



K-4 Music and 5-8 Choir Newsletter

Mrs. Westbrook



Week of September 19-23, 2016

What's Happening This Week...

All students in grades K-8 worked on learning the song "Do the Good You Know" for our Peace Day Prayer Service held on September 21st. Choir students added some harmony to the song. Students in K-4 Music have been working on learning about beat, rhythm, and melody through musical games and activities. Some of the games that they have learned include: Musical Groceries, Music Dice, Fly Swat, Rhythms of the Heart, and ABC Sing With Me. Students will eventually be using these activities in a center-like environment during Music class. Many of these activities have students composing short rhythm and melody lines and allow them to perform their composition on non-pitched percussion instruments, Glockenspiels, and Recorders. Other activities help with rhythm reading and recognition. Students in 5-8 Choir are working on Christmas Concert music, and are starting to do a nice job of singing assigned voice parts. They are creating some wonderful harmony in class! We are anxiously waiting for the rest of our concert music to arrive! Like always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me! Have a wonderful weekend!

-Mrs. Westbrook

*Thursday, September 29th School Liturgy
Music leaders will be the 5-8 Choir Students.
Join us for Mass at 8:20!*

5-8 Choir

Many students have signed up and have stopped in for their first Choir lesson! I am very excited by the talent we have in Choir this year! Keep signing up for lessons! Students should continue to focus on being responsible, respectful, and productive in Choir Rehearsals. Students will be learning how to navigate my Teacher page and begin completing online assignments found at musictheory.net. I will be collaborating with Mrs. Comins to help students learn how to e-mail me their completed assignments using their St. Ignatius Student E-mail accounts.

IMPORTANT MUSIC/CHOIR DATES

- ♪ St Ignatius Preschool – 8th Grade Christmas Concert
Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 6:30pm
(5-8 Choir families, please note the change in date!
There was a typo on the Choir Expectation sheet!)
St. Ignatius Gymnasium
- ♪ Middle School Solo/Ensemble Festival (Grades 5-8 only)
Saturday, February 18th, 2017 8:00am-12:00pm
Exact student event times TBD
St. Ignatius School
- ♪ Middle School Band and Choir Concert
and Art and Technology Fair
Thursday, April 27th, 2017
Concert begins at 6:30pm
St. Ignatius School
- ♪ 8th Grade Graduation
Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 6:30pm
Holy Cross Church
Choir students in grades 5-7 to attend

K-4 Composer of the Week:

George Frideric Handel and *Water Music Suite*. We will be listening to one movement (a song within the larger work) during class – Alla Hornpipe. You may sometimes hear this piece performed at weddings!

G.F. Handel's father wanted him to become a lawyer, but Handel knew early in his life he wanted to compose music. Handel composed opera, oratorios, and cantatas. Handel settled in London and was paid to compose music for the Kings and Queens who held the throne in England. Handel composed *Water Music Suite* for King George I, for a special cruise the king and his court were taking. Listen together at home!

Here is a link to one of the movements of *Water Music Suite* –
Alla Hornpipe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kuw8YjSbKd4>

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