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## October 2023

It's that time of year again – we are starting to work on music for the Christmas program. This year's concert is scheduled for Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 in 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. Fourth and sixth grade will be going to see *St. George's Sword and Bow* on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We're all looking forward to it!

## Composer-of-the-Month



**Henry Purcell** 

- Lived 1659 1695
- Nationality English
- Style/Period Baroque

Henry Purcell, was one of the greatest English composers of all time. As a youth, he studied under some of the finest English musicians of the period. In 1679, he was appointed organist for Westminster Abbey, where he is buried. Purcell was also an organist for the Chapel Royal, the royal instrument keeper and a court composer. He wrote many works for church use, including anthems and settings of the liturgy and was also known for his songs, instrumental music, one opera, Dido and Aeneas, and music for stage productions.

Listening Suggestion: *Trumpet Tune in C Major*