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To Advanced Band Members and Parents:

The Advance Band will continue rehearsing every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Students should arrive by 7:50 a.m. **Rehearsals are very important – so please arrange to have your child at every rehearsal.**

Please remind your child that they need to have their music folder with them at all rehearsals and during music lessons. All students should have extra reeds, valve oil, cork grease, swabs, etc. depending on which instrument they play.

Practicing should take place at home daily. Your child should have a music stand. If you do not have one, please consider getting one for your child.

There are a number of band students who are having difficulty with the music we are working on. If your child is in that situation, then more practice is needed at home. It is getting close to the time where I have to decide if we are going to attend the Music in the Parks competition and festival. I would like to see **ALL** band members working hard, practicing their music at home and showing progress. If I don't see a commitment from all members, then I may have to ask some students not to participate. This is something I don't want to do – so let's get everyone practicing and learning the music so it's not a problem for anyone 😊

Our holiday concert is scheduled for the evening of December 20th. Let's work together and ensure that the band can maintain a high level of musicianship that we can all be proud of!

Thank you.
Mr. Soscia