

Music department/Faculty meeting 30.11.2021

- Dr. J. C. gives a short introduction of the actual situation: the corona work is piling up with checking the vaccination status, re-organizing concerts, sick solists etc.
- The Performance opportunities e.g. for the concert at the Gedächtniskirche (01.12.2021, 2G+, livestream), the 7th/8th Choir concert (7.12) etc. are still “on”
- The last “real” concert was in March 2020, so students are really anxious to perform, the groups haven’t performed for a long, long time
- Each teacher gives an overview about the upcoming concerts/performances a) such as MS/HS-band, -orchestra, -jazz band etc. to mention a few
- Some events will have a livestream (for this recording part consent forms are necessary and collected from the teachers; in HS all are there, but in MS and ES most of the forms are missing)
- In most cases the students will be the audience for each other/ just doing something for each other, because no live audience is allowed due to COVID, the ES will have a matinee for the students only (9.12. Choir 4/5/6th grade and boomrackers, no livestreaming) and – if possible – a concert (10.12); 15.12. concert of 5th grade band/orchestra/ensemble
- More performances coming in January 2022
- Preparing and organizing rehearsals is a lot of work for the teachers who put quite a lot of effort in it, but everybody feels that it’s important to go on; Students feel like they are preparing and have a goal to work for, spirit “never give up”, Dr. J. C. emphasizes the importance of this work for the students “Some of our most magical moments happen during rehearsals,....., sharing these special moments together – nobody can take them away”
- on behalf of all parents, the parent reps thank the teachers for the extraordinary work and efforts and express their appreciation/the teacher commitment is very much appreciated by students and parents and is also important for the mental health of the students in these difficult times
- Private music teachers are not allowed on Campus – hopefully temporarily – due to the rising corona cases.
- A great confirmation of the outstanding work is that many JFKS students have been accepted for honor band/honor choir, quite a number of students received a place in those festivals
- The piano tuning will take part during Christmas break
- Dr. J. C. reminds all teachers to check the budget for next year, there appear to be no reductions in the amounts provided
- C. O. is leaving the JFKS ES at the end of the school year, the teacher position has already been advertised; the interviews are this week, the process for a new hire is going fast forward