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Hi Fellow 'Banders' -

I am using Smart Music again this year (and probably forever in the future) for playing tests at school. Each 6 weeks, each student will need to record their playing test and submit it to me for a grade. The program sends the assignments through an email address to the students.

If you choose to purchase Smart Music for **home** use (students can record their tests at home and submit them from there) I've attached a letter with the discounted prices that we will receive this year from Smart Music for **NEW subscriptions** purchased through the school. If you send a check to the school with your order form, you don't have to pay additional shipping charges. We will purchase the subscriptions as a bulk order. They will be delivered to the school. I will distribute them to students when they arrive. We will just use one purchase order so please be sure you add your order correctly.

I would encourage you to purchase the usb microphone and adapter instead of the plug and play microphone. A lot of people have had troubles getting the plug and play microphones to work because they tend to not be compatible with sound cards. Eventually everyone (except one) have managed to get it to work with the very good customer service that Smart Music provides but I've been told that the usb microphone adapter works better with less hassles.

The USB microphone is \$25.46 (instead of the \$55 last year). It is not on the sheet but you can get it if you just write it on your order form. If you already have a microphone, you can purchase the usb adapter alone for \$14.95. (Internal microphones do NOT work well for Smart Music.)

For most people, the order will be
1 smart music student site subscription - \$25.50
1 usb microphone and adapter \$25.46
for a total cost of \$50.96

For families who have more than one student in the band program, you will only purchase one subscription per year and all students at your house can enroll. If you already have a subscription, you can renew it AFTER I do the bulk order and get the lower price so check with me before you renew.

If you are not going to purchase Smart Music for home use, students will still be free to use my work stations at school. This year I will have 2 work stations as someone generously donated another computer to us for this purpose.

Please make checks payable to MMS Music.

If you have additional questions or need clarification, please contact me. I will send the order on Friday, October 2 so do not hesitate to get in on this great deal. You can still order after that date but you'll need to order it on your own and will have to pay shipping - about \$10.00/order.
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