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Performing at the
Bishop Ireton High School Christmas Concert

With Special Guests
Colonel Arnald D. Gabriel, USAF, Retired
and The United States Air Force Band's Brass Quintet



Sunday, December 12th from 3:00-6:00 pm

Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA

As one of Japan's top bands, the Seika Girls High School Band has advanced to the All Japan Marching Contest 12 times, receiving 12 gold prizes. Their 15 appearances at the All Japan Band Competition also won them another 6 gold prizes. Led by conductor Yoshihisa Fujishige, who was inducted into the All Japan Band Association's Hall of Fame in 2008, the band has appeared at many national and international contests and festivals, receiving 1st prize at both the 2006 World Championship for Marching Bands in Korea and the Rose Bowl Parade Holiday Music Festival in California. With a motto of "Play fun, joyous and cheerful music" the band strives to make each of its nearly 100 yearly performances its best performance yet.

Colonel Arnald D. Gabriel (Ret.), former commander and conductor of The United States Air Force Band and its first conductor emeritus, will conduct the Seika Girls High School Band in their performance of "Festival Variations" and "Hands across the Sea." The US Air Force Band's brass quintet will also join the band to perform the U.S. premier of "Introduction and Vivace" composed by Rick DeJonge specifically for the Seika Girls High School Band.

The Bishop Ireton High School Choir will open the concert, followed by the school's Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. The concert will close with a joint performance by both high school bands.

This event is free and open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. No RSVP required. Parking will be available in the school parking lot and on nearby streets. For directions, please visit [the school's website](#).