

DCSD Music Notes November 2024

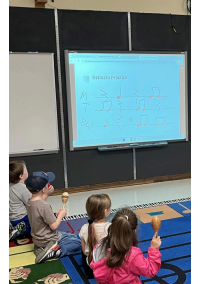
Hello! Each month during the school year, our PreK-12 Dansville Music Department will be sharing with you a newsletter, so you are aware of what we are learning and performing in our classrooms and to also share with you important dates, reminders, etc. Please reach out to any of us if you have any music related questions or concerns!



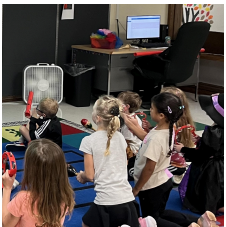
PreK - 2 Music | Mr. Lopez | lopezn@dansvillecsd.org



Our students at DPS have been working really hard lately! They've been working on their tonal and rhythm patterns, and have taken this month to learn and explore a new word: Ostinato! Ask your student what an Ostinato is and they may be able to tell you! The students have also been learning some new instruments, like the boomwhackers and the maracas. They just learned a new Thanksgiving song, too! A super special shout out to Mrs. Bennett's 1st grade class for helping out and leading an ostinato in our last Lighthouse morning meeting!



EBH (Grades 3 - 6) Music and EBH Chorus | Mr. Lopez | lopezn@dansvillecsd.org



Our students at EBH have also been hard at work. Our 3rd and 4th graders began to explore some of the different instrument families that are in music, like woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings. They have also been experimenting with creating and performing their own rhythm patterns for the class! Our 5th and 6th grade students have begun learning the notes on a staff of music! They have also been learning the solfège syllables to go with them. They just finished writing their own pieces with notes and rhythms they have learned and some had them performed for the class! Our 5th and 6th Grade Chorus is continuing to work on their winter concert music! They just had an opportunity to perform the national anthem at our Leader in Me assembly on November 8th, and did very well! We have also officially begun 4th grade chorus, as they've begun learning some choir basics, and are doing a fantastic job!



EBH Band (4th Grade Beginning Band and 5th and 6th Grade Band) Mrs. Bell | bellm@dansvillecsd.org



The 4th grade band students are making magnificent progress in the beginning band program. Each student is working hard on their instrumental fingerings or slide/mallet placement, tone production, articulation, and embouchure formation. During the past month, the students began rehearsals as a full band. Each band rehearsal begins with warm-ups where we practice our rhythmic articulation on the four notes we've learned. We then combine our notes into groups of two or three to form rhythmic patterns and musical sentences. About

a week ago, the students learned that the notes and rhythms they've learned can be rearranged to perform familiar songs; Hot Cross Buns and Major Duple. The energy from the students after they played their first songs as a full band was electric. I couldn't be more proud of the work they are doing and can't wait to watch them continue excelling as a band. Keep up the great work 4th Graders! Feel free to scan the QR Code to hear the 4th grade perform *Hot Cross Buns*.



7th and 8th Grade Band/7th Grade General Music | Mrs. Irwin | irwine@dansvillecsd.org

What a busy month of November the 7th and 8th Grade Band has had - and we are preparing for a busy December! Students are working hard on four Holiday Concert songs: "Welcome Christmas", "Bobsled Run", "Holiday Bell Festival" and "Santa Rocks the House". We also have a very solid 7th-12th Grade Jazz Band who will be performing a couple of tunes at our Holiday Concert. Our 7th and 8th Grade Band and Chorus Concert is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 18th and our 9th-12th Grade Band and Chorus Concert is at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 18th - both concerts in the High School Auditorium. We hope to see you there! 7th Grade General Music classes have been learning about 20 different musical genres (Country, A Cappella, Dubstep, Opera, Classical, etc.). Congratulations to the talented group of students who auditioned at the GVSMA Solo Festival on Saturday, November 23rd at Livonia CSD. We are proud of you and your hard work!



Student Participants (Left to Right): Marcus Sage (Trumpet), Benjamin Miller (Trumpet), Elijah Jennings (Baritone Saxophone), Dawson Herrmann (Tenor Saxophone), Joshua Forrester (Trombone), Bristol Blair (Clarinet), Samantha O'Connor (Flute), [Back Row] L'daeSha Anderson (Clarinet), Shawna Kendall (Clarinet), Evelyn Clark (Clarinet) Lillian Friend (Trombone), Ava Hasler (Percussion), Miley LaGeorgia-Kennedy (Percussion), Arabella Fronk (Baritone), [Front Row] Haylee Rigdon (Clarinet), Payton Freas (Flute), Nevaeh Wheeler (Clarinet), Iyla Wightman (Oboe), Hailee Harrison (Trombone), Quinn Wheeler (Alto Saxophone), Daniel Young (Alto Saxophone), Kyleigh Gallagher (Clarinet) [Not Pictured] Emma Mackey (Flute), Collin Wilson (Trumpet)

9th - 12th Grade Band/Drumline/Music Exploratory Class | Ms. Johnson | johnsonj@dansvillecsd.org



The 9-12 Concert Band has chosen our next two drum majors for the spring after rigorous auditions. Congratulations to Isaiah Goins and Mollie Herrmann! Additionally, we have selected section leaders for the remainder of the school year. Congratulations to Emma Mackey - Woodwinds, Cole Thompson - Brass, and Miley LaGeorgia-Kennedy - Percussion. The drumline also has selected their section leader - congratulations Matilyn Rawleigh! In Music Exploratory, Samantha DuBois has been selected as Mustang of the Month. Future performances: Winter in the Village 12/7 & Winter Concert on 12/18 @ DHS 7pm. Congratulations to all of our talented musicians!



7th - 12th Grade Chorus/Music Theater Director | Mrs. Buckel | buckell@dansvillecsd.org

7/8 Chorus: We are so excited getting ready for our winter concert on December 18th! Students have a wide range of music they have been working on including a song from the Torres Strait Islands, a beautiful winter song with a lot of text painting, and a celebration of the movie The Nightmare Before Christmas. This month we also celebrated our next two students of the month. This month we celebrated Addason Provorse and Nevaeh LeVasseur. Both students have shown exemplary character and work ethic. They do their best every class and are always working hard to improve.

Shrek the Musical!: We have just finished up our first month of rehearsals for the musical! Students are working hard learning the music and starting some of our very tricky dance routines. Students are learning quickly and doing a great job! This is a reminder to all students and parents involved that they need to join our Remind app and watch our Google Classroom for updates and important information.