Dear Band Parent,

In order to better prepare our band for the upcoming Music Performance Assessment on March 9, we will hold 3 after school rehearsals. Many schools do this in Orange County, some on a weekly basis, some just a few times a year. For our purposes this will allow us a solid 60-90 minutes of rehearsal time to work on our music, sight reading, and ensemble playing. More importantly, we can schedule guest conductors who would not normally be able to come out and work with our bands during the school day.

As I have been telling the students I am not making these rehearsals "required". I am however STRONGLY encouraging students to attend these rehearsals. Each student will have a "115" placed in the grade book under *Concert Attendance*. Each student will earn 10 bonus Band Karate Points for each rehearsal they attend and an additional 25 point bonus if they attend all 3 rehearsals.

Here is the Schedule:

Thursday 2/22 <u>4:00 to 5:00</u> Tuesday 2/27 <u>4:00 to 5:30</u> Monday 3/5 <u>4:00 to 5:30</u>

We also have a field trip to Boone scheduled for February 23rd. Concert MPA itself is on March 9th, at Ocoee HS. Our Performance time is still TBA. More detailed information, letters, and permission slips will follow soon.

I am very excited about the spring concert season. Our first performances this year were wonderful and I am looking forward to even better things in April and May.

Superior Performances come from **Superior** Rehearsals!

Please sign and return the bottom portion of the letter (this will be part of the 3rd term grades)

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Student's Name:	(please print!)
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Parent's Signature: _	