

## Instructions for Virtual Alma Mater Spring 2020

Wear blue and gold spirit wear!

Warmup your instrument or voice for at least 5 minutes. Then, tune your instrument (A=440).

Make sure that you are wearing headphones when you play along with the practice track. Make sure you can hear it, but it is not so loud that the phone microphone picks it up. The video should only capture the sound of you playing your instrument (nothing else...not ceiling fans, dogs, zombies, etc.)

You need to play along with the practice track. After you hear me say "1, 2, now count" you need to say "1, 2, 3, 4" with a slight accent on beat 4 so that we can line up the videos. Please keep your vocals short and in tempo.

Use your cell phone to record the video. Do not use the Chromebook due to compatibility issues.

Record a practice video to make sure you like the way you are facing and the angle of your instrument. Front lighting works best. Backlighting and direct overhead lighting are not ideal (if possible).

The music is in 4-bar phrases that begin on the fourth beat. If you need to breathe more often, then try to breathe every 2 measures between beats 3 and 4.

For the half notes at the end of each phrase, cut off and breathe on beat 3 to attack on beat 4.

Do your best! Mistakes are not the end of the world! Simply redo the recording. If you still make a mistake, it's ok. We will do our best to edit it.

If your instrument is broken or you aren't allowed to play it in your house, then make a video of yourself playing along with the backing track but don't actually make any noise (pretend you're playing). Please still count off with the 1, 2, 3, **4!** and take the breaths like you are actually playing the instrument.

If you are a percussionist and do not have drums at home, be creative! Again, we can edit the sounds and add instrument effects. Ideas are playing on a pot or bucket with cooking spoons, pretending lids from pots and pans are cymbals, etc.

[Also, I will upload a practice/backing track for drummers very soon. This file only has the wind instruments.]

Submit the video to this [Google Folder](#) or e-mail it to [richard.weaver@redclayschools.com](mailto:richard.weaver@redclayschools.com)