

Dear Choir & Orchestra Parents,

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

I did say it would be a gloriously unpredictable year of music at Reno High School!  
And now for more gloriously unpredicted information:

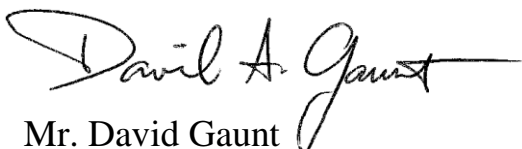
1. I am sure you are aware that in-person learning at Reno High ends on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – from Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> onward, we will all be on Full Distance learning. Hybrid students will be attending Zoom or Teams classes during their normally scheduled days and times, while students who were previously Full Distance on Edgenuity will remain on Edgenuity. Students are required, to the best of their ability, to be available for online classes.
2. Students are, for the most part, not able to visit Reno High. I say “for the most part” because some groups are allowed to attend specialized classes with restrictions, and the district is sensitive to technology needs and wants us to work with you (through district policy) to help students who have difficulties connecting online. What does this mean for us, and video submission of our songs? I don’t know yet, but we are working on it, and will find a way for every student to be able to submit recordings. Stay tuned.
3. Many students are still behind in turning in practice logs, which is reflected in their grades – but this is easily remedied. Students do NOT need to use the Microsoft Form to submit their practice logs, they can write them down, take a picture, and email them to me. All I need to know is when, what, and how long they practiced; what went well; and what did NOT go so well and what they plan to do the next day. Here is an example:

11/28/20 – I practiced “Santa’s Classical Christmas” for 20 minutes. The first and last sections sound good, but I am having problems in the middle section and will work on that tomorrow.

11/29/20 – I practiced the middle section of “Santa’s Classical Christmas” for 10 minutes and then ran through the entire song twice. I’m happy with most of the middle section except for measures 40-42, the jumps are still a little off – I can play them but not perfect every time. I will practice it again tomorrow.

That’s all I need – just show me what you did and how you thought about it – it’s the THINKING about it that makes the difference.

Thank you again for loaning me your student for the year – I did promise it would be one to remember, didn’t I? We can still do this and come out OK. Email me if you have questions.



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