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Dear Parents and Guardians,

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for your support and understanding as we tried to reschedule and eventually had to cancel our February performance at Musicfest Ottawa this year. Mother nature was clearly not on our side and Ms. Price and I were deeply moved by the dedication and perseverance of so many families who had to make significant changes to their family routines over the weekend to try to accommodate rescheduling our performances. It was truly heartbreaking to make the call that we were not able to perform.

The hard work and efforts your child or children have paid off with two great sounding bands and everyone has really pulled together with both ensembles. Luckily Musicfest was able to have an adjudicator, Kevin Hamlin will be working with both bands and providing a mini clinic with the students on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the cafetorium of Carleton Place High School, please feel free to come out and listen if you are able.

In addition, the bands will be performing at the Ottawa Kiwanis Music Festival. The Gold band will be performing Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:40 pm at Ridgemont High School. The bus will leave CPHS at 5 pm and we should return by 9:30.

The third performance scheduled will be at the Brockville Lions Music Festival Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Brockville Arts Centre. Busses will depart at 11:10 and return by 3:30 pm that day.

We still have lots of work to do to prepare for our festival performances and I would like to urge everyone to continue to make band practices and performances a high priority to continue the momentum we created earlier in February. Festival music is complex and requires a significant amount of preparation and coordination of the entire ensemble. An absence of even one musician has a significant impact on the efforts and performance of the entire band.

It is important to have full attendance at our festival performances as students have been working very hard. Please let me know if you have any significant reasons why your son or daughter may not attend so that the rest of the band may prepare additional music to perform on that day. Also, parents are encouraged to attend any performances they can and in Ottawa and Brockville there is a nominal admission fee to attend the performances.

Thank you so much for all your support and helping share your child's love of music!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Yuschyshyn  
Music Teacher Carleton Place High School