



Hercules Middle School Music Department
Update on Distance Learning 3/16/20

Hi Students and Parents/Guardians,

Hopefully you have received the most recent information from our superintendent, Matthew Duffy about how learning will happen over the next two weeks.

Students will not have to check in each day and teachers are not required to take attendance. Governor Newsom issued an executive order authorizing funding for the missed days, so attendance does not need to be taken.

Here is the information from Mr. Duffy regarding the learning that will happen while school is closed: “we encourage families to continue learning to the ability that they can at home. Many of our teachers have posted lessons online and prepared packets for students. Because we cannot ensure access to every student in our district, we will not mandate the distance learning as a required instructional program for the next two weeks. This means students will not be graded or penalized if they do not complete this work. However, we strongly believe that completing these assignments and keeping a strong connection to instruction is important during the closures.”

For the next two weeks, I will be posting a variety of learning activities for my music students on Google Classroom. Students have already joined the class and the codes to join are on the Hercules MS website for any students who have been absent.

Activities will include projects, copies of the music for our last concert so that students can practice their music, videos, interactive websites, music theory help and anything else I can find that will be interesting, fun and educational. I had fun yesterday exploring the possibilities of distance learning and I am looking forward to the adventure!

Students and parents, please feel free to contact me by email or on Google Classroom if you have questions or need any help. I am here for you. I will miss you all and hope that by taking this necessary step we will all stay safe and healthy.

Students, your first “assignment” is Online Riff-off. Also, your music for one of your two pops concert pieces is uploaded, along with a recording to help you learn it. Good luck!

Sincerely,
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