

Tuesday, April 7th, 2020

Dear Music Student Parents/Guardians

I wanted to keep you informed with what is happening in my online classrooms throughout the rest of the school year. As the final term wraps up, I will be focusing my assignments and instruction on reading sheet music and composing music. My plan is to have instructional material made available with an assignment or quiz due each week on Fridays. This past week, I was concerned with the limited responses to the assigned material. I have assigned my students to send me an email that will give me insight into how to address this issue and ease the burden of my students. The following is instruction I gave for the assignment. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me on either of the emails listed as well:

I have decided to push back the notes test another week. This week I just want an email from each student as an assignment. You will get full credit for this assignment, which is due on Friday April 10th, if you send me an email with specific information. The purpose of the email is for you to have a chance to explain what your situation is and any barriers you have to completing assignments. I am concerned after seeing the number of students who did not turn in the slide presentation and want to create assignments that show your knowledge and are not too difficult or time consuming.

I can post videos explaining concepts, I can have you compose music, I can make more tests, I can make worksheets available... The possibilities are endless, but I don't know what kinds of assignments most of my students can do. For your email assignment this week you can either email me at Anthony.Smith@ganado.k12.az.us or anthony.smith@hornet.land. In your email simply inform me of:

1. What technology you have available
2. How much time you can spend each week online/for this class
3. Concerns you have for this class
4. The best way you can think of to hand in assignments
5. What kind of assignments you are most comfortable with and why

To help you think through these questions, here is a list of possible ways to turn in assignments that I have thought of: directly through google classroom by posting pictures of your work you took on your phone, directly through google classroom by utilizing the google apps such as google docs and google slides, and by sending me an email of the work that you did.

Thank you for your time and consideration in answering these questions. I understand there is a lot of confusion and uncertainty. It is my job to continue the learning experience and make this as easy a transition as possible. After I collect all the responses on Friday, I will create a spreadsheet and make some decisions on the best way to approach the instruction and associated assignments each week.

- Mr. Smith