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Band Parents,

We're at or near the end of our third quarter! Below you'll find some information regarding what's going on in the near future.

Solo and Ensemble Festival

We had a great festival this weekend and our students did an excellent job of showing what they had spent so much time working on over the past couple of months. Many students have "first draft" and "final draft" recordings in their online portfolios. If you have a chance, take a listen to both recordings and see the progress that was made! I was able to listen to a number of those early recordings with students in their lessons last week and some of them were very surprised at how different things used to be! A full listing of all of the results can be found on our website or by [clicking here](#). Thank you to all the parent and high school volunteers who helped make this day go smoothly for our young musicians!

Third Quarter Progress Reports

We're doing something different with our Third Quarter Progress Reports this year. For those students who played for our festival this weekend, we are going to use the judging forms in their place since the majority of our time in lessons this quarter was spent on the solos and ensembles. These forms were scanned and uploaded to your child's online folder over the weekend. They were uploaded as *2017 Solo/Ensemble Judging Form*. The paper copies will be given to the students during their lessons in the coming weeks. Please note that the paper copies may have some comments on the back side. The scans only include the front of each sheet. For those who did not perform this weekend but did work on a solo this quarter, a file was uploaded to their online folders as well. Mr. Hubert and I filled out one of the judging forms for those students in the last week or so. Those were uploaded as *2017 Final Solo Feedback Form*. There were a handful of other students who were working on other things this quarter. For those students, we have uploaded the traditional *2016-2017 Progress Report - 3rd Quarter* forms. If you have any questions about any of these, or have trouble accessing them, please let me know.

Lesson Schedule Adjustments

As we near Spring Break for many of our schools, including KML, there will be some lesson schedule modifications. I am currently working with the principals in your schools to get things all set. As soon as I do, I will be sure to let you know.

Monday Night Rehearsals

All of our performing groups will rehearse on March 6, 13, and 20 as scheduled. We are off on March 27. On April 3 we will have our final rehearsal before Family Music Fest. After Family Music Fest, we only have two rehearsals left (April 10 and 24) to prepare for our Spring Concert!

Upcoming Events

Family Music Fest is just around the corner. The event will be held at KML on Friday, April 7 from 5:00-9:00 PM. I am currently working on the full performance schedule for the evening and will send out more specific information when the schedule is complete. Our Spring Concert will be on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 PM in the KML Performing Arts Center. Our annual Awards Day will be held on Friday, May 12 from 1:00-7:00 PM. Our final performance of the year will be the West Bend Memorial Day Parade on May 29. This will only involve the Mustang Band students.

Summer Camp Dates

As a reminder, here are the dates for our free summer camps:

Returning Student Band Camp

July 31 - August 3

8:30-11:30 AM (8:30-5:00 on August 3 for the trip to Country Springs Water Park)

Beginning Student Band Camp

August 7 - 10

8:30-11:30AM

As always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns!