

## **St. Anthony School Students Perform in Honor Band Clinics**



**L to R:** Anthony Elya (trumpet), Gia Hieshetter (flute), Evangeline Jackson (clarinet), Eli Seif (timpani), Oliver Thomas (trombone), and Maddie Tilton (French horn).

Six St. Anthony Catholic School students traveled to Cane Bay High School in Summerville last Friday and Saturday for the South Carolina Band Directors' Association Region 5 Honor Band Clinic.

Anthony Elya (trumpet), Gia Hieshetter (flute), Evangeline Jackson (clarinet), Eli Seif (timpani), Oliver Thomas (trombone), and Maddie Tilton (French horn) all qualified for the honor band clinic.

The Region 5 honor band clinic took place Friday and Saturday with the final concert on Saturday afternoon at Cane Bay High School. Region 5 extends from Dillon County down to Berkeley County. There are a total of 6 regions within the state.

Students received their music when they arrived at the clinic on Friday morning and they practiced from morning to evening. On Saturday they participated in a concert to showcase their work.

John Cipollina, band director at St. Anthony was chosen to conduct the Junior Alternate Band at the Region 5 honor band clinic. "We are proud of our students who have worked hard to be selected for this honor. Our students have done really well and put the work in to be able to compete against schools who have more students in their programs than we do in our whole school," Cipollina said.

This year, St. Anthony has one student who earned first chair position for the honor band clinic: Eli Seif. St. Anthony also has two students who earned a seat at the All State Band Clinic in March held at Furman University: Sixth grade student Maddie Tilton (French horn) finished first in the region and eighth grade student Eli Seif is first alternate.

To qualify for the honor band clinic, students must audition through sight reading, playing scales, and playing pieces from the audition book. Directors then judge the students anonymously and students who receive the highest scores are then selected for the region bands.

To qualify for the All State band, students who receive the highest scores for region are invited to play again for All State.

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