

June 8, 2020

Good morning, everyone,

Please see below for details regarding Remote Learning for the Nipmuc Choruses during the week of June 8.

- Parents: this is designed to be an overview for you, so that you know what your students are working on this week. If you would like more details, please let me know.
- Students: this information, plus additional resources, are posted for you on Google Classroom. All work should be submitted on Google Classroom or through Google Drive.

### Remote Learning Assignment - week of May 26

This week, you have a choice between 3 assignments (choose ONE of these options):

1. Participate in a live lesson during your Zoom class.
2. Reflect on two Shared Chorus Projects.
3. Complete a new Project.

There are detailed directions for each of these options attached to the Google Classroom assignment. We will also discuss them during the beginning of your Zoom class. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Simmonds before your scheduled Zoom class in order to be able to make a choice.

### Virtual Classes/Office Hours (check Google Classroom for the Zoom link):

- Virtual Classes will be meeting every week and are no longer optional. We will use the time to discuss the assignment, answer any questions, get some feedback about how things are going, and spend time collaborating. I will then start the new lesson for anyone choosing this option to complete their work. If you are not participating in the Zoom lesson and will be choosing another project, you can expect the Zoom class to last for about 20 minutes. If you are choosing to participate in the lesson, you can expect the Zoom class to last for the full 50 minutes.

- B block Concert Chorus: Monday, June 8, 11:00-11:50am

- E block Treble Chorus: Wednesday, June 10, 10:00-10:50am

- G block Vocal Ensemble: Thursday, June 11, 10:00-10:50am

- I will also have Virtual Office Hours on Thursday, June 11 from 11:00am-12:00pm (\*\*note the earlier time than previous weeks). During this time, you can drop in to ask any questions or get any individual help that you need.

### Assignment Grades/Virtual Class Attendance

- Following the new guidelines issued by the district, Remote Learning Assignments will be graded on a Credit/No Credit basis. Grades will be updated once each week on PowerSchool.
- Attendance at Virtual Zoom classes will also be tracked using PowerSchool, but will not affect students' term grades.

### Make-up Classes + Final Grading Info:

**\*\*ALL CHORUS WORK FOR TERM 4 IS DUE ON MONDAY, JUNE 15 (by midnight).**

If you have not been keeping up with your weekly assignments and are therefore in danger of not passing Term 4, I will have reached out to you already, outlining what you need to get turned in by Monday 6/15. Please make sure you are checking your email, and respond to me with any questions you may have.

In order to give you every opportunity to do enough work to pass the term, I will also be offering a series of makeup lessons next week. These will be repeats of the Zoom lessons I've offered for the last 5 weeks - you can participate in any/all of them, and each lesson you complete will count for one assignment.

Here is the schedule - each lesson is approximately 30min long:

Monday 6/8, 1pm: Throat Singing

Tuesday 6/9, 1pm: Protest Music

Wednesday 6/10, 1pm: The Stories Behind Children's Songs

Thursday 6/11, 1pm: Music Brain Games

Friday 6/12, 1pm: Music & Sound in Movies

### Email me ANYTIME with questions, concerns, suggestions, etc.

- I will be checking email throughout the week and will make every effort to get back to you as quickly as possible. If you have questions, would like practice suggestions, or have ideas about additional resources that would be helpful to have - don't hesitate to let me know!

- Please also check the Daily Chorus News for updates, resources, and a few things to (hopefully) make you smile:

<http://www.mendonuptonmusic.org/daily-chorus-news-extended-learning-2020>

As always, if there are any questions I can answer, or anything I can do to support you during this time, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me at any point.

Best,

Ms. Simmonds