



Dear Parents of SWSD Instrumentalists:

The purpose of this Proof Of Practice (POP) initiative is to maintain educational excellence and educational growth in your child's pursuit of playing a musical instrument. To maintain an accounting of your child's progress, he/she will be required to send recordings of themselves playing assignments listed on his/her Band Karate practice sheet. This should be completed once per week, starting Tuesday, March 17. Recordings can be made using smartphones, tablets, or the microphones on computers. Send the recordings to my email: dtranz@swsdk6.com. Each recording should contain just one exercise listed on your child's Band Karate sheet. I will listen to the recordings, assess your child's mastery of the assignment and provide instructions for improvement if needed.

Your child uses the lesson book called Standard of Excellence. The ENHANCED version includes technology called Interactive Practice Studio (iPAS) to assist them with learning each exercise in the book. Your child was directed to begin using this technology in September/October. As your child progresses through the lesson book, he/she earns Band Karate Belts. During these next few weeks your child should strive to earn the Band Karate Belt that he/she is currently working towards.

In addition to the lesson book assignments, band members should continue work on the spring concert selections. Recordings of each piece can be found on my webpage at swedesboro-woolwich.com/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2237. My webpage can also be accessed by visiting the school district's homepage and selecting "Music" listed under the "Departments" link in the Menu.

Don't let the music stop! Although many activities are being postponed or canceled due to COVID-19, your child's ability to make music is not one of them.

As always, contact me with any questions.

Mr. Tranz