

KHS Distance Learning - Spring 2020

KHS Concert Band, Jazz Band & Choir Classes

Distance Learning Assignments

Mr. Jacob Cortez

For: Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Choir ; periods 1, 2 & 3

Week 5

Contact information and officer hours

jcortez@tusd.net or Zoom ID #: 523-438-7326 (Zoom will be available only during temporary office hours: 11am-1pm, Monday through Friday, from April 20 – Friday May 15) During these office hours, I am available for texts through Remind, answering emails, and zoom if you'd like to set up a face to face meeting.

Assignments

Beginning April 20, 2020, during the distance learning period, **All** students must complete and submit one of the following three assignment options each week for the next four weeks to Mr. Cortez by Friday, May 1st, 2020 in order to receive course credit for fourth quarter and the Spring semester 2020; there will be no final exam. Each week's assignments are worth 100 pts for a total of 400 pts for the quarter.

Each week, choose **ONE** of the following three assignment category options (these can be the same or different options each week – your choice) and then complete & submit each one by the weekly deadline (weeks 1 & 2 are due by May 8th and weeks 3 & 4 are due by May 15th) all assignments have an absolute deadline of Friday, May 15, 2020.

- **OPTION "A" - PRACTICE CARD** (*Digital or paper only access*): Complete & submit the weekly practice card, including a parent signature, demonstrating a **minimum** of 150 minutes of focused, individual practice per week. For band and jazz band students, some time needs to be dedicated to warm ups, i.e: scales, long tones, blue book exercises, intonation, etc.
- **OPTION "B" – SELF REFLECTION ON PAST YEAR OR YEARS IN MUSIC PROGRAM:** You will be reflecting on this past year in the music program, or if you have spent multiple years in the program, what did you learn or how did you grow as musicians/students? Select 5 songs of your choice that describe this school year and how so.

Accessing assignments in Options A or B may be done digitally through the Kimball High Website will send. This is the most preferable, efficient, economic method!

If digital distance learning is not an option, then submitting assignment Options A or B may be done on paper, receiving and returning the printed assignments in person at the Kimball High School office.

OPTION "A" - PRACTICE CARD

(Digital or Paper Only Access)

Concert Band and Jazz Band students: If you have your instrument with you at home

Choral students: If you have something specific that you want/need to learn. (Final piece of music will be an option and will be sent out digitally as well as having a hard copy)

Complete & submit the weekly practice card, including a parent signature, demonstrating a minimum of 150 minutes of focused, individual practice per week. Complete & submit this form once each week:

- Week 1 (Monday April 20 – Sunday April 26)
- Week 2 (Monday April 27 – Sunday May 3)
- Week 3 (Monday May 4 – Sunday May 10)
- Week 4 (Monday May 11 – Friday May 15)
- Week 5 (Monday May 18 – Friday May 22)

If you submit this form digitally, you will need to have your parent send a separate email/message as well as a picture in order to verify that you did do this practice log.

If you are submitting this as a hard copy to the school, you will need a clean copy for the next week.

Student Name:

Teacher Name: Mr. Cortez

Class Name/Subject:

Period:

Assignment Week #:

Practice Log (record total, daily minutes of focused, individual practice time):

	DATE	MINUTES	PARENT SIGNATURE
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday (OPTIONAL)			
Sunday (OPTIONAL)			

TOTAL MINUTES (minimum of 150min/wk):

OPTION "B" – SELF REFLECTION ON PAST YEAR/YEARS IN KHS MUSIC PROGRAM

(Digital or Paper Only Access)

Student Name:

Teacher Name: Mr. Cortez

Class Name/Subject:

Period:

Assignment Week #:

For **Choir**: As we get ready to end the school year, I would like you to take this time to reflect on this past school year being a part of the Kimball High Choir, or for those of you who have been a part of the choir/music program for multiple years, reflect on your experiences. For this week, I would like you to write me a well-thought out and constructive paper reflecting on your own experiences. How have you grown over the last year/improved with your singing? What has helped you to grow amongst other aspects if you feel you have grown? Is there anything new that you have learned/improved upon throughout your experience and what is something that you would like to improve on more? How have your experiences helped you grow as a musician, student, or person in general while being a part of the KHS music program? If not, what do you wish could have been improved? Finally, what do you think new students and incoming freshman should expect when joining the KHS Choir. Once you have finished this reflection, I would like you to select 5 songs that you think sum up this school year, or your experience over the years with the music program. Explain to me why you decided to pick these songs.

For **Concert Band**, just like what the choir will be doing, it is now your job to reflect on your experience over the last year in band, or if you have been a part of the music program for more than one year, reflect on your time being part of the KHS music program. You will need to write out/type out a well-constructed reflection paper on your experiences. How have you grown over the last year/improved with your playing, listening and reading abilities? What has helped you to grow amongst other aspects in the classroom/on your instrument, if you feel you have grown? Is there anything new that you have learned/improved upon throughout your experience and what is something that you would like to improve on more? Did you get anything from your experience in the Concert/Symphonic Band? If so, what did you get out of it? If not, what would you like to see improved? How have your experiences helped you grow as a musician, student, or person in general while being a part of the KHS music program? If not, what do you wish could have been improved? Finally, what do you think new students and incoming freshman should expect when joining the Concert Band. Once you have completed this assignment, I would also like you to select 5 songs or pieces of music that you think would sum up the school year and explain to me why you selected those songs.

For **Jazz Band**, some of you have had multiple experiences with the other ensembles. This is your chance to reflect on your experiences being a part of the Kimball High Jazz Band this school year, or if you were also a part of another ensemble, reflect on those years as well. Just as the choir and concert band are doing, you will need to write out a well thought out reflection response on your experiences so far with the music program/jazz band. How have you grown over the last year/improved on your instrument or secondary instrument? What has helped you to grow amongst other aspects in the classroom/on your instrument (instruments), if you feel you have grown in any way? Is there anything new that you have learned/improved upon throughout your experience and what is something that you would like to improve on more? How have

your experiences helped you grow as a musician, student, or person in general while being a part of the KHS music program? If not, what do you wish could have been improved? Finally, what do you think new students and incoming freshman should expect when joining the Jazz Band. Just as with the other ensembles, I would like you to select 5 songs or charts that you believe best describe this school year and explain to me why you decided to pick these specific songs.
