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Dear Parents,

My students have been working on the **Achievement in Music (AIM)** program. The Illinois State Music Teachers Association (ISMTA) has developed this nationally recognized curriculum that focuses on comprehensive musicianship skills for private music students. As students progress from beginning through advanced levels, they receive a rich training in performance and theory. Yearly examinations give students the incentive to set goals and experience the rewards of musical accomplishment. Students are evaluated privately on their knowledge of music theory, technical skills, and pieces that have been prepared. Written comments will be given and a Certificate of Merit and state pin will be awarded.

I would like your child to be enrolled in the ISMTA AIM Examinations, which are an annual event, participated in by over 4,000 students across Illinois and by many more across the nation. Levels 1A, 1B, 1C and 2 do not require a separate Theory Examination. Levels 3-12 are more comprehensive and require two separate test days. Theory Examinations are held in November, and the Performance Examinations are scheduled in March.

**Enrollment will be done by each student's teacher on-line via a link on the WSMTA web-site.**

The Theory Exam is Saturday, November 9, 2013. The enrollment deadline is October 1, 2013. ***No exceptions will be made if this deadline is missed.*** The fee for enrollment is \$15 to be paid directly to me by the enrollment deadline. The fee cannot be paid on-line.

Your interest and encouragement are a very essential part of your child's success. Care is taken to make this a positive and rewarding experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with me.

Sincerely,