

Dear Concert Choir,

I miss you all. There is no “distance learning” substitute for choir, that is what makes our time together so special. I am sad that we are missing out on the musical experiences we had been preparing for. 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:

Calendar

The New York City trip (April 15-19), State Performance Assessment, and Combined Concert (April 27) have been cancelled. Bluff City has been postponed; we are hopeful we might still be able to make them up later in the year. I am in communication with your parents via the email list regarding the status and timing of refunds. For our events scheduled in late April and May like auditions and our spring concert, it's still too early to tell how those will be affected. I'll keep you updated as decisions are made.

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.

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. Feazell