

TBA – A Wealth of Resources

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I would like to wish you the best as you begin your school year! I know you face unique challenges in your job and that is part of what makes the life of a band director exciting! Never forget how great the opportunity is for you to impact so many student lives in a positive way. Good luck this fall!

Many band directors visit our TBA website to register for the convention each year. In addition to the information for each year's convention, did you know that the TBA website is a **wealth of free information and resources** designed to assist band directors? Go to www.texasbandmasters.org, click on the RESOURCES tab and then open the PUBLICATION ARCHIVES. There you will find over 300 handouts from prior TBA Convention/Clinics and well over

450 articles from the *Bandmasters Review*, TBA's quarterly publication. Each of these archives has a search engine allowing you to type in key words to bring up articles containing information on the topic. I urge you to take advantage of these handouts and articles. They are available as PDF files and you are welcome to print as many copies as you wish.

I hope Helen Blackburn's flute pedagogy article and the Michael Reed/Scott Ward article on solving timing problems with your marching band will be valuable information whether you are an experienced teacher or a new

director starting this fall. How many of us deal daily with students who do not care...Frank Kick offers great advice. Dr. Tim discusses how to

embrace competition in a healthy way for students and Randy Gilmore reminds us how we impact everyone around us. One of the most outstanding attributes of successful teachers is a willingness to share information with

colleagues. That is a large part of what makes Texas bands so great! Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to submit an article for the *Bandmasters Review*.

Good luck this fall....take time to enjoy something EVERY DAY as you teach your band students!

