

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Good evening, Parents and Students,

I hope you are all well and staying healthy this week! I know you are receiving a lot of communication from MURSD this week, so I will get right to it.

Moving forward, I will be focusing on 3 primary things to keep us going in Chorus:

1. Google Classroom: all students are already in a Google Classroom for their Chorus section. All assigned work will be put out through your Classroom, and will be submitted there as well.
  - Students: please check Classroom, as I've updated several materials and assignments today, and will continue to do so.
  - Parents and Students: in order to help keep you organized, completed work will also be tracked in PowerSchool. For the time being, all work is being graded based on completion, so you will not see a number/letter grade attached to each assignment, but you will be able to see whether it's been turned in. I will update PowerSchool once each day.
2. Daily Chorus News: Rather than sending you daily long emails, I will update the following website each morning at or around 10:00am: <http://www.mendonuptonmusic.org/daily-chorus-news-extended-learning-2020>
  - The first post is up now, and contains a video with all of the details described in this email, plus a look at Google Classroom - this video is primarily intended for students, but parents are welcomed to take a look as well.
  - The site will contain current information about assignments and any calendar changes that we know about. There will also be rotating features designed to keep us connected and provide a bit of stress relief, such as Listening Recommendations, Music Trivia, Surveys, Interviews, etc.
  - If you would like to receive an email link each day when the site is updated, [please fill out this form](#) (recommended for students, unless you know you'll remember to check each day!).
3. Direct Connections/Communication: All of the assignments I'm giving out are designed not only for the students to further their musical learning, but also to facilitate collaboration between peers and with me. I will continue to communicate with you directly, and to provide you feedback about any work you complete. Please continue to reach out with questions, suggestions, concerns, or just to be in touch!

Parents of Seniors: you should have received an email from Robin Mosher regarding Senior Banners. If you did not, please click here to read her message, and feel free to be in touch with her directly if you have any questions: [Message to Parents of Seniors](#)

I know you've heard this from me already - but thank you all for your continuing flexibility and support as we navigate the coming weeks. And don't hesitate to get in touch with me at any time, for any reason!

Best,  
Ms. Simmonds