

Dear Chorale,

I miss you all. There is no “distance learning” substitute for choir, that is what makes our time together so special. I am glad we got to go perform at Olive Grove Terrace before spring break, and I’m sad we are not able to work on new music right now. I hope you are taking time to connect with each other and check in with your choir friends. Here is what you need to know for the next several weeks:

### **Assignments**

My goal in giving you assignments is not to overwhelm you, but to keep you engaged in music making and listening. For this week (March 25-27), you will see a list of five different assignment choices on the website. Pick ONE and work to submit it before the weekend. Next week (March 30-April 3) I will post new assignments on the website, including some SRF and musictheory.net for you to review theory skills.

### **Inspiration**

I challenge you to find the good that can come out of this situation. Limit your time on social media/screens. Go outside every day. Explore a new interest or hobby. Follow the social distancing/hand washing guidelines from the CDC so we can get keep everyone healthy and get back to normalcy. It’s OK to be sad about the things you are missing out on, but it’s also your responsibility to figure out how to make the best out of this situation. For this week’s writing prompt, use the Google form to tell me one thing you are grateful for.

### **Resources**

Desoto County Schools has resources to help with needs during this time. Free meals are available at Chickasaw Elementary (6391 Chickasaw, OB) on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00-12:00. Desoto County Schools also has mental health resources at <https://www.desotocountyschools.org/mentalhealth> or on Twitter @DCSMentalHealth.

I miss you all, and I hope we will be together soon.

-Mrs. Fezell