

Highland Oaks Bands and Orchestras

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: LETTER FROM THE FUTURE

Website: HO.AUSD.NET, Student Clubs & Activities, Instrumental Music

Imagine: it is the future, the end of the school year, Summer 2013. You open the envelope to see your grades, and there is your music grade: all E's, excellent, top, exceeds expectations.

How have you been, and who have you been being, such that you earned such excellent grades?

Please write a letter, from your imaginary future self (dated June 2013), to yourself today, and describe how it feels, and what your accomplishments are, and how your friends and family are impressed and amazed by the amazing progress, and the hard work, and the creativity, and the inspiration, and the persistence.

It might look something like this: "Dear Me, I can't believe that it was only a few months ago I had no idea how to hold my new instrument, or make a beautiful sound; now, with all my regular and stubborn work, nobody can believe how good I have become. I have been listening to my classmates, and we are a mighty musical force together, and have learned so much from each other..." Please use your imagination, and have fun, and make things up. It is anything you want.

(Due next week's class. It can be handwritten neatly, or printed, or sent to Mr. Peck at dpeck@ausd.net as a pdf, or as a Word or Pages document. It should be at least two or three paragraphs. The only way to mess up this assignment is to not do it!)

All students: Practice Record and Big Board! Be sure to keep logging your minutes, and let's see if we can reach a million minutes as a team this year.

How to practice? See if you can play each song four times in a row, at different tempos. Use a metronome. The whole group will sound fine if YOU can control your tempo. Be as accurate as a mathematician, then sing it with your instrument.

