

♪ Musical Notes ♪

October 2022

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 16th. 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. Fifth and sixth grade will be going to see Gershwin's Magic Key on Tuesday, November 8th. We're all looking forward to it!

Composer-of-the-Month



Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

- Lived 1525/1526 - 1594
- Nationality - Italian
- Style/Period - Renaissance 1450-1600

Palestrina wrote primarily sacred music, including just over 100 Masses – more than any other composer! He is best known for his work in saving polyphonic music for Mass, which was feared to be too confusing for a congregation to follow. We wrote Missa Papae Marcelli, a six-voice Mass, to show that polyphony could be used and still allow the text to be understood. He is known today as one of the most important composers of music for the Catholic Church.

Listening Suggestion: *Sicut Cervus*