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Band Parents,

Here's what's going on and what's coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Schedule Changes This Week

Because of the number of Fridays that have been missed already for conferences, etc. and for more missed Fridays coming up, we will have an altered lesson schedule to finish out this week. Here's the breakdown:

- Tuesday - normal lessons at Bethlehem and St. John's, Newburg
- Wednesday - normal Friday schedule at Our Savior, Good Shepherd, and David's Star (no Bethlehem or Pilgrim lessons), Trinity has not yet confirmed this switch but will hopefully be included on Wednesday's schedule
- Thursday - normal lessons at Good Shepherd, David's Star, and Calvary
- Friday - no lessons

Online Access to Your Child's Digital Portfolio

The digital portfolios I talked about and demonstrated during the parent meetings in September are ready to share! As I mentioned previously, we are keeping scans of each of the weekly practice and reflection logs in the student binders, individual student goals and reflections for each quarter of the year, and one student recording and reflection every month or so. You should find most or all of this in your child's folder already. Anything missing will be uploaded soon!

All of the student folders are housed in Google Drive. In order for you to access your child's folder, you will need to have a Google account. If you already have a Gmail account then you already have a Google account and are ready to go! Just go to <http://drive.google.com>, log in, and click on "Shared with me" on the left hand side to find your child's folder. If you don't have a Gmail address, there's no need to create one. You can create a Google account with your current email address. The website to set that up can be found at <https://accounts.google.com/signupwithoutgmail>.

If you accessed your child's folder last year, you still have access and there is nothing new you need to do to set anything up. You can go directly to <http://drive.google.com> and log in to view the information (again, click on "Shared with me" on the left to find it). If you have a child who is new to the program, you should receive an invitation to access your child's folder by the end of the week. If you haven't set up a Google account yet, you can do that when you get the invitation. If there's another email address I should send an invitation to, please let me know.

If you have any questions or problems viewing your child's documents, please feel free to contact me!

1st Quarter Progress Reports

Our first quarter progress reports have been uploaded to the digital portfolios mentioned above and will also be emailed to you sometime this week. We use a rubric for these reports which explains the expectations in each of several categories. Hopefully this will help you understand how your child is doing and how he or she can improve. Please take some time to go over this report with your child. If you have any questions about what you see on these forms, please let us know.

Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin

The Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin (LVW), a summer marching band that KML is a part of, will have a free preview day on Saturday, November 19 from 1:00-4:00 PM. Our current 8th grade students are eligible to be a part of this excellent organization. We are working out the scheduling, but I can tell you that bus transportation to the rehearsal in Appleton will be provided free of charge for any 8th grade students who are interested in attending. The day will end with a free pizza party! To help with our planning, please let me know if your son or daughter is interested. So they can plan for enough pizza and other materials, please also visit the website to register for Preview Day. There will be a parent meeting during the day as well, so parents are invited to attend. Mr. Schmandt and I both marched with this group when we were in high school and would recommend it highly. It's a great opportunity to spend time making music with fellow Christians and sharing it with a large audience around the country. More information about LVW can be found at <http://www.lutheranvanguard.org>.

If you have any questions about these news items or other things, please let me know. Thank you!