Name (first & last): _____

Period _____

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Introductory Tasks
Go through each task and check them off as you accomplish them.
Questions? Please bring them to class. Chances are others will have them, too!
These tasks are designed for the computer version of SmartMusic (which anyone is able to use for this
tutorial). If you are using the iPad version, do your best to go through them as well.
If you get lost, Mr. Jow is happy to help you!

Task Set A - Getting Started:

Task	Check when done
• Get a parent to help you with the registration/create account process. (Parents: Please sit with and help your student get started and begin using SmartMusic) o **Note**: You will log in to complete playing tasks at home	☐
• Download the software at smartmusic.com and install	☐
o Create account: Enter the email address from which you will use to log on to SmartMusic. This email address will also receive email reminders about assignments that are given/due. If you had an account from last year, use this same email address and password to log in. You will use your new activation code to reactivate your account.	☐
o If prompted, enter the requested information on the Login Information page. Be sure to write down your email and password in case you forget it! Continue to the next page.	☐
o If prompted, enter the requested information on the Contact Information page. Continue to the next page.	☐
o If necessary, you should now be on the "Choose Your School" page. Scroll down and select "Redwood Middle School" in "Saratoga, CA" as your school. Click the "CREATE" button.	☐

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○ Submit the remaining required information.
○ Be sure that your student info has your full legal first name (the one that appears in PowerSchool) and last name. If you go by a nickname, type it in parentheses next to your legal name. Example:
    ▪ First name: Leonard (Leo)
    ▪ Last name: Bernstein
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○ Enroll in a class!
○ When enrolling in the correct class, be sure you find the one that applies to you!
    • GB6 = Griffin Band 6th graders (and non-marching 7th graders)
    • GB7 = A period Griffin Band 7th graders (the ones who are also in marching band)
    • GBB = Griffin Band beginnings
    → BE CAREFUL! If you enroll in the incorrect class, you will be unable to disenroll yourself. Please take care to select the correct class.
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• If you have a school USB Mic: These are Redwood property! If yours is lost or damaged, a $35 replacement fee to SMB will be due.
    ○ Find your computer's USB port, plug in your microphone.
    ○ Your computer speakers should be turned up high enough for you to hear the accompaniment tracks, but not so loudly that your microphone picks up the accompaniment track instead of your own sound.
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• Click on the "Settings" tab in the left-hand column.
    ○ Observe the different options that you can adjust.
    ○ Make sure that your Microphone is set to "SmartMusic USB Microphone."
    ○ Select the "Assessment" Settings bar.
    ○ If it is not already correct, set "Default Instrument" as YOUR instrument.
    ○ Percussion: Select "I am using a practice pad" if that is your primary practice instrument at home. You may need to do some adjustment to ensure that your microphone can hear your practice pad over your speakers (headphones probably work better for this).
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Task Set B - Metronome & Tuner:

Task	Check when done

• Click on "Practice tools" on the bottom of the left-hand menu column.
    ○ Toggle buttons and settings to use the metronome and tuner.
    ○ Experiment with these tools until you feel comfortable using them.
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• Go to "Help" menu at the top of the screen. ○ Select "Mic check" and follow steps outlined to attach, set, and calibrate your microphone.	☐

Task	Check when done
o **Note**: Be sure to calibrate your mic every time you use SmartMusic!	
o Select "Tuner" and "Metronome" from the "Help" menu (YES!...this is another way to get to these tools) and observe how it pulls up a new window. To close these windows, select "Done."	☐

Task Set C - Downloading Music; First Notes with SmartMusic:

Task	Check when done
• Click on the "Find Music" tab in the left-hand column. o Click on the "Exercises" category. o Download the "Scales" exercises by clicking on the image preview.	☐
o After downloading each set of exercises, a new window will open up with the first exercise. o Play around with the functions at the top of the screen ("Start Take" will start a count-off and begin the exercise. Note that you can also change your instrument, change the exercise, adjust tempo, listen to previous takes, select different tracks for the computer to play, etc.)…have fun! If you'd rather get to some book exercises, continue on to the next step.	☐
▪ To return to the previous screen, select "Done" in the upper right corner of the program.	☐
▪ Do the same review and experimentation for some "Rhythms" exercises.	☐
▪ Do the same review and experimentation for some "Sight-Reading."	☐
▪ **Note**: Within each exercise you can toggle the metronome slower/faster. This can be done by dragging the bar left and right, or by entering numbers yourself to designate BPM (beats per minute). Try it out!	☐
▪ **Note**: You can turn on and off the green cursor by selecting "View" in the menu at the top of the screen. See which option you like more!	☐

Task Set D - On With The Music:

Task	Check when done

• Return to the original Music Search by clicking on "Find Music" in small text above the red "Exercises" text.
    ○ Click on the "Method Books" category.
    ○ Download "Measures of Success" AND "Measures of Success Book 2."
    ○ To return to the previous screen, select "Done" in the upper right corner of the program.
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• Click on "My Library" in left-hand menu.
    ○ Select "Measures of Success" (double-click), **not** Book 2.
    ○ Select "Opus 1 - 1.2 Four In A Row" (double-click).
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○ Be sure that you have your correct instrument set! (Check the upper left hand corner of your blue menu bar)	☐
○ Tracks: Be sure that you have "Accompaniment" and "Assessment" turned on (green lights will be lit on these buttons).	☐
○ When you are ready to play, click the "Start take" button (the big green one on the left hand side) OR press your space bar once. ○ You will see a "Get ready" sign, followed by a 4 beat count off before you begin playing.	☐
○ After playing, your Assessment score will appear in the middle of the screen, above the music. ** **Note**: *"Keep" (next to the MP3 and Submit buttons) allows you to save your takes, even after closing the program and reopening, so that you can work on an assignment over an extended period of time and submit later.*	☐
○ When you are finished and have a score that you are satisfied with, click "Done" in the upper right hand corner.	☐

○ Select "Opus 1 – 1.5 Up And Down" (double-click).
    ○ Play through this exercise like you did with the previous one.
    ○ When you are finished and have a score that you are satisfied with, click "Done" in the upper right hand corner to return to the previous screen.
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○ Click on "Back" (small text) at the top of the window, right below the red SmartMusic logo.	☐

○ Select "Measures of Success Book 2" (double-click).
    ○ Select "Prelude – 1. Steady as She Goes" (double-click).
    ○ Play through this exercise. (This will be your first playing assignment!)
    ○ Click the "Done" button, then return to the home screen by clicking on "Home" in the left hand menu column.
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Task Set E – Let's Submit Some Assignments:

Task	Check when done
• Notice that you already have some assignments for your online band class. Click directly on the assignment to load it. If you toggle any settings on the assignment, it may not let you submit until you reset the settings. However, toggling these settings will aid you in your practice! Use them to your advantage! ○ **Don't forget to press the "SUBMIT" button to make sure that your work is entered into the online gradebook!**	☐
• Complete your first set of playing assignments. When you have done so, check off this final box!	☐

Keep playing around with and exploring the features of your new software.
Let us know if you have any questions back at school!

Turn in this completed packet to the Jow Box for 25 points!
Due by Friday, October 3.