

## A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Avilla Parents,

The Thanksgiving season serves as a strong reminder that we have much to be thankful for in our music program:

- ❖ From a national perspective, we must be thankful that the arts are written into federal law as part of the core curriculum for every school in Goals 2000: Education America Act – 1994.
- ❖ From a community vantage point, we must be thankful for local leaders who are solid supporters of music in our schools; they realize music education offers heightened performance in the all aspects of life and they are outspoken advocates of music education
- ❖ Sincere thanks are extended to our administrators. We continue to enjoy an ongoing open dialogue focusing on the role of music as part of a complete curriculum offering.
- ❖ From a personal standpoint, THANK YOU, PARENTS! Your keen interest, loyal support and active participation are the essential elements of our successful past, our exciting present and our promising future.
- ❖ Collectively, we must extend thanks to the young men and women who spend countless hours in the learning, rehearsing, and performing of music. It is a privilege and an honor to work with the finest students at Avilla School. These music makers of today are preparing to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Yes, music does make the difference, and we are thankful Avilla School has chosen to join our fellow artist-musicians as part of our musical family. The disciplines learned in the music classes reinforce a standard of excellence that is required for success in all of life.

As we approach the halfway point of our academic year, I extend a sincere vote of thanks to everyone who has made it possible for the Avilla music program to thrive and prosper. Your investment of time, effort and energy is the key to our success.

With gratitude,

Mr. Smith

In speaking of his renowned Theory of Relativity, Albert Einstein said, “It occurred to me by intuition that music was the driving force behind that intuition and my discovery was the result of my musical perception.”