

In, the **4<sup>th</sup> grade**, the band is learning about theme and variations. They will be playing the Surprise Symphony and then creating their own variation.

They will also be playing a the Valentine's Day Song "Love Somebody"

The **5<sup>th</sup> grade band** is learning new songs that will be used in the Spring concerts. The pieces are James Bond Themed. They are stretching their range of notes and including many more chromatic tones.

The **6<sup>th</sup> graders** are preparing bell music for Lent Masses. They all performed at the Catholic School week parish Mass on January 27<sup>th</sup> and did a fine job.

The **7<sup>th</sup> graders** in guitar class are continuing to learn about putting fingers properly on the fingerboard and how to pluck out their first few notes on the 1st string. They have learned the E minor and E major chords and will soon move on to A minor and C major.

The **8<sup>th</sup> graders** who are in percussion class are learning to play some songs during our Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14<sup>th</sup>. These included many drone patterns. We recently were able to purchase wheeled carts for the instruments which will make them easier to transport.

The **Honor Band**.will continue working on music for the Grandparents program in April and Spring Concert in May with an arrangement of Kelly Clarkson's "Stronger" as well as the James Bond Theme. They will also have some time to work on some technique with a focus on Bb, Eb, and C Major Scales.

The **Middle School Chorus** will sing at continues working on an arrangement of Billy Joel's "For the Longest Time" – They will also lead music for many of our Lenten Masses.

The **3-5<sup>th</sup> grade Choir** will provide music for our Ash Wednesday Mass. Later in the month they will continue working on songs from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Regards,

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