



Lutheran Elementary School Band Program

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Lancer Band

Sabre Band

Marching Band

Jazz Band

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Band Parents and Students,

With this letter you will find the information needed to connect your iPAS assessment software at home with the program I have at school. You will be able to download assignments at home, complete them and upload the results when you are finished. In addition to the exercises that are provided with the Standard of Excellence books, I am also able to create my own lessons for the students, which will include exercises using each of the 15 major scales. Over the next week, I will be demonstrating the software to the students to show them the features and capabilities it has.

If you are running Windows Vista or Windows 7, you may have some difficulty installing the iPAS software. If you experience any trouble, please visit <http://www.pyware.com/ipas/index.htm> for further instructions. There is also a forum set up for troubleshooting and help with installation at <http://pyware.com/phpBB3/index.php>. I can also help step you through some things if you need further assistance.

Any recently purchased (within the last four years) copy of Standard of Excellence Book I or Book II came bundled with a free enhancement package. This package includes a CD with an accompaniment track for every song and exercise in the book and a CDrom that includes a metronome, a tuner and assessment software for various songs throughout the book. The first CD runs on any CD or DVD player and does not require any extra equipment. The second disc will require a microphone for most of the features to work. If you already have a microphone for your computer, I would suggest you try that one first. If you have trouble with that microphone or do not own a microphone for your computer, you can purchase a special instrumental microphone that has a long cord and will safely clip on to your instrument for \$11.00.

If you wish to order a microphone, please send \$11.00 along with your child (checks may be written out to Luther High School). If there are any questions, please feel free to call or email using the information above.

God's blessings!

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