arts Standards* and the *National Standards for Music Education*. Students taking this course are provided with a balanced, comprehensive study of music through the marching, pep, jazz, and concert band program.

All band course requirements are implemented, in addition to an honors curriculum. This course **requires** both ensemble and solo activities, which are designed to develop elements of musicianship including tone production, technical skills, intonation, music reading skills, listening skills, analyzing music, studying historically significant styles of literature, and integration of other applicable disciplines. Experiences include improvising, playing by ear, sight-reading, and researching music. Students develop the ability to understand and convey composers’ intent in the performance of music.

A number of public performances will serve as a culmination of daily rehearsal and musical goals. Students are **required** to participate in performance opportunities outside of the school day that support and extend learning within the classroom.

This ensemble is open to students in grades 11 and 12, or as recommended by the band director. In order for a student to be accepted into the honors course, they must have written consent obtained at a meeting with the band director. This class will meet one period a day for the entire school year.