

Crimson Express Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, CRIMSON BASKETBALL BAND

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To: MHS Band Parents/Guardians, and Students

From: Mr. Williams

RE: In Person Learning Pause, Band going to Full Remote 11/16-11/30

Dear Parents/Guardians, and Students,

I hope you are all doing well and are keeping safe during this difficult time. We had a faculty meeting today after school and I have adjusted some of my remote plans. Here is what I have planned for ALL MHS Band students as we go to total remote learning for this pause:

Monday 10 AM meetings will still happen for those students who were remote before all of this was announced, as will your lessons next week. Nothing changes for you guys, keep doing what you have been doing.

A Day students are ENCOURAGED to sign on to a Google Meet meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM. I cannot make this required due to Wi-Fi availability, however each student will be sent a Google Calendar invite with the Google Meet link. If you can sign on at this time, please do so. If you cannot, your grade WILL NOT be affected.

B Day students, same deal. You are ENCOURAGED to sign on to a Google Meet session Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 AM. As I previously stated, I cannot make this required due to Wi-Fi availability, however each student will be sent a Google Calendar invite with the Google Meet link. If you can sign on at this time, please do so. If you cannot, your grade WILL NOT be affected.

All students (<u>includes my students who were remote before this pause</u>) have the following playing assignments due by video or Google Meet virtual lesson:

Winds

Concert F-Major Scale, Section 2, #2.

Ol' Man River
Flutes, Clarinets, mm. 49-61
Alto Saxophones, Mellophone, mm. 39-62
Trumpets, mm. 43-end
Trombones, Tenor Saxophones, mm. 43-end.
Tuba, mm. 1-30.

Ukrainian Bell Carol

mm. 1-43 for All Parts; Woodwinds and Brass. We read through this in Band. If you need help, please schedule a virtual lesson before the playing assignment is due next Friday (11/20).

Percussion

Concert B-Flat, E-Flat, and F-Major Scales on Mallets. Section 2, #1, 12, and 2. Concert B-Flat Chromatic Scale on Mallets. Section 3, #1.

*If this is not possible due to lack of mallets at home, we will work together on some snare drum rudiments to test.

VIDEOS OR GOOGLE MEET LESSON DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 3:30 PM. The playing assignment is worth 100 points.

I am using Tuesday, November 24th as the assignment make-up day. This means that any student who has not turned in the playing assignment above has until Tuesday the 24th to turn it in by 3:30 PM. A "0 Missing" will still be recorded if not turned in by next Friday (11/20), however it will change to an actual grade once it is turned in. If students do not turn the playing assignment in by Tuesday the 24th, the "0 Missing" stays in the gradebook.

Those students who were full remote before this pause was announced again will continue to follow their normal band schedule on Monday, November 23rd and Monday, November 30th.

Jazz Band students, please continue to work on the three tunes we have been working on in rehearsal. When we come back from this pause, we will be running big sections of all three tunes.

After reading over this information, should any of you have questions or concerns, please email me. I will be glad to help in any way I can. This letter serves as my announcements for this week. Have a good weekend, stay safe. I will be in touch Monday!

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