



Dear Parent/Guardian

We have an exciting opportunity for your student that will not only help him/her substantially improve his/her ability, but will also actually make practicing a lot more fun.

It's called SmartMusic® and it's a practice and assessment software program that's currently being used in thousands of school districts across the country. We have our own subscription here at school and plan to use it extensively at least once per quarter in grades 6-8.

We recommend that you seriously consider SmartMusic for home use. The cost is \$30 for a one-year subscription, plus a one-time cost for the microphone (\$19.95 for Windows, \$29.95 for Mac). That investment will make a huge difference in your student's ability to meet our class goals — and it will make practicing more engaging and productive.

SmartMusic provides your student access to thousands of music titles, all with professional accompaniment that sounds great and helps encourage practice. The software provides immediate feedback that shows your student what they played correctly and where they need to improve. The assessment scores encourage continued practice, similar to scores in a video game. To learn more, view a short video at [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com).

We sincerely hope you choose to order a SmartMusic subscription for this year. You can place your order at [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com). We've seen how well it works and how well students respond. We know it can make a significant difference in your student's ability and increase their love for making music.

Sincerely,

Becky Montour & Susie Patch, GMS Band Directors

P.S. If you have any questions, see page 2, visit [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com), or call my office.

Here are some answers to the questions you might have about SmartMusic:

What do we need to make SmartMusic work?

Besides the program itself and the microphone, you'll need a PC or a Macintosh with an Internet connection. (High-speed broadband is best.) You can find the complete system requirements and any other information you'll need at [www.smartmusic.com/support](http://www.smartmusic.com/support).

How do we buy SmartMusic?

Simply go to [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com) and click the Order Now button.

Do we have to purchase the microphone?

The SmartMusic microphone is the best tool for the SmartMusic program. They are much more sensitive and responsive, which makes the assessment and recording features work better. The microphones offered on the SmartMusic site were designed and tested for use with SmartMusic.

Once we've purchased SmartMusic, how do we get started?

Simply follow the on-screen instructions for installation and activation.

Why do I need to provide an e-mail address when I order SmartMusic or enroll for classes?

Your e-mail address is used to activate SmartMusic, to receive assignments, and for lesson reminders.