Dear 7th/8th Grade Band Parents,

It was great to see so many of you at the Holiday Performance this December. Your support of your young musician's musical growth as well as your support of the Hotchkiss Music Program is invaluable! I hope you were able to have a restful break and a great start to your new year.

I'm writing to let you know about the upcoming performances this spring.

The past few years we've participated in the Delta County Band Festival. This year, the Delta County directors decided to make the festival a high school event only due to space restrictions and other issues.

However, I do believe it's important to give our young musicians the opportunity to play with other young musicians. Luckily, a new festival, called the Young People's Band Concert, has started in Ridgway, and we've been asked to participate! The students will be able to play with other musicians, but they'll also get to have a little break in the day and go to the Ouray Hot Springs! **We have some extra funds in the band account this year from instrument rental fees so I'm excited to announce that the school will be able to pay for every 7th/8th grade band student to go, this includes transportation, lunch (Subway), and the Ouray Hot Springs fee. We will be stopping for dinner on the return. Please make sure your student has money to pay for dinner.** See below for more details on this event as well as other upcoming concerts.

1. **February 13th –Young People's Band Concert Festival in Ridgway**
    a. This is an all day event. We will leave HK8 at 6:45 a.m. Please have your child at the activities parking lot at 6:40 a.m.
    b. Rehearsals and the concert will be at the 4-H center in Ridgway
        i. Address: 22739 Highway 550, Ridgway, CO 81432
        ii. Concert 4:30 p.m. – Hope you can join!!! If you come to the concert and want to take your child home, make sure to sign out with me prior to leaving. Thank you for adhering to this policy.
    c. Ouray Hot Springs
        i. Address: 1220 Main St, Ouray, CO 81427

2. **Monday, March 12th – Middle School Band/Choir Concert at HK8 6:00 p.m. Call Time 5:45 p.m.**

3. **Monday, May 21st- Middle School Band/Choir Concert at HK8. 6:00 p.m. Call Time 5:45 p.m.**

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I have read this letter and put the concert dates on my calendar. I give permission for my child, ______________________________, to attend the Young People's Concert in Ridgway on February 13th, 2018. I will ensure that my child has money for dinner.

Parent Name (print)____________________________

Parent Signature________________________________ Date___________