

♪ Musical Notes ♪

January 2024

We're spending a lot of time this month on learning/reviewing note names and values, and applying this knowledge by playing instruments and composing rhythms.

Important dates to remember this month:

Tuesday, January 23rd – Student choir practice for CSW Mass (3:30-4:15)

Thursday, January 25th - 3rd & 5th go to Wichita Symphony Young Peoples Concert (9-11am)

Friday, January 26th - Student choir practice for CSW Mass (3:30- 4:15)

Sunday, January 28th

Student choir sings at 9am Mass to begin Catholic Schools Week (arrive at 8:30am)

Composer-of-the-Month



Franz Joseph Haydn

- Lived 1732 - 1809
- Nationality - Austrian
- Style/Period - Classical

Franz Joseph Haydn was the most famous composer of his time. He helped develop new musical forms, like the string quartet and the symphony. In fact, even though he didn't invent it, Haydn is known as the "Father of the Symphony."

At first, Haydn struggled to earn a living as a composer. Then, he got a job with a rich, powerful family named Esterhazy. It was Haydn's job to write music for the Esterhazy princes, and to conduct their orchestra. Haydn composed symphonies, operas, string quartets, and all kinds of other music for performance at the Esterhazy court.

Listening Suggestion: *Symphony No. 94, "Surprise": Second Movement*