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Band Parents,

I would like to thank you for all your support and assistance during the past year. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without your help! Below are a couple of wrap-up items and a couple of reminders about what's coming up later this summer and into the next school year.

### ***Memorial Day Parade Wrap-Up***

The weather cooperated and we had a beautiful day to march! Thank you for sacrificing some holiday time this weekend to give your children the opportunity to thank the families of those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms! A special shout out goes out to the high school students who helped us at rehearsals and kept everyone hydrated during the parade in addition to the parents who assisted us. Great work everyone! If you have any pictures you'd be willing to share via email, Dropbox, Google Drive or any other means, I would love to have some pictures we could use for publications, recruitment documents, and our website.

### ***Fourth Quarter Progress Reports***

The progress reports for the final quarter of the school year are now in your child's online portfolio and will also be emailed to you sometime this week. Please take some time to go over this report with your child. Since everything is now stored online, you can even compare the previous quarterly reports with this current one. You can view your child's portfolio by going to [drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com) and logging in using the email address you used to access the folder in the past. There you should see a listing on the left side that includes My Drive, Shared with me, Recent, Trash, etc. If you click on "Shared with me" you should see a folder with your child's name on it. If you do not, you most likely accessed it with a different Google account in the past. If you have any trouble finding your child's online portfolio, please let me know and I will help you gain access. If you can't access your child's folder or have any questions about the content of the folders, please let me know.

### ***Free Online Practice Tool***

Chromatik is a free online practice tool that would be a great way to have fun practicing over the summer. They have a large selection of different genres, eras, and artists represented. There is an app for both Android and iOS and a web version. They have a paid pro version, but the free version works very well (it only limits you to three song choices per day). More information can be found at [www.chromatik.com](http://www.chromatik.com). Registration is free!

### ***Summer SmartMusic***

If your child has a SmartMusic subscription at home and would like to do some work with me through that program over the summer, please let me know. I believe the digital classrooms I had set up during the school year have now closed, but SmartMusic will allow me to set up a summer session where I can still give assignments, students can work on and submit them, and I can return my feedback to them online. It's an easy way to stay somewhat connected over the summer months.

### ***Summer Lessons***

As in the past, I will be available for some lessons over the summer. These would be private lessons with me, apart from the Elementary School Band Program. Summer lessons can be set up with a regular schedule or sporadic – we can work with whatever kind of schedule you might like to set up. If you are interested in lessons for the summer, please contact me.

### ***Band Camp and 2017-2018 Plan Forms***

In an effort to anticipate the staffing needs for the 2017-2018 school year, I am asking all of our current fifth, sixth, and seventh grade band parents to let us know their plans for next year. Please visit <https://goo.gl/qasqiK> to fill out a brief form about your plans for next year. Please note this is not an actual registration for next year, but your best guess as of right now regarding your plans. This will greatly help me in planning for how many lessons we will have at each our 13 schools.

As a reminder, online registration is available for our free summer camps. The form for our camp for returning students can be found at <https://goo.gl/NlgW9r>. If you have any children that are planning to join us for our beginner camp, that form can be found at <https://goo.gl/6sWkMl>. We already have 20 new students registered for our beginner camp!

Thank you all, again, for another fantastic year - have a blessed summer!