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TWIB NOTES: 3/30

DR. OBADO VIDEO MESSAGE

<https://youtu.be/qhH6Ft3aPKQ>

AT-HOME LEARNING: BAND

Allen ISD is now in its second week of its At-Home Learning program. District-wide band programs (6th-12th grade) all follow the same philosophy consisting of two important focused goals: (1) Performance Studies and (2) Responding to musical performances. All students are to communicate with your AISD e-mail rather than their personal e-mails. Contact your band director if you have questions. All LFC/AHS students must log into Canvas for their assignments. This week, each band director has created a more specific lesson plan

For LFC and AHS, your learning plan should already be uploaded in Canvas and will unlock at 8am on Monday morning. You will need your instrument, your UIL music, and a device to download music, play videos, and submit your performances and typed paper responses.

For the first learning focus, you will need to download music based on the assignment and record a performance on Flipgrid according to the instructions. For the second learning focus, you will need to listen to music and submit a typed written response to Canvas. The paper must consist 250-300 words based on the instructions given.

2020 MARCHING SHOW

The directors have finalized our show and concept for the 2020 season! Guard costumes and prop designs are being finalized. Wind music for the opener is completed and the rest of the wind parts are written and going through the revision process. We will have a video reveal closer to May.

SLT TRYOUTS/SELECTION

All SLTs (including band council, drum majors, section leaders, drill instructors, and quartermasters) will be applying via google doc beginning next week. Drum majors will need to submit conducting videos in addition to the application. Drum major finalists will need to submit additional materials and be available for further interviews on Zoom with the directors. All other SLTs will need submit materials on their application. Finalists MAY be asked for more materials including the possibility of interviews with the directors via Zoom. The directors are intending on selecting drum majors by mid-April. The rest of the SLTs will be selected by the end of the school year. Percussion leaders will be selected at the conclusion of summer drum camp.

ENSEMBLE AUDITION PROCESS

All students will have two weeks to practice and record their audition music for their specific Fall 2020 Ensemble placements. We will release the audition music in the enrichment folder for the Week 3 (3/6-3/10) At-Home Learning curriculum. All students will record the audition music for the Week 4 (3/13-3/17) assignment regardless of grade or decision to continue in band next year.

ADVANCED MUSIC

Advanced Music submissions have been extended. Please submit your three Concert Critiques and your Project by the end of the semester. Please use a full/complete online live stream performance as your concert. Rather than take a picture of the program, please send a screen shot. You are encouraged to watch performances by the Berlin Philharmonic from www.digitalconcerthall.com. Access to concerts are currently free.

CALENDAR

Many of you are probably wondering about our calendar: UIL, spring concerts, SLT selections, auditions, traditional First Steps, banquet, and summer band. For now all events are postponed until further notice. The directors are meeting every week regarding SLT/drum major try-outs, auditions, next year's marching show, and summer band. For this week, we all need to make sure we are getting used to our At-Home Learning format. We will have information on all these things very soon.

PRIVATE LESSON INFORMATION

Please support our Private Lesson Staff. Many if not all of our private lesson staff rely on their lessons as their sole source of income. Take the time to e-mail or call your teacher if you are able to continue taking lessons from an online/virtual platform. The only option AISD can support regarding lessons is via some type of distance learning platform (i.e. Skype, FaceTime, Google Hang Outs, etc.) Even if you are not currently taking lessons and are interested, I encourage you to go to https://www.allenband.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=207916&module_id=318368

ONLINE RESOURCES

- Berlin Philharmonic Virtual Concert Hall: <https://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home>
 - Scroll halfway down the page. There is a voucher code that you will need to redeem by March 31st for FREE ACCESS.
 - Hundreds of concert covering six decades. Great conductors and soloists. More than 40 live broadcasts in High Definition.
- The Metropolitan Opera: <https://www.metopera.org>
 - Starting Monday, March 16, the Met will stream encore presentations from the award-winning *Live in HD* series on the home page for free
 - Here is the press release, instructions, and live stream schedule: <https://www.metopera.org/about/press-releases/met-to-launch-nightly-met-opera-streams-a-free-series-of-encore-live-in-hd-presentations-streamed-on-the-company-website-during-the-coronavirus-closure/>
 - Marching Health: Best on Facebook and Instagram
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MarchingHealth/>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/marchinghealth/>
 - Tips, workouts, stories, videos on staying in shape with a marching band perspective

SPRING 2020 CALENDAR (ALL EVENTS BELOW ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

April 6-7: SLT Auditions

April 9: Pre-UIL Concert

April 16: Freshman Band Orientation – New SLTs, AHS WE/WS & LFC WE = required attendance

April 21: UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Festival

May 1: Encore/Jazz Show

May 2: Grand Prairie Jazz Festival

May 5: Jazz Spring Concert (LFC)

May 9: Premiere Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Coppell

May 14-15: Spring Concerts (PAC)

May 16: Banquet