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Subject: 26 Honor Band in the Rose Parade - May Update

Hello Honor Band members and families,

As you wrap up your school year at home, there are some changes to the dates and deadlines that were originally published. Please continue to reference the [Member Documents](#) website for the most up to date information at the beginning of each month.

MAY PAYMENT REMINDER

All monthly payments are made in your trip account with the Music Travel Consultants system. Visit www.musictravel.com to make the monthly payment if you have not already done so.

Your accounts should have \$1,070 paid. The next \$365 payment is due on June 1.

APRIL HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

If you have not already done so, please submit your April homework assignment. It is imperative that every student completes this assignment. Our instructors are using these videos to compose the parts, and choreograph routines for the parade.

MusicFirst Log-In Page - <https://musicforall.musicfirstclassroom.com/login>

Username and Passwords were sent in the April Mailing on April 10, 2025.

UNIFORM MEASUREMENT FORM

Due to changes to the uniform design, the Uniform Measurement Form is not available yet. More information will be shared when it is ready.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Due to the overwhelming number of applications for scholarships, our evaluators are still reading through and determining scholarship recipients. All applicants will be notified of their status via email.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT #2

There will be no May Assignment in MusicFirst. Assignment dates and deadlines will be updated and shared later, but students should focus on completing the first Honor Band Assignment and completing their finals and homework for their academic commitments at school.

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTORS

Dear Honor Band in the Rose Parade Members,

My name is Richard Saucedo, and along with my fantastic co-director, Dr. Melissa Gustafson-Hinds, we are both honored to have the opportunity to work with you as we prepare to march down Colorado Boulevard in beautiful Pasadena, California, on January 1, 2026.

You'll hear more from us as we approach the trip, but I wanted to let you know that you'll receive music soon. I hope you'll start preparing right away so everyone arrives in Pasadena with all the parts memorized.

I would love for this to be one of the best band events you have ever been a part of. For that to happen, we will need your help to make sure we are prepared and on top of every aspect as we prepare to perform in front of thousands in person and millions worldwide on TV.

You'll soon receive information about some basic assignments from our staff members to ensure that you're keeping up on music preparation and understand what's expected of you visually. None of these assignments will be overwhelming, and for outstanding players like all of you, getting through the assignments should be a breeze!

Our amazing team of staff members can help you decide what part you might be best suited for, on your instrument, but keep in mind that every part is important and critical to our success. We must have strong players on second and third parts as well as on first parts.

I encourage you now to start walking daily if you're not already doing so to make sure you start to get yourself in shape. We want all of you to be comfortable physically so that you can put your best foot forward (pun intended) when we perform.

I know I've had the pleasure of working with some of you in honor bands, and all-state bands over the last few years and for those of you, I don't know, I can't wait to meet you and have you be part of this amazing group.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the office and they can get those to me.

I can't tell you how excited Dr. Gustafson-Hinds and I are to lead what we believe will be one of the best sounding (and looking) bands you've ever been a part of!

By the way, if you have friends who are great players or great guard members and would like to join the group, its not too late! Have them contact the MFA office and we'll get info back to them immediately!

More later, but can't wait to get started! Best wishes on a great end of the school year!
Richard Saucedo