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SPOTSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND, HONORS WIND ENSEMBLE, AND JAZZ BAND COMPETES IN MUSIC IN THE PARKS PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL

SPOTSWOOD, NJ - Under the direction of Spotswood High School Band Director Sarah M. Carino, the Spotswood High School Concert Band, Honors Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band traveled to Cincinnati, OH to participate in the **Music in the Parks** performance festival, April 27-28, 2013, competing against some of the finest instrumental ensembles in North America. The goal of **Music in the Parks**, one of the largest and widespread festival organizations across the United States and Canada, is to provide middle school and high school students with positive and constructive feedback throughout the competition process, all the while validating the tremendous amount of hours that go into the preparation for a performance festival. At this year's Cincinnati, OH festival, the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, and Virginia were represented.

During Saturday's award ceremony at Kings Island Amusement Park, the Spotswood High School Bands earned the following honors:

Jazz Band - Rated "Excellent" and placed 1st in Jazz Ensemble Class A; Senior Andrew Pelham received a medal for "Outstanding Jazz Soloist"

Concert Band – Rated "Excellent" and placed 1st in Concert Band Class IA

Honors Wind Ensemble – Rated "Excellent" and placed 1st in Concert Band Class IIA; received trophy for "Best Overall High School Band"