



*North Andover Public Schools
Music Department*

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Dear NAHS Scarlet Knight Band Members and Parents,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and new year. In my welcome letter to you in the fall I announced that I had been diagnosed with Nodular Lymphocyte Predominant Hodgkin's Lymphoma. I am happy to report that as of January 2014 I am in complete remission and my doctors and I are optimistic that I will remain healthy for many years to come.

I wanted to take this time to say how grateful I am for the support you have extended to my family and I through this difficult time. The arrival of your cards and emails during my treatment certainly helped me to keep up my spirits. I was overwhelmed by the efforts made by all participants in the Light the Night walk. I was so very moved to learn that this year's season tour t-shirts had been designed using "lymphoma lime" green; and, I am still wearing my "Be Inspiring" bracelet – which serves as a constant reminder of the support I've received from the Scarlet Knight music family. Thank you all for helping in the continuing efforts to make the band program grow in my absence.

I look forward to the rest of the school year and hope to see you at our many upcoming performances.

Sincerely,

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Go Knights!