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Dear Parents,

This upcoming month, music students across New York State are invited to participate in the Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon, with all proceeds going to local food banks. Now, more than ever, our food banks need our support. The Practice-A-Thon is a beautiful way to strengthen students’ practice habits while encouraging empathy and empowering them to make a difference in their community.

Students participating in the **Practice-a-Thon** will document their daily practice and list their sponsors in the **Participation Packet** attached to this letter.

Sponsors will pledge an amount of their choice per minute the student practices during the month. After the practice-a-thon, students will send a copy of the Sponsor Donation Request Form (at the end of their packet) to their sponsors.

Each sponsor will be asked to send their donations directly to your local food bank. Donors should not send money to the school.

Sponsors can donate online at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E10717&id=301>

Or mail donations directly to Long Island Cares - Harry Chapin Practice-a-thon 10 Davids Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788-2039 Checks should be made payable to Long Island Cares

Your child will then bring in or email a copy of the completed PRACTICE RECORD to their music teachers, who can celebrate their contribution and practice 🎉🎉🎉.

You can get more information on the Practice-A- Thon website at [hcpracticeathon.com](http://hcpracticeathon.com/) and on the practice-a-thon Facebook page at [facebook.com/Practiceathon](http://facebook.com/Practiceathon). Contact me below if you have any questions and thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

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“Alone we can do so little.

Together we can do so much!”
Helen Keller