**To all the students of band**:

I know from experience that through weekly written practice logs, it is easy to lie and get an easy A. Doing call-ins through Google Voice is a good way to hold you responsible for your own practicing and actually prove to me that you have taken your instrument home and worked on your assigned music. Each week, I will assign to each class an excerpt of music (for all grades) and one scale to work on (for 7th and 8th grade only). Once a week, each student will be calling in to this number:

**757-504-2124**

Here are the steps that you must follow:

1. When you call the number, wait for it to go to the answering machine. It will tell you that the caller is not available, which is exactly what you want.
2. **Once the answering machine tells you to leave the message, you will say your name, what class you are from, and then play your required excerpt/scale.**
3. Each call-in is going to be worth 15 points. If you do not call in during the week, you will get a 0. This is a big portion of your grade and your grade will suffer if you do not comply with these call-ins.
4. Please know that this is your responsibility to get this done and no one else’s.

(Percussionists: I know it is more difficult for you to take your instruments home, so I will see if I can listen to you personally either before or after school. It will only be once a week, so that hopefully should not be too big of an issue. If it is, please let me know.)

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