

♪ Musical Notes ♪

October 2018

It's that time of year again – we have officially begun working on music for the Christmas program. This year's concert is scheduled for Friday, December 14th. Concert details and an explanation of what the students should wear will follow at a later date. Please remember that this concert is required for all students, kindergarten through eighth grade, so mark your calendars now for an evening of Christmas cheer!

I received the confirmation for our first Young People Symphony concert date. Third, fourth, and fifth grade will be going to see Project Trio on Wednesday, November 14th. We're all looking forward to it!

Honor choir is off to a great start. They are currently working on music to sing at the Barnes & Noble book fair on Saturday, November 10th. They'll be singing at 12:00pm, and would love for you to stop by and listen to them.

Composer-of-the-Month



Franz Schubert

- Lived 1797 - 1828
- Nationality - Austrian
- Style/Period - Classical

Franz Schubert came from a musical family and had an excellent music education. After graduating at the age of 17, he began teaching music and spending his free time composing. By the age of 23, he had already written over 500 musical works! Only two pieces, however, had ever been performed in public. Schubert didn't care if his music was performed or published – he just kept writing.

He never had much money, and soon began neglecting his health. He ate poorly and got little sleep. His health began to fail and he died at the age of 31. Schubert's music did not gain much recognition until years later when other composers began performing it.

Listening Suggestions:

Ave Maria

Serenade

Marche Militaire

Symphony No. 8 (The Unfinished Symphony)