

Plan For The Week: Band
Plan for the week of: 4-13-20

Hello Music Students,

I hope that all is well! I am missing working with each ensemble. Please use this time you have at home to keep working on your instrumental skills. It can be a great way to pass the time while improving on your instrument. I am assigning daily lessons that you can work on to get better on your instrument. In addition to these lessons, you can work on anything that interests you in your book or sheet music. Some ideas are to go backwards in the book to earlier tunes that you liked to play, to try a new tune, or to write your own music. Aim for about 20 minutes of practice time at least 5 days a week (more is fine!).

For Beginning Band Students: Check out the Interactive Practice Studio at www.kjos.com/ips where you can hear all of the music in your book. User license codes and information are on the inside back cover.

For all band students: If you want to hear the sheet music, search for the title, composer, and publisher, and often the recording will be on the publisher's website.

At the end of the week you will know, understand, and/or be able to do the following:

- Improve sound quality for a major scale or tune from the book
- Improve rhythm and pitch for a piece of sheet music

Why does this learning matter?

- This learning will make you a better musician! You will improve your skills which will allow you, and the rest of the band, to play higher level music.

The plan for the week :

- Monday:
 - Beginning Band
 - Tradition of Excellence: #83 - Major Scale
 - Sheet Music: Star Wars - focus on top to measure 21
 - Intermediate Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 1: **Concert** Bb scale (top of pg. 37, if you play clarinet, saxophone, or trumpet, make sure it says (Concert Bb) in the parenthesis.
 - Sheet Music: Ancient Spirits - focus on top to measure 18
 - Advanced Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 2: **Concert** Eb scale (pg 36, if you play clarinet, saxophone, or trumpet, make sure it says (Concert Eb) in the parenthesis.
 - Sheet Music: Grenade - focus on top to measure 25
- Tuesday:
 - Beginning Band
 - Tradition of Excellence: #84 - Crescent Moon Rising
 - Sheet Music: Star Wars - focus on measure 21 to 29
 - Intermediate Band

- Accent on Achievement Book 1: **Concert** Bb scale (top of pg. 37, if you play clarinet, saxophone, or trumpet, make sure it says (Concert Bb) in the parenthesis.
 - Sheet Music: Ancient Spirits - focus on measure 18 to 33
 - Advanced Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 2: **Concert** Eb scale (pg 36, if you play clarinet, saxophone, or trumpet, make sure it says (Concert Eb) in the parenthesis.
 - Sheet Music: Grenade - focus on measure 25 to 42
- Wednesday:
 - Beginning Band
 - Tradition of Excellence: # 80 - Going Up or Down
 - Sheet Music: Star Wars - focus on measures 29 to 37
 - Intermediate Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 1: #50 - Aura Lee - Line A
 - Sheet Music: Ancient Spirits -focus on measure 33 to 44
 - Advanced Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 2: Accent on Rests # 3 (pg. 40) Make sure you clap and count it first (while tapping your foot)
 - Sheet Music: Grenade - focus on the coda (measure 43 to the end)
- Thursday:
 - Beginning Band
 - Tradition of Excellence: #83 - Major Scale
 - Sheet Music: Bugler's Dream - focus on top to measure 17
 - Intermediate Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 1: #50 - Aura Lee - Line B
 - Sheet Music: Try and run all the way through Ancient Spirits
 - Advanced Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 2: # 66- In the Hall of the Mountain King
 - Sheet Music: Wipe Out - focus on top to measure 9
- Friday:
 - Beginning Band
 - Tradition of Excellence: Pick any tune you want and play it (could be something we worked on as a class already)
 - Sheet Music: Bugler's Dream - focus on measure 17 to the end
 - Intermediate Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 1: Pick any tune you want and play it (could be something we worked on as a call already)
 - Sheet Music: Pick any sheet music you would like to practice
 - Advanced Band
 - Accent on Achievement Book 2: Pick any tune you want and play it (could be something we worked on as a call already)
 - Sheet Music: Pick any sheet music you would like to practice

Questions to ask yourself while practicing:

- How is my **sound quality**?
 - Am I using enough air?

- Am I breathing in a good place?
- How is my **expression**?
 - Am I using **dynamics**?
 - Am I using **articulations (accents, staccatos, marcato)**?
- Are my **rhythms** and **itches** accurate?
 - Can I clap this rhythm?
 - Do I know the correct fingering for this note?
 - Brass players: Am I on the right **shelf** or **partial**?
 - If not, adjust the **embouchure (lips)**

Practice Skills to Consider

- Clap and count before you play
- Write in the rhythms
- Sizzle and Finger before you play
- Find a recording and listen to the tune or music
- Break down the music into one measure chunks, or even smaller pieces
- Record yourself playing it and listen to it for areas to improve

Who To Ask For Help and How To Reach Them

You can reach Mr. Siegal at csiegal@ferndale.k12.or.us or through Google Voice at 541-241-8995.