Dear Tiger Families,

It has been an amazing year here in Mercer School Music Department. The students have worked hard, and as such, have made significant progress. The performances they gave this year were fun, exciting, moving, and joyous. I couldn’t be more proud of what they’ve achieved.

Looking ahead to the coming school year (2023-2024), I wanted to share some important information about what’s in store. First, this summer I will be offering FREE music lessons to students and community members. For more information on this go to the music department’s website: **mercer.k12.wi.us/faculty/jerickson**

Second, next year’s concert dates have been finalized and I want to make sure that you have them well in advance so you can plan ahead. Note that performances *are required* for students in certain classes/grades. All events (unless noted) will take place at Mercer School. The dates (which may be subject to change) are as follows:

**October 8, 2023** (Sun.), All Day – **Bayfield Apple Fest Parade** (Grades Participating: 7-12 Band Students)

 *The Mercer Bands will be marching in the Apple Festival Parade. Location: Bayfield, WI*

**October 19, 2023** (Wed.), 6 p.m. – **Fall Pops Concert** (Grades Participating: 5-12 Band Students)

 *The Mercer Bands will present a night of all your favorite music from famous film scores to pop music. Location: Gymnasium*

**November 10, 2023** (Fri.), 10 a.m. – **Veteran’s Day Program** (Grades Participating: 5-12 Band Students)

 *The Mercer Bands will provide music for the annual Veteran’s Day program. Location: Gymnasium*

**November 17, 2023** (Fri.) – **Gogebic Range High School Honors Band** (Optional for Grades 9-12)

 *High School band students have the opportunity to be selected to play in this honor band festival. This is an all-day event in Ironwood with a concluding concert in the evening. Location: Ironwood Theater*

**December 13, 2023** (Wed.), 6 p.m. – **Songs for the Solstice Concert** (Grades Participating: PK-12)

 *Join us for a musical holiday celebration in which music students from Pre-K on up will perform. Location: Gymnasium*

**May 15** (Wed.), 6 p.m. – **Spring Concert** (Grades Participating: PK-12)

 *Our final concert of the year, the spring concert will feature performances by all students PK-12. Location: Gymnasium*

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all either back in class in September or at our music events next year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Erickson

*PK-12 Music Teacher*