

# Festival 2018

Dear Parents,

February 23

We are approaching an exciting time of the year with festival fast approaching on **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. This letter is to inform students and families what festival is and why we do it.

Who? – Plaza Vista and Vista Verde Symphonic Bands and Orchestras.

What is it? – Both the wind and the string students are given the unique opportunity to perform in front of professional adjudicators from the local area that have been teaching and performing for many years. They are experts in their fields and will give us valuable feedback regarding our ensembles and how we can improve.

Where? – **This year it will be at Northwood High School.**

When? – **Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:15pm (Bands *please arrive at 5:45pm for tuning*).**

Why? – Educators and students benefit from the participation in festival because of many factors, including valuable feedback that is instant, a clinic session from an expert in the field, and a direct effect into the classroom environment through rehearsal techniques, improved listening skills and musical approach. There are many different aspects to the festival experience that are tantamount to the growth and development of your child's continued success in music, and being able to receive feedback from 3 judges is a huge part of that. As a music educator we view it as comparable to state standardized testing as done in all other subject areas.

\* Every student is required to stay until the end of the evening. Festival expected to end at 8:00pm

Thank you,

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