

♪ Musical Notes ♪

November 2023

What's happening in the music room?

4th and 6th grade went to the Wichita Symphony Orchestra Young Peoples' Concert on November 7th. We all enjoyed learning about a new composer and hearing some fun music!

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. Remember the Christmas concert will be **Friday, December 15th** at 7:00pm in the church. Don't forget to save this date on your calendars! It is mandatory for all students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

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