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Dear Parent,

You are cordially invited to the annual CMS bands Spring Concert on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM, in the CMS auditorium. This year, we will be performing with the strings and chorus as well. The strings will perform their portion of the concert first, followed by the chorus, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, 7<sup>th</sup> grade band, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band. Speaking from personal experience, it means a lot to your child to have you in the audience supporting them. We have worked hard this semester to put on a great performance. You will not be disappointed.

Band students **MUST** be in the auditorium, seated as a group, dressed, with instruments, music, and everything else needed for the concert, **NO LATER** than 6:15PM. Promptness is crucial. 6:15 exactly will be considered late. You must be seated and completely ready at 6:15, and not arriving at 6:15. Attendance will be taken. We will briefly warm up on stage, behind the curtain, just prior to our performance time. I will be staying after school the day of the concert as well in case transportation is an issue.

Since band is a performance geared class, this concert is will be counted as a major test grade. Behavior, promptness, and attendance will all be a factor. Students must also stay for the entire concert, as each group has worked extremely hard and deserves just as big of an audience as the others. Any student who has missed the concert will receive a zero for this major grade, unless I am contacted directly by a parent and given a valid excuse. Students need to wear a white polo or button down shirt (or blouse,) black dress pants (or dress,) dress shoes (preferably black,) and a belt. We will look professional for this event. In addition to looking professional, students will be held to high standards of behavior as well. Any discipline problems will not be tolerated. I am asking for the help of a few parents to help chaperone the group of students in the audience while I'm on stage with another group. Please contact me if you are interested in helping us out. We look forward to seeing you May 7<sup>th</sup>!

Musically Yours,

Kevin Smith  
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