

JUNE 15TH LESSON PLAN

Hello SMP musicians...

For those of you who enrolled in online lessons, THANK YOU! We had a great time working with you individually and saw a ton of progress since our first lessons on May 4th. If you weren't able to join us for lessons, we hope you've been enjoying your instrument by practicing familiar pieces or sightreading new ones. As you know, there are many sources for helpful videos and tips online so let the learning continue!

- **HIGH PRIORITY:** If you haven't taken SMP's Post-Assessment yet, we'll take care of that during this week's lesson. If you'd like to get that done ahead of time, here's the link to copy and paste into your browser:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lV3_ryQcUnPugO-g3ypP6pz8Tra66Xpn_CRMFSyG9bM/edit?usp=drive_web

Beginning and Advanced Strings: This week, you'll be focusing on the "quiz" exercises throughout your book. Look for the fancy "E" logo to the left of all quizzes in the book. These are important etudes that combine skills you've learned up to that point. Since this is our final Lesson Plan of the school year, start with #9 in the book and jump to each quiz thereafter. You'll be evaluating yourself and if you think you've mastered a specific quiz, feel free to go to the next one. If you stumble through a quiz, that's an indication you'll need to work on the exercises just before the quiz. Some of these quizzes are on YouTube! Just search "Essential Elements 2000 #9," for instance.

Beginning and Advanced Band: One of my favorite aspects of "Standard of Excellence" is that Bruce Pearson (the author – very nice guy!) inserts a special exercise at the bottom of almost every page just for YOUR instrument! We can't play those green exercises when we're all together but they're perfect for when you're practicing alone. Starting with #22, go through the book and work on all those green-highlighted exercises. Playing these will work on technical parts of playing that our regular group songs don't. If you complete all the green pieces (that would be amazing), turn to page 39-41 for a BUNCH of technical studies. These aren't songs – they're etudes (exercises) that will help you improve so much faster! Many of these exercises are on YouTube if you search "Standard of Excellence trumpet #107A" (but with your instrument, of course).