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Dear Crandall Band Parent,

The Crandall Fine Arts Department is proud to announce the Fifth Annual Winter Arts Festival. We are very happy to have the opportunity to provide an event of this caliber to the community, and we are excited that our bands will play a big part.

The Winter Arts Festival will be held at Crandall High School on Tuesday, December 8th. It will include performances and displays from our bands, drill team and other fine arts departments. The night will start with a spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria at 5:30 PM. On stage performances will also start at 5:30 PM where you'll enjoy the jazz band, drill team and a theatrical performance. The hallways of the school will be filled with art exhibits and unique items for purchase from the art department. Entry doors will open at 5:00 PM.

Tickets for the event are divided into two portions. Advance tickets for the exhibits and performances are \$3. These tickets will be taken at the high school doors and are required for entrance. If you choose to wait and buy tickets at the door, the price will be \$5. Children age four and under are admitted for free. The spaghetti dinner ticket is an additional \$5, and these tickets must be purchased in advance. The dinner line will open at 5:30 PM and will remain open until at least 7:00 p.m., and those attending can arrive at their convenience. Of course, performing band members will be admitted for free, but will have to buy the \$5 ticket if they want to eat the dinner. We hope that many of our students' families will support the band by enjoying the delicious dinner while spending a great time together eating and watching fabulous performances.

The band performances will start in the gym at 7:30 PM. 6th grade band members must be in the gym for warm-up at 7:00 PM. 7th and 8th grade band members will meet in the high school gym and sit in their reserved section until it is their time to perform. Students must bring their own instrument and music to the high school for the event.

All band members should dress in their best clothes. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear ties, and ladies are encouraged to wear long skirts or dresses. We understand that there are many ways to dress nice, and we hope that students will show their holiday spirit. However, we do have a couple of strict stipulations. Students will not be permitted to perform in jeans, shorts, or t-shirts of any kind.

As with all of our group performances, all band students are required to attend. All performances are a major part of our students' six weeks grades. In order to perform however, students must be eligible according to U.I.L. requirements. Therefore, students that failed a class during the 2nd six weeks must be passing all classes at the three week (progress report) period in order to perform. Students that are not eligible to attend will have an alternate assignment that will weigh the same on their six weeks grade for band.

The Winter Arts Festival will be an incredible holiday event that we hope will continue to be a long-lived Crandall tradition. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,

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