

April 13, 2020

Good morning, everyone,

Please see below for details regarding Remote Learning for G Block Vocal Ensemble during the week of April 13.

- 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 April 13

Your assignment this week is to record videos of 2 of the Vocal Ensemble songs that would have been performed at the Vertical Concert/MICCA Festival: Domaredansen and Fanfare Alleluia. These videos will be edited together to create a Nipmuc Virtual Choir.

There are several things attached to the Google Classroom assignment that will help you:

1. a document with detailed instructions about how to make and submit your recording, plus practice suggestions and information about how this assignment will be graded
2. a conducting video for each song, which includes brief directions at the beginning

Please watch each video and read the instructions carefully, and let me know if you have any questions!

If you have trouble watching the videos on classroom, you may also access them here:

<http://www.mendonuptonmusic.org/chorus-practice-resources.html> (the videos may be downloaded if streaming results in skipping/slowing in the video)

G Block Virtual Class/Office Hours:

- Virtual Class will happen on Thursday, April 16 from 10:00-10:50am. 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 update you about the Virtual Choir project. Join the Zoom class here: <https://mursd.zoom.us/j/3708430974?pwd=SGxYcWpHZjZUZlZvUmc2Q25VSzhNUT09>

- If you have any questions or would like any help with the assignment before Thursday's class, please email me or send me a message through classroom, and we can easily set up a time before Thursday to connect.
- I will also have Virtual Office Hours on Thursday, April 16 from 1:00-2:00pm. During this time, you can drop in to ask any questions or get any individual help that you need (<https://mursd.zoom.us/j/3708430974?pwd=SGxYcWpHZjZUZlZvUmc2Q25VSzhNUT09>). I realize that there is not much time between our class and the office hours - so, again, if you would like to set up an alternate time earlier/later in the week to connect via Zoom, please let me know.

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