

May 18, 2020

Good morning, everyone,

Please see below for details regarding Remote Learning for the Nipmuc Choruses during the week of May 18.

- 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 18

You still have choices this week, but I'm changing up the project option, so make you read carefully!

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

1. Participate in a new Virtual Choir Project ("Let There Be Peace on Earth").
2. Participate in a live lesson during your Zoom class.
3. Share a music project with your class: pick a project that you've previously completed (or do a new one) and submit it to be shared out with the rest of your class.

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 either the Virtual Choir or to pick 2 projects from the published list, 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, May 18, 11:00-11:50am
- E block Treble Chorus: Wednesday, May 20, 10:00-10:50am
- G block Vocal Ensemble: Thursday, May 21, 10:00-10:50am

- I will also have Virtual Office Hours on Thursday, May 21 from 1:00-2:00pm. 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.

#### 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