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December 10, 2021

Dear Sherman School Families,

Although the pandemic has certainly challenged our school's operations over the past 18 months, it has not stopped our music program from thriving. In fact, whereas many districts needed to cancel their musical programs due to COVID, we continued to offer lessons, both in person and via Zoom, resulting in a significant increase in the number of student participants. And our students excelled, with our number of student auditions for the Western Regionals doubling over years past, and 36 students being accepted! The bands were also able to perform at a competition at our school last year capturing both 1st and 2nd places!

Due to restrictions last year, we modified our concerts and talent show to take place virtually. While this was great, we all know that there is nothing as magical as live music. This year, we are pleased to announce that we will have two in-person Band and Chorus concerts on December 15th, for Fourth and Fifth Grade, and December 16th for Middle School. We are ecstatic that our students will have the opportunity to share the fruit of their labors, and we will implement the following guidelines to ensure we stay safe:

- Concerts will take place in the gymnasium to maximize social distancing, and our HVAC system will be operational to ensure air is exhausted throughout the performances.
- Due to space constraints, we ask that only immediate family members of those performing join us in-person for the concerts. We decided we would not impose a "ticket limit" but ask that you please only allow members of your household to attend.
- Families will be asked to sit next to each other, wear their masks at all times, and leave 6' of distance between other groups. Parents and guardians are asked to monitor their children who are sitting in the gym to ensure they comply with our masking requirements. We greatly appreciate your cooperation on this important matter.
- Student performers will wear masks at all times, except when they are singing or playing their instruments.

We appreciate that some families will not be able to join us in-person due to medical concerns. So, we will be recording the concert and will live stream it for anyone who wishes to view our concerts in the comfort of their own homes. The video link will be included on the Events Calendar of our website for your convenience.

Cheers,

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