



PRIDE OF  
PAOLI BAND

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I am pleased to begin a new opportunity for the Jr. High Bands using a music software tool called **SmartMusic**. This year, we will be using this software in band class for playing tests, rehearsal, assignments, and for at-home practice. The normal price is \$36 for a year subscription, however, Paoli Jr. High students will receive a FREE copy of the program this year.

**SmartMusic** is a powerful program that will allow students to completely change the way they practice. By visiting <http://smartmusic.com>, you can observe some of the fun and innovative ways it can be used at home. Here are a few things that are great about **SmartMusic**.

- Play songs from a huge **SmartMusic** library.
- Learn how your part fits in with the rest of your musical group.
- Adapt the tempo to fit your pace of practice.
- Learn your solo for the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble season.
- Record and play back your practice.
- Practice and submit assignments for individual review by director.
- Parents can monitor their child's musical achievements and performances.

Again, this is a FREE program that will be provided to all Paoli Jr. High band students. All the student will need is: a computer, internet access, and their FREE account. If a student does not have a computer or internet, then an account can be made at school and students can take class time to work with **SmartMusic**. However, the ability to practice, take tests, and learn at home is the primary use of this software in our band program.

The next page will provide an overview of how to install this software and create an account linked the Paoli Band Gradebook. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brinkman using the contact information at the top of this letter. Thank you!

*- Mr. Brinkman*