

Dear Parent,

This year in music technology class, we will use our class website, [www.hrmsmusic.com](http://www.hrmsmusic.com) as an online resource in looking at student work. Each student will use basic keyboard skills to perform music to the best of their abilities. They will compose original compositions using patterns and samples reviewed in class. They will use knowledge in music theory to analyze printed music in a variety of musical styles. They will create group compositions to be performed and recorded in class. In addition, students will include in their portfolios reflections about their compositions. These portfolios will be an important part of the music class this year. They will be used both to teach and as one way to assess each student's development in music.

Eventually, all of our student portfolios will be available online through our music website. I encourage the students to visit the website periodically for information on projects we work on in class and to view student portfolios. Please let me know if you don't have access to the internet and I will try to make accommodations so the student and you can still listen to the music with CDs.

You, too, will have opportunities to write comments that can go into the portfolio. When you listen to your child's music you may email me with comments that may be helpful in your child's creative and learning process. One thing you may notice about this *working portfolio* is that it is a full and "busy" collection that promotes self-analysis—not some tidy showpiece for us to see. Please fill in the permission form on the bottom and return it with your child. This website follows the "Internet Acceptable Use Policy" guidelines set by the Danvers Public Schools. If you have any questions about this letter please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely,  
Tony Vatosios  
Music Technology

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Please fill out and return this bottom form with your child as soon as possible. Feel free to contact me at the school with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for my child's name and work to be used in the class website. I understand that only my child's first name and last initial may be used, and no other personally identifiable information about my child, or the school, will be given. I also understand that I may revoke this permission, in writing, at any time.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_