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HOME MINI CONCERT 2014 SPRING CONCERT MUSIC

Played by: _____ (individual student's name)

Name(s) of other performers: 1. _____ 2. _____
 (if performed by more than one student) 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Date Rec'd by Mr. Rappoldt: ____/____/2014

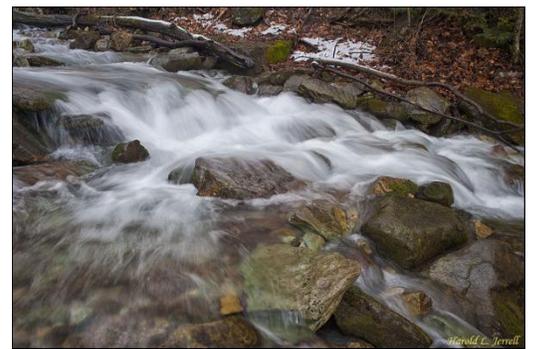
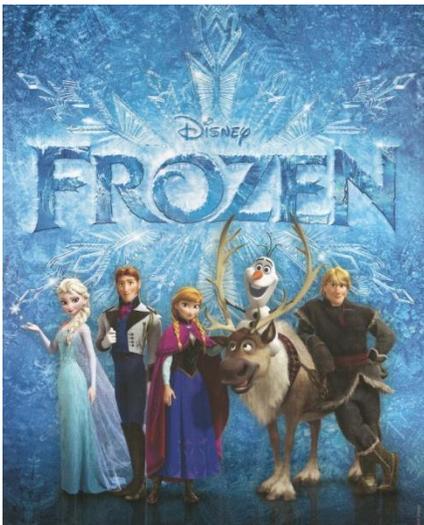
Gift Card Preference (check only one): ___ Chick-fil-a ___ Wendy's ___ Wal-Mart

PART ONE: Mini-concert presented to a family member

MUSIC TITLE	DATE PLAYED	SIGNATURE of FAMILY MEMBER	ACCOMPIANMENT RECORDING USED
Gap Creek	_____	_____	
Amazing Grace	_____	_____	
Appalachian Suite	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Highlights from FROZEN	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PART TWO: Mini-concert presented to a non-immediate family member

MUSIC TITLE	DATE PLAYED	SIGNATURE of NON-FAMILY MEMBER	ACCOMPIANMENT RECORDING USED
Gap Creek	_____	_____	
Amazing Grace	_____	_____	
Appalachian Suite	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Highlights from FROZEN	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



Left: poster from the Christian allegory & Disney film "Frozen."
 Middle: picture of Sourwood Mountain in North Carolina.
 Right: picture of Gap Creek located in Cumberland Gap National Park.

What is a “Home Mini-Concert”?

The time proven *“Home Mini Concert”* is a wonderful way to help students prepare for any concert, and in particular, for the 2014 CCS Spring Concert. Serving as a way for each band member to prepare for an upcoming concert, it also helps band members overcome any pre-concert jitters they may be feeling. Band members should know their band music as good as possible before performing the music in front of family or friends. It is highly suggested that band members practice playing their music with recordings of the music (Smart Music or Internet) before performing a *“Home Mini Concert.”*

Who performs the “Home Mini Concert?” When must the activity be completed?

All band members are encouraged to participate in and complete this activity by giving the signed/completed form to Mr. Rappoldt on/before the close of school on Tuesday, May 13, in order to receive the most benefit from this activity. Late forms will be accepted through Friday, May 16. A *“Home Mini Concert”* may be performed by the student alone or with other members of the band (up to a total of six students performing at once). Completed forms may be turned in to Mr. Rappoldt, but if he is not at school, give the form to Mrs. Nace in the CCS Office. If desired, a scanned copy of the signed/completed form may be emailed to lawrence.rappoldt@conestogachristian.net instead of a hard (paper) copy being turned in at school.

Who listens to the “Home Mini Concert”?

Band students complete the *“Home Mini Concert”* by performing band music for a family member and a non-immediate family member (grandparents, aunt, uncle, cousin, friends, neighbors, etc.). When performing the *“Home Mini Concert,”* a student may complete both *PART ONE* and *PART TWO* of this activity at the same time/date or at different times/dates.

To complete *PART ONE* of this project, the band member presenting the *“Home Mini Concert”* may play each piece of music for either the same or a different family member. Likewise, *PART TWO* may be completed by performing in front of the same or several different non-family members. The entire *“Home Mini Concert”* may be spread out over several days: it does not have to be presented or heard on the same day, although that is acceptable.

The *“Home Mini Concert”* will be more enjoyable for the “audience” if a Smart Music or Internet Recording of the band music is played as the performers present their music. As you noticed, there is a place to mark whether or not a recording was used during the performance. Recordings are only available for two of the four selections. “Appalachian Suite” may be found on Smart Music. Visit the CCS Music Website for links to recordings of “Appalachian Suite” or “Frozen.”
<http://conestogamusic.weebly.com/frozen-at-the-top-of-the-list-for-may-concert.html>

But I am a percussionist! I don’t have cymbals or tympani or ... !

Percussionists may/will need to be creative when presenting your “home performance.” Of course you will want to use your snare drum or practice pad if playing snare drum parts, but in addition to that, you may wish to use various pots and pans, different size pillows, chairs, hassocks, etc., for special sound effects such as the cymbals, bass drum or tympani. (If you recall, the CCS Band used a large plastic trash can for a bass drum the first year we were a band!) Of course there is a better alternative, you may wish to borrow the actual band instruments on a first come, first served basis.

Benefits of completing the “Home Mini Concert.”

Most band members will enjoy practicing in order to prepare for the *“Home Mini Concert.”* This additional practice will result in an improved performance at the upcoming concert. This is the primary reason for the *“Home Mini Concert.”*

But there is a benefit you might not be expecting: band members who complete at least *PART ONE* of this activity prior to the band rehearsal on Tuesday, May 13, will receive a gift card to be used at one of three places: Chick-fil-a, Wendy’s or Wal-Mart. Depending on how much of the activity is completed by an individual student, the gift card will range in value from \$4 to \$8. Band members may still turn in a completed and signed form until Friday, May 16, however, the card will be valued \$2 less than it otherwise would have been. The gift card will be distributed to each deserving band member the week after the Spring Concert.

Enjoy the excitement!

Well, that’s it. Mr. Rappoldt hopes that every band member and family will enjoy this activity. It has worked wonders for the band at Berks Christian School as well as in the middle schools at which Mr. Rappoldt taught in Coatesville. Enjoy the excitement and the thrill of music, a special gift that God has given us!