♪ Musical Notes ♪

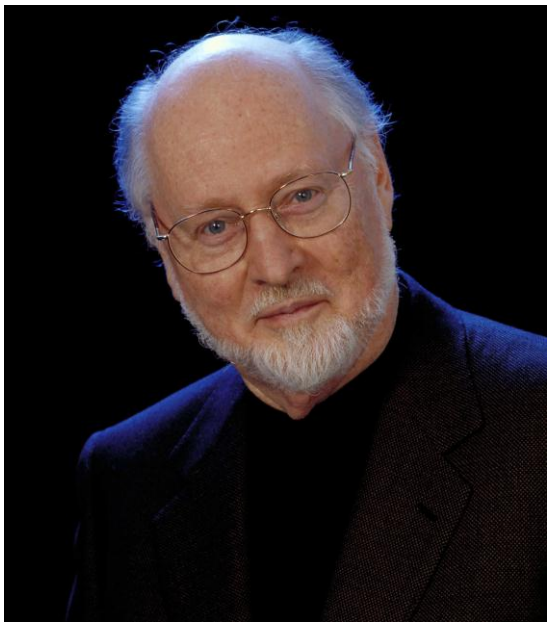
May 2019

What's happening in the music room?

- PreK-5 – Congratulations on another fabulous spring concert!
- Middle school is finishing up with composition projects: 6th graders are writing song parodies; 7th graders are writing melodies to a responsorial psalm of their choice: 8th graders are taking hymn/scripture lyrics and writing a new tune.

Have a great summer!

Composer-of-the-Month



John Williams

- **Lived** 1932 - Present
- **Nationality** – American
- **Period/Style** – Twentieth Century

Born in New York, John Williams later moved with his family to Los Angeles. He studied composition at UCLA, and after serving in the Air Force, Williams returned to New York to study piano at Juilliard. He worked as a jazz pianist for a time before moving back to Los Angeles to begin his career in the film studios.

Mr. Williams has worked on the music for over 100 films and has composed some of the most famous themes ever written for cinema. He has won multiple Oscars, Emmys, Grammys, Golden Globes, British Academy Awards. In 2016 he was the first composer to receive a lifetime achievement award from the American Film Institute. With 51 Academy Award nominations, John Williams has the most nominations of any person alive, and is second of any person after Walt Disney (who had 59 nominations)!

Mr. Williams was the 19th conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra from 1980 to 1993. He has appeared as guest conductor with many major orchestras, and has also written many concert pieces. In addition, Mr. Williams composed the themes for the NBC News, the 1987 International Special Olympics, and the 1984, 1988, and 1996 Summer Olympic Games.

Listening suggestions:
Soundtracks to *Jurassic Park, Star Wars, Indiana Jones, E.T., Hook, Home Alone, Harry Potter,* and many others