

Band and Orchestra News

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UPDATES

Memorial Lutheran's High School Band will be stopping by OSL on February 20, during their band tour around the state of Texas. Next week, our 7/8 Band will begin working on a piece that they will play with the MLS Band.

Congratulations to all of the Band and Orchestra students who performed in the Talent Show this week!

PRACTICE ITEMS

Kindergarten

Essential Elements pg. 7: We are still having trouble switching between notes in songs. It is important that they practice this before we learn even more notes!

1/2 Orchestra

Essential Elements, pg. 12-13: The students did a really impressive job playing "Song for Christine" this week! However, I am still hearing a lot of pauses in the middle of the song. Make sure they are practicing slowly and consistently so we can get rid of those pauses! They are welcome to practice any song from pages 12 and 13.

3/4 Orchestra

Individual Pieces: Continue to work solo pieces!

5 Band

Standard of Excellence, pg. 15: Today we had a small playing test on #56. The students may retake the test on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, should they need it. If they were able to play the song well for me today, they have already received a grade. If they do not have a grade yet, they should practice this song to prepare for their retakes!

6 Band

Do-Re-Mi: Each student should practice the introduction of this piece (up to measure 19), and should mark any locations where their section has the melody.

Sectionals: Please double check your sectional time, and let me know if there are any conflicts!



7/8 Band

Fantasy on an Irish Hymn Tune: Each student should work on their part's first entrance in the piece. Practice with a metronome to help with the time signature changes!

Sectionals: Please double check your sectional time, and let me know if there are any conflicts!

WHAT'S ON MY PLAYLIST?

My recommendation for you this week is Thelonius Monk's "Ruby, My Dear." You can listen to Monk himself playing this beautiful piano piece [here!](#)