

♪ Musical Notes ♪

November 2017

We are in the midst of auditioning and assigning solos and duets for the Christmas concert. I know it's still early, but I hope you will encourage your children to practice their songs at home over Thanksgiving break! Remember the Christmas concert will be **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in the church. Don't forget to save this date on your calendars!

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to the Young People's Symphony concert on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>! They really enjoyed "The Legend of the Northern Lights".

Honor choir had a great performance at the Barnes & Noble book fair. Thanks to those who came out to support them!

A final note – we are looking for a new volunteer to record our concerts. If you know of anyone who has the capability (and willingness!) to do quality recording and make a couple DVDs for the school, please let me know! Thanks so much!

**Composer-of-the-Month**



**Johann Sebastian Bach**

- Lived 1685-1750
- Nationality - German
- Style/Period - Baroque

J.S. Bach came from a long line of composers - over 300 years' worth of Bachs all worked as professional musicians. Bach, a dazzling organist and church musician, had to compose all kinds of original pieces for every church service including pieces for choir, organ, harpsichord and orchestra. Since most of his music was written to be performed in a church service only once and then thrown out, very little of his music was published during his lifetime. It was for this reason that Bach composed more music than almost any other composer. However, his musical genius was not recognized until about 100 years after his death.

Bach is now seen as one of the greatest geniuses in music history.

**Listening Suggestion:**

*Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor*  
*Concerto for Two Violins*  
*The Brandenburg Concertos*