

Wednesday, April 22

Performing Arts

Choir &
General
Music:

Happy Wednesday Chorus and Music Appreciation Students!

Last week we explored several different types of music podcasts. You had a chance to listen to, respond to, and reflect on the music podcast examples I provided for you. As a refresher, here are the reflection questions:

- Explain the content of this episode and what you learned from it.
- Why did you choose this episode of this podcast? What drew you to it? What inspired you about this podcast?
- Identify the specific genre of music used in the podcast and, *describe the characteristics of that genre* and why you like it or didn't like it.

This week it is time for you to have a say in a student-crafted Merrill music podcast!

As I have been researching and listening to various music podcasts, it seems that there currently are three topics that really stand out: 1- Music to DANCE to, 2- Music to help cope with the stress of Covid-19, and 3- Songs that people have re-written the lyrics to in an effort to make them timely for what we are currently experiencing.

For this week's optional learning engagement, I'd like to ask you to consider contributing one song to one of the three music podcast topics above. As you are considering what song to contribute, please keep these three **revised reflection questions** in mind:

- Explain the content of this song and which podcast topic it belongs in.
- Why did you choose this song for this particular podcast? What drew you to it?
- Identify the specific genre of music used in the podcast and *describe the characteristics of the song*.

You will be asked to provide the answers to these three reflection points.

Here is the link to a Microsoft "Form," a place for me to gather your ideas in one place. After you have chosen your song, please enter your information into the form as well as the artist, song title, and link to your song. I will compile the list of songs (please ensure that they are appropriate for school) and will hopefully be able to share them with you in the very near future.

Please copy and paste this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O2KI6_5QN069OITMpTBd5_o3mL_Gx3vNPrnoEGTD_j9URVNOVFIJVThXNUwzTVhQNJjA3UjVQWldNVi4u

8th grade chorus students who are looking for information about signing up for and/or auditioning for upper-level chorus groups at Roosevelt!!!! Please use the following links for every bit of information:

<https://trhsvocalmusic.org/>
<https://trhsvocalmusic.org/auditions>

	<p>Mrs. Copic's Office Hours and Team's Meetings for the week of April 20-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, April 23rd from 9-11am • Friday, April 24th from 1-3pm. <p><u>*the 8th Grade Chorus Teams Meeting is cancelled for this week as I will be volunteering at the technology handout on Wednesday afternoon.*</u></p> <p>You can reach me for a face-to-face meeting via Teams or send an email and expect to receive a rapid response.</p>
<p>Band:</p>	<p>Hello Band Students! Must Read Status</p> <p>Some big things are under way, so read all the material in this Fine Arts Communication. We have formulated a plan for students who OWN their instruments to come to school to get them. Please read this notice below (which will be sent to you on IC messenger as well):</p> <p><i>If you left your personally owned instrument (or rented from a music store) at school, please send an email to Mr. Morgan or Mrs. Graham telling us <u>exactly where you left it</u>. We (Mrs. Graham and Mr. Morgan), will get your instrument and bring it <u>outside</u> for you to pick up next <u>Wednesday April 29th</u>, between the hours of <u>1:00 and 2:30pm</u>. Please give us an immediate response. This is for your retrieval of personally owned instruments; NO school horns are being returned at this time.</i></p> <p>If you have any questions, email or contact Mrs. Panek, Mr. Morgan, or Mrs. Graham. Your immediate response is now required if you own an instrument and left it at school</p> <p>7th GRADE BAND STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR JAZZ BAND. EMAIL MR. MORGAN IF YOU WANT TO TRY OUT. In the next week, I will find a way to organize the tryout materials in a way I can scan and send them to you. Most of the students expressing an interest have reached out to me already, but I want to make sure no one who wants to try out is overlooked. Here are the instruments we are looking for: 5 or 6 saxophones (altos, tenors, and baritone sax), 4 or 5 trumpets, 3 or 4 trombones, 2 piano/synthesizers, 1 or 2 set drum players, 1 (or 2) bass players, 1 electric jazz guitar player. You will have to play a few scales and practice a short jazz etude. We will discuss how to send a FlipGrid video or iPhone video later.</p> <p>Finally, enjoy a few links of talented thinking-out-of-the box instrumentalists. Wait until you see the guy playing a garden carrot!</p> <p>Carrot Clarinet - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWbj7FYEi3M Vegetable Orchestra of Vienna - They eat their horns after each performance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xM1EjIDLMLY&list=RDxM1EjIDLMLY&index=1</p>
<p>Orchestra:</p>	<p>Hello orchestra students! I sure do miss you all, and especially hearing your beautiful music!</p> <p>We have formulated a plan for students who OWN their instruments to come to school to get them. Please read this notice below (which will be sent to you on IC messenger as well):</p>

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Weekly Orchestra Challenge #3: This is a listening challenge so you can do it even without and instrument. Click on this link, then click on the kids tab.

<https://nyphil.org/playson#kids-family>

Here you will find a video of Dvorak's New World Symphony, which we all learn the theme for in Beginning Orchestra. You can watch various videos pertaining to the symphony as well, and even compose your own melodies. Go ahead and post a reflective comment about it on your Microsoft Teams page.

Next week, we will have our **first Teams meeting**. It will simply be a time to "see" each other, catch up, and share any fun musical encounters you have had, or ask me any questions. As a reminder for all Teams meetings, here are our ground rules:

- Mute your mic
- Use academic/appropriate language
- Use the chat to ask questions as we go
- Respect opinions and keep an open mind

The schedule is as follows, and you will be receiving an email with the meeting invitation:

Beginners (2A and 4B) - Monday, April 27th 2:00-2:25

Year 2 (2B and 3A) - Monday, April 27th 2:30-2:55

7th Grade (3B) - Tuesday April 28th 1:00-1:25

8th Grade (4B) - Tuesday April 28th 1:30-1:55

Hope to see you then!

If you have any questions, my office hours will be on Thursday at 1:30, or email me any time.

Hope this finds you well,
Mrs. Graham

Physical Education

Hi everybody, hope you are all well and finding fun things to do. This week I would like to introduce you to some Yoga videos. As you know, this can be a stressful time for you and your family. Yoga can reduce stress and anxiety, which then can reduce the physical effects of stress on the body. By encouraging relaxation, yoga helps lower the levels of the stress hormones such as **cortisol**. Yoga can

also lower blood pressure and heart rate, improve digestion and boost the immune system. We all need help in reducing stress and anxiety and boosting our immune system during this time. I hope you will try some of these videos.

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Let me know which video was your favorite and why? Also, if you find one you like better, please send me the link and let me know why you like it. Thanks and take care.

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