

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Parents and Band Members:

I am very proud of our band students and the wonderful performances given at the concert on Friday night and at Kings Dominion yesterday. It truly showed the accomplishments we have made this year in band class.

The effort put forth yesterday at the Kings Dominion Festival of Music was impressive. The band responded to my directions and made every effort to present the composer's writing. We did not compete for placement or championship due to limited rehearsal time. For the GRSM Band Program to be evaluated on our own merits was more appropriate. The band received a rating of **Excellent** for their performance. The comments by the judges were fair and accurate. I do feel the grading was relatively hard yesterday. The grading of these festivals often varies depending on the panel of judges. Once again, I was extremely proud of our group and how well we did compared to groups that meet for 90 minutes every other day.

Congratulations to the GRSM Band and I hope to see all of you at Band Camp this summer!

Thank you,

Bob Ellithorpe  
Director of Bands