

Band and Orchestra News

Quinquagesima

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UPDATES

The Memorial Lutheran High School Band will be performing for us and playing with our 7/8 Band next Friday, February 20 at 9:30 a.m.

PRACTICE ITEMS

Kindergarten

Essential Elements pg. 8: We have started playing with the bow! #19 is Mary had a Little Lamb, so we have begun trying to play this familiar song using the bow. The students have learned to tighten their bow when taking it out and loosen it when putting it away. They might need some reminders while they get used to this new way of playing!

1/2 Orchestra

Essential Elements, pg. 14: We are continuing to work on Old McDonald. We are slowly but surely beginning to recognize notes on the staff! With practice, we'll all be reading them fluently in no time.

3/4 Orchestra

Essential Elements, pg. 21: We are now working on eighth note rhythms that are more complex. The students did well reading these rhythms this week, but they are sometimes missing notes.

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Standard of Excellence, pg. 16: We have learned to read key signatures and are trying to develop a habit of checking them before playing a song!

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Playing Tests: A majority of the class has already taken (and scored well on!) the E flat Concert Scale playing test. There are still a few students who will need to take the test during their next sectional.

Do-Re-Mi: We are working on playing dotted rhythms.

7/8 Band



Fantasy on an Irish Hymn Tune: This piece is really starting to come together! We still need to work a bit on our intonation in some sections.

Terracotta: We are sounding really great on this one! We will be playing this piece with the Memorial Lutheran High School Band next Friday!

WHAT'S ON MY PLAYLIST?

My recommendation for you this week is *Valse Romantique* by Claude Debussy. You can listen to it [here](#)!