

**MCLEAN
HIGHLANDER
BAND**

**VIRTUAL SCHOOL
ORIENTATION**

ESTABLISH A MINDSET FOR SUCCESS

*“Every situation, properly perceived,
becomes an
OPPORTUNITY.”*

Helen Schucman

*“Things work out best for the people who make
the best of the way things work out.”*

John Wooden

AGENDA FOR THIS EVENING:

- Goals for Virtual Learning
- Back-To-Band Events
- Materials Needed for Class
- Music Distribution
- Overview of Technology Platforms
- Typical Online Class Structure
- Performance Opportunities
- Private Lessons
- Currently Unknown Topics
- Personal Responsibilities
- Questions?

GOALS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

- Establish connections and friendships with each other through a virtual music environment.
- Improve individual musicianship so that we are stronger members of the next in-person full ensemble experience.
- Find new ways to practice as individuals that allow for collaboration with others.
- Utilize technology for music-making; different than we ever had been able to do in the past.
- Find performance opportunities to remain an important presence in our school and our community.
- Work together to create virtual performances that showcase our achievement as individuals.

BACK-TO-BAND EVENTS

These events are open to ALL students and ALL students should participate!

Thursday - Freshman/New Band Student Orientation - 4pm

Friday - Section Social Meet-Ups - check email for times/links

Monday and Tuesday - Masterclasses with McLean Band Staff
Check email for days/times/links

Flutes - Susan Hayes

Oboes - Jim Moseley

Bassoons - Chris Jewell

Clarinets - Kristen Sheridan

Saxes - Ed Fraedrich

Trumpets - Jim Bittner

Low Brass - John Cradler

Percussion - Dakota Kaylor

Guard - Lindell Palmer

Horns - Jeff Bianchi

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR BAND CLASS

- Instrument
- Instrument supplies - valve oil, slide grease, cork grease, etc.
- Extra GOOD reeds
- Pencil
- Tuner or Tuner App on phone
- Computer with microphone AND camera
- Headphones?
- Music stand
- Music and/or access to a printer
- Access to a scanner, cell phone, or tablet with good camera

MUSIC DISTRIBUTION

- All music for virtual learning will be distributed electronically, mostly by pdf via email and Google Classroom
- Students will need to either print the music from home or read off the screen - very difficult - highly suggest printing!
- We will not be handing out or supplying hard copies of music or folders until we return to in-person instruction

VIRTUAL LEARNING PLATFORMS

- Google Classroom
- Blackboard Collaborate Ultra
- Google Meet
- Blackboard 24/7 - We do NOT use this!
- Charms
- SmartMusic
- FlipGrid
- Facebook - McLean High School
- Twitter - @McLeanBand
- Acapella
- www.mcleanband.org

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

- Assignments will be submitted here most of the time
- Music posted for download
- Students need to register for the correct class using the codes:
 - Symphonic Band – 8th period – eowe3pr
 - Wind Ensemble – 6th period – qqa4ybw
 - Concert Band – 3rd period – iwxybce
 - Percussion Techniques – 7th period – 336dmae
 - AP Music Theory – 1st period – r5u72yv

CHARMS

- Used mostly for accurate student/parent contact info
- Email lists compiled from this data
- Log into your Charms account at www.charmsoffice.com
- School code is FCPSMcLeanHSBand
- Password is defaulted to your student ID, unless you have changed it yourself
- Please update all contact information - email, cell phone, address for all students
- Make sure you have added your parents as well with the same contact information as a minimum.
- If you need help or have questions, contact Mr. Weise.

SMARTMUSIC

- Online learning tool used for practice, assignments, and grading
- All McLean Band students will receive access to a Premium Account
- Access to full library and all online music
- Look for instructions soon for how to create your account
- Students will register for a specific class using codes (similar to GC setup):

Concert Band – 4EERV-2FUHP

Wind Ensemble – CTU7V-3C6LV

Symphonic Band – H7FEQ-YMDDU

Percussion Techniques – WJRAT-CJ7TU

FLIPGRID

- Will be used as a social/share method for our students and classes
- Virtual bulletin board for student videos
- Short performances
- Individual reflections on topics or questions

ACAPELLA

- App available to iOS users
- Great for student collaboration in small groups
- Students create small ensemble performance videos
- Free version has a 1-minute time limit
- Paid version has a 10-minute time limit and more editing

BAND WEBSITE

- Program info
- Past performances and media
- Website affiliate fundraising
- Booster information
- Calendar for all - can sync to your Google account

WHAT WILL CLASS BE LIKE???

- Start/Intro/Conversations/Announcements - 5 mins
- Group Warm-Up and Fundamentals Lesson - 20 mins
- Practice Block 1 - Assignment in SmartMusic or Breakout Groups with Directors or Student Section Leaders - 20 mins
- Mindfulness Break - 5 mins
- Practice Block 2 - Assignment in SmartMusic or Breakout Groups with Directors or Student Section Leaders - 20 mins
- Reflection via Playing, Sharing, Discussion, FlipGrid - 5 mins
- Next Steps - 5 mins

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- FlipGrid short clips
- SmartMusic Accompaniment Videos
- Creation of online performances to share with family, friends, community
- Acapella App Chamber Videos made by students
- Optional Community Social Distancing Performances
 - volunteer basis with parental consent
 - small groups
 - neighborhood, retirement homes, shopping center short in-person and safe concerts
 - good for community outreach and socialization
- Virtual Ensembles - goal is one per class per quarter

PRIVATE LESSONS

- ALL STUDENTS SHOULD SECURE A PRIVATE TEACHER
- Even more important during virtual instruction to pinpoint individual goals
- Work consistently with a professional players
- If you need help finding a teacher that would be a good fit for you, please contact Mr. Weise and Ms. Denson.

WHAT IS UP IN THE AIR AT THIS POINT?

- Return to school date/plans
- After school rehearsals
- Concerts - auditorium, gym, stadium???
- Chamber Ensemble
- Jazz Ensemble - plan is to start earlier than usual
- Marching Band - goal is to do SOMETHING
- Winter Guard
- Uniforms - will depend on concert opportunities
- All-District Band
- Tag Day - postponed
- Calendar - will distribute quarterly based on current conditions

Our goal is to return to as much of a “normal” band year schedule as we can as soon as we can safely!

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Email - check every day and respond within 24 hours if needed
- Calendar - keep one! It is NOT your parents' job to keep your schedule. It is your job.
- Ask for help! We are here for you!
- Develop a positive growth mindset.
- Develop a daily/weekly schedule. We do better with structure. You have an opportunity now to create that structure.
- Take time DAILY to reflect, talk to friends, and do stuff that you enjoy that is NOT school-related.

ACTION ITEMS

- Instrument maintenance - ready to play!
- Start playing regularly
- Prepare a workspace and practice space
- Check computer, mic, camera for tech needs
- Charms - login and update personal info
- Google Classroom - join the correct class
- SmartMusic - setup account and join the correct class
- Setup private lessons
- Setup a personal calendar
- Setup a place to “find” all of the various class links when you need them
- Attend Back-To-Band Events!

Questions???

What did we miss???

Email:

Mr. Weise - cmweise@fcps.edu - All

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Mr. Weinhold - shweinhold@gmail.com - Jazz

Mr. Palmer - mcleanguard@gmail.com - Guard