

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – End of the First 9 Weeks** **Information for Parents**

**This sheet is meant to give you some idea of what you should be hearing at home at this point in the year, what demands you should be making of your child in the way of practice, and to help you know what we expect in the way of progress.**

### **WHAT SHOULD I BE HEARING AT HOME?**

**Your child should be able to play the songs on the first 10 pages of the Essential Elements Book 1. The songs should ‘sound good’. You should definitely be able to hear the melody and your student should not be struggling with fingering the right notes or making a sound.**

### **HOW MUCH SHOULD MY CHILD BE PRACTICING AT HOME?**

**Your child’s success largely depends on you demanding that he/she practice. Your child should be practicing at home a minimum of 100 minutes per week. This is the minimum amount of practice acceptable. Anything less and your child will not progress appropriately. The amount of time in class for individual playing is limited. Therefore, home practice, encouraged & demanded by you, is essential to success. Set up a routine. Give your child some private space to make mistakes - but from time to time sit, listen & encourage your child.**

### **WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MY CHILD WHILE IN BAND CLASS?**

**We will expect your child to come to class with all of his/her equipment each and everyday. This includes reeds, mouthpiece, band book, etc. **One day without an instrument is 20% of class time for that week lost.****

**We will expect your child to meet the home practice obligations outlined above and we will pace the class based on the assumption that your child is indeed practicing at home. We will expect exemplary classroom behavior from your child. As noted above, classes are large, so proper behavior and adherence to procedure is required.**

**Each day in class we will check for equipment, teach and play various exercises from the method book, and on occasion have the students play individually in front of the class for testing.**

**Winter Concert – December 3rd - 7:00pm**