



*Blythewood Middle School Band Program*  
SMARTMUSIC SOFTWARE

Dear BMS Band Parents,

**SMARTMusic** is a fantastic piece of software that is available to all band students to make practice time more effective and more fun. It is available for the low cost of \$30.00 (\$49.95 with the purchase of a microphone).

1. This will buy a year-long subscription to this powerful practice tool.
2. It will provide accompaniments to all lines in our method books.
3. It provides you with a built in metronome and tuner.
4. It provides you with **THOUSANDS** of musical exercises.
5. It provides accompaniments to Solo and Ensemble literature.
6. It provides the students with immediate feedback on their performances.
7. It allows students to record themselves playing their instruments.
8. It teaches them how to read music more effectively.

If you would like to order this fantastic software, log on to [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com) and order the it directly from the company. Go to the "Students & Parents" tab and click "Order Now". Follow the directions and you can order directly from SMARTMusic. I would not recommend downloading the file unless you have high speed access. I would have them send you the disc. At the end of the year subscription, you will receive notification that it is about to expire so that you can renew it.

We will take most of our playing tests using this software. Students who have the software at home can take their playing tests there and e-mail me their scores and recordings. **You can play it fifteen times to get a score of 100, if you so desire.** What a great encouragement for all students to become better musicians at BMS! If you have other questions, call Mr. Wrighten at 691-6850 x 85308, e-mail Mr. Wrighten at [qwrighten@bm.richland2.org](mailto:qwrighten@bm.richland2.org) , or check out the SMARTMusic website at [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com) . I HIGHLY encourage every band family to give this a shot!

Sincerely,

Quintus F. Wrighten, Jr.  
Director of Bands  
Blythewood Middle School