

November 5th Grade 8 Band Letter

Hello parents

October's practice record assignment has been sent out in the google classroom and is due Sunday. Each student has a practice record at home where they are supposed to be charting the practice minutes. The expectation is 80 minutes per week, preferably spread out over time. Students have a form to fill out stating the number of minutes they practiced each week with a total at the end and the question "Would your parents verify your practice amount?". Handing in a completely blank practice record will get a mark, not handing it in gets a zero. Term 1 Playing Test Time has arrived. If you are new to this process, here is some clarification:

1. Students have 3 ways to complete the playing test.
 - a) Play it in front of everyone during class time next week
 - b) Record it on one of the 2 iPads set up in the practice spaces during class times
 - c) Do a recording at home and insert the video onto the google slide assignment they all received yesterday.
2. Each grade was notified of their playing test piece on Monday or Tuesday of this week and the playing test is due November 14th by midnight.
 - a) Gr 6 - #17 in the red book
 - b) Gr 7 - #146 in the red book
 - c) Gr 8 - #117 in the blue book

Students have been cautioned not to wait until the last minute because if there are any technical difficulties over the last weekend, they can't be fixed. Also, if they hand it in early and I hear something I would like them to fix and re-do, I will always give them the higher mark. Every student has been encouraged to try and get their test done THIS weekend, if possible. I have 120 to mark, so the sooner the better.

Looking ahead to concert time, we hope to be able to have some form of a live concert with streaming in our gym while still following the public health orders, however we haven't had any confirmation on whether or not we can do concerts like the high schools have been allowed to do. Colquitz music t-shirts will be available to be purchased in the next few weeks for around \$12. They will be purchased through KEV, the school's online payment option.

For the Band 8 and Jazz Band students involved in the CBC Music Class Challenge, we will be doing a group rehearsal on **Monday Nov 15th** and doing our recording on **Wednesday November 17th from 7:40 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** There will be **NO GRADE 8 Band on Tuesday morning, Nov 16th** since they need to come in on the Wednesday instead. We have help with the recording so it is important that everyone show up in uniform on that day. Students who have not handed in the permission forms will not be allowed to participate so have them for Monday please!

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