## Dear Band Parents,

The Thanksgiving season serves as a strong reminder that we have much to be thankful for in our lives, families, community, and nation. As we approach the halfway point of our academic year, I would like to express how thankful I am to you for allowing me the opportunity to share the gift of music making with your West Chatham Middle School Band students. I extend a sincere vote of thanks to everyone who has made it possible for our music program to thrive and prosper. Your investment of time, effort and energy is the key to our success. The time is coming near for you to be able to see (and hear) the results of your investment in your child's musical efforts.

Traditionally, the holidays are filled with music. This letter is an invitation to you, your family and friends to attend our upcoming concert. On Thursday, December $18^{\text {th }}$ the West Chatham Middle School Band program will present a Holiday Concert in conjunction with the school Chorus at 6:00 PM during the monthly PTA meeting. The concert will feature a variety of musical selections and admission is free.

Our band members have been working hard through individual practice and classroom rehearsals to prepare this music for your holiday entertainment and enjoyment. In celebrating their success and musical efforts, your assistance in making sure that every capable band student is in attendance at the concert and performing to appropriate expectations and guidelines is greatly appreciated. Additional specifics regarding student expectations and other Frequently Asked Questions about this performance can be found on our band website. Please be sure to visit the website at: http://goo.gl/Kkb0jr. You may also access this information by scanning the QR code below with your smart phone or tablet. If you are unable to view this information online, please contact the band office via the contact information below to have a hard copy of the WCMS Band Performance Expectations sent home with your student.

In addition, several parent chaperones will be needed during the evening of the concert to assist with the supervision and lining up of students while final preparations are made. If you are available to help with this effort, please contact me.

Thank you again for supporting your music student and for helping to make their concert experience the best possible. I know that you will be proud of their hard work. As always, if I can answer any questions regarding our band program, the best way to reach me is through email.

Sincerely,

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## Please sign below and return to Band Director by December 5, 2014

Student Name:

I am aware of the date and performance expectations for students participating in the WCMS Holiday Band and Chorus Concert.
$€$ My student will be participating in the Band concert on December $18^{\text {th }}$.
$€$ My student will not be participating in the Band concert. I understand that an alternative assignment will be given to my student for not participating.
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