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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you are already aware, our annual Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 7 o'clock in the evening in the John Hurley Auditorium at Riverside Middle School. This concert will feature the Jazz Band, the 6th Grade Viking Band, and the 7th & 8th Grade Concert Band.

Admission to this event is \$5 per person at the door.

As this is a rather incredible undertaking, I would like to ask that you assist me by noting the following information closely:

- **ALL** band students are required to wear the concert uniforms as stated in the band handbook.
- **6th grade** students must report to the auditorium stage for warm-up/rehearsal at **6:00 p.m.** Students should place coats and cases in the band room.
- **Jazz Band** students must report to the band room for warm-up/rehearsal at **6:00 p.m.** Students should leave coats and cases in the band room.
- **Concert Band** students must report to the band room for warm-up at **6:30 p.m.** Students should leave coats and cases in the band room.

The evening promises to be quite spectacular and you are sure to be amazed at the progress of the students within just a few months of the school year.

Please be sure to join us for this outstanding evening of music, and thank you for your continued support of the musical arts in East Providence Public Schools!

IMPORTANT: To ensure that both the performers and the audience alike have an enjoyable time at this event, please take a moment to read the attached document regarding proper concert etiquette.

Sincerely,

Robin Murphy
Director of Bands



THE TEN RULES OF CONCERT ETIQUETTE (FOR ADULTS)

1. Refrain from talking.

The first and greatest rule. It also includes whispering to or disciplining your other children.

2. Refrain from unwrapping noisy candy wrappers during the performance.

If the composer wanted to include crinkle paper noises to the music, he/she would have written it into the parts.

3. Turn off pagers, cell phones and watch alarms.

While many cell phones and pagers have symphonic-like rings, they don't always fit into the musical score, nor do they provide pleasant sounds for your neighbors.

4. Do not wave to your children during the concert.

After all, they do know who you are already, and they know you are there; you most likely brought them to the concert.

5. Do not take flash photography.

You do not want your child to fall off the stage from blindness, do you?

6. Do not walk down the center aisle with your video camera.

Video cameras work just as well from the back of the auditorium. (Besides; the light is usually not good enough for video taping anyway.)

7. Do not leave as soon as your child's portion of the concert is over.

All of the students deserve a full audience for their performances. Remember, next time your child's song(s) could be last.

8. Applaud at appropriate times.

Some musical selections have several sections. Remember, it's not over until all of the sections of that selection have been performed.

9. Do not leave the auditorium during the music.

Wait for a break in the concert to visit the restroom, unless you are carrying a screaming child, in which case you should leave quietly and quickly.
PLEASE!

10. Go to the concert expecting the best.

You might just be surprised how good your student sounds when the other students join in!