



Greetings to everyone and we hope you had a successful and rewarding musical school year. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the Spring Valley High School marching band competition “**Sound In The Valley**” on **Saturday September 16, 2017** beginning at **11:00am**.

Our class system is in the following order to accommodate more band sizes and give everyone a chance to be as competitive as possible. They are as follows:

- A 1-30 Winds & Percussion**
- AA 31-49 Winds & Percussion**
- AAA 50-74 Winds & Percussion**
- AAAA 75 & Up Winds & Percussion**

As in the past, the rules are simple. You have a 6-10 minute performance time. Please leave the field using drum clicks, as the next band will be entering the field. If you are not comfortable performing the whole show, perform what you can and you will be scored on that alone. Scoring will be based on 25% marching, 25% general effect, 40% music, and 10% percussion. Trophies will be awarded in each class first through third place in band, percussion, field commander and color guard. Overall trophies will be awarded first through third place in majorettes and twirler, regardless of class. Medals will be awarded for outstanding soloist(s) in each class first through third place. An outstanding booster award will be given regardless of class. We will be awarding second runner up, first runner up, and overall grand champion. This will be determined by the overall total **band score**, regardless of class. You will only be judged on the elements of the show that are field ready.

Our concession stand will provide a variety of goods for your band to purchase. A hospitality room will be available for the **directors and bus drivers only**. The entry fee is **\$50.00** payable to the **SVHS BAND BOOSTERS**. Please fill out enclosed entry form and return it to me along with the entry fee. We look forward to seeing each of you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. If you should have any questions feel free to call me at (304) 429-5600 or email me at: jhardin@k12.wv.us.

Musically Yours,

Joe D. Hardin, SVHS Band Director