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May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Jazz Band Students and Families,

Please find attached your homework for the extended school suspension weeks of school (May 25<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>). These assignments are also available on Parent and Student Connect, and will be on our website, [www.rdparkermusic.com](http://www.rdparkermusic.com).

Your final 2 Listening Logs are due on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please find attached two assignments. The first, *40 Years of Mondays* is due on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The second assignment, *Alone Together – Musical Tributes During the Pandemic*, is due back on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

During this challenging time, our Music Department is doing its best to provide some community-oriented and fun playing experiences, such as the Reading Session on the Lawn, tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of June 1<sup>st</sup>. These are optional activities for students, but we would strongly encourage that you take part if you can, as we believe they will provide some much needed mental and emotional support during this pandemic. We will be sending out details of these events and initiatives in the coming weeks, so please stay tuned and be sure to check your emails!

Be well.

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## 50 Years of Mondays – Vanguard Jazz Orchestra at the Village Vanguard

Due Date: Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please watch the preamble by Jazz bassist, Christian McBride, and at least 2 tunes (your choice) from the Jazz Night in America *50 Years of Mondays* about the anniversary show at the Village Vanguard by the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQgOcuqoQGM>

1. The Village Vanguard is the oldest and longest operating Jazz club in New York City, and is one of the most famous Jazz venues of all time. Please share a few details about the club.

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2. The Vanguard Orchestra has played every Monday for 50 years at the Village Vanguard. What two musicians formed the orchestra?

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3. What is the first tune you listened to by the VJO?

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4. What was the second tune you checked out by the VJO?

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5. What did you think of the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra? Did you enjoy their performance? Why or why not?

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## Alone Together – Musical Tributes During the Pandemic

Due Date: Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

These are tough times, but musicians from around the world are trying to brighten them by spreading hope and love through music. Please watch these two short musical tributes:

Band Plays a Socially Distant Tribute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4dqMVadzSE>

A Hope for the Future: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eR\\_7P5\\_7kh4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eR_7P5_7kh4)

1. New Orleans, often considered the birthplace of Jazz, has been particularly hard hit during the Covid-19 Pandemic. In the first video, a group of New Orleansian musicians play a musical tribute to those who have been lost during the pandemic. What was the name of the tune they played in tribute?

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2. Though only a small portion of it is seen in the video, the musicians performed this piece in a few locations in their community as a tribute. Its easy to imagine that would be an incredibly emotional performance for both the musicians, and those in the community who go to hear it. Did you enjoy the tune, and did the brief portion of the performance you got to see resonate with you?

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3. Trumpeters from around the world joined together to perform *A Hope for the Future*, including a number of Canadian musicians and performers. Name of our fellow Canucks you saw in the video.

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4. Did you enjoy the performance of *A Hope for the Future*? Did it reach you on an emotional level?

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5. At the end of the video *A Hope for the Future*, we hear a few words from Ryan Anthony, a world class trumpeter who is losing a 6-year battle with terminal cancer. Despite what is described as “a crippling medical regime and ruthless schedule needed for treatments”, he has continued to perform while battling cancer. Before the start of this pandemic, he had been preparing to perform what he believed would be his last tour of performances this summer.

“These are difficult times for everybody. There’s nothing stronger than when we all come together, and there’s nothing more powerful than music.” Do you agree? If so, how has music effected you during this difficult time?

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