

Fourth Marking Period Assignment

(worth 50% of the grade!)

Essays: Use a **proper heading** and follow all the rules of writing learned in LA class! Essays may be typed or hand written (neatly!). You must include your resources- especially websites (I check them!).

5th grade: *1-2 paragraphs about your instrument.*

Include information about when it was invented, who invented or modified it (made it better), how the sound is produced, what it looks like, and anything else you find interesting about it. Paragraphs should include a topic sentence and 4-5 detail sentences.

6th grade: *2-3 paragraphs about a famous performer on your instrument.*

Include information about who he/she is, where he/she is from (country and/or city), what style of music he/she plays, what group he/she played with and when, why and when he/she became a famous musician, did this person go to school for music, and any other information that you feel is appropriate to know about this person.

7th grade band: *see reverse side for Graduation Band schedule.*

7th grade strings: write the 6th grade essay

8th grade: *Write a reflective essay about the experiences you have had and the skills you have gained by being a part of the band. Beyond the obvious technical skills of playing an instrument, what else have you learned by playing an instrument? *There is no specific length to this essay.* Be honest, there are no wrong answers. You may want to consider some of the following questions:*

- What have you learned about being a “group” or “team” member? Why is this important?
- What have you learned about yourself as an individual that is part of a group?
- What have you learned about the importance of the seemingly “*unimportant*” parts that make up the whole?
- Has playing an instrument changed the way you listen to music? How?
- What kind of rewards has a commitment to an on-going task given you?
- Your accomplishments have been gained through steady and ongoing work, not last minute memorization and cramming. What can you learn from this approach, and does this work in other activities in your life?

Due no later than June 6th.