



Running the Course
September 2010

Musick Notes

My beloved family and friends,

Thank you for your love and prayers. If you want to hear about all the in-between stories throughout the year, remember to follow my blog (see box to the left).

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Beginning Orchestra

Beginning Orchestra has started! It made my heart happy to see the instruments.



The students are renting instruments from a nice Christian man. He is very helpful and wants us to get the orchestra off the ground!

This beginning orchestra is not without its challenges. A couple of the kids have already played violin for about a year; they are not experienced enough to play in the intermediate group, but the beginning orchestra may be too foundational. I'm attempting to challenge them while teaching the beginners the basics of playing the violin, viola, and cello!

Intermediate Orchestra

This group has been one of the pleasant surprises of the year. At the end of last year, I thought I might have 2 or 3 kids I could put in a group and call it Intermediate Orchestra. This fall, however, I discovered that there were 7 kids who could join this group!

It's really a fun group of kids. They're playing well together and having a blast. I can tell they will be a close group of friends, despite the age difference (3rd through 9th grade)!

They are such a dedicated group that they decided to rehearse together without me this Thursday because I will be leaving for the Junior Class trip to Normandy! I walk out of Intermediate Orchestra every Tuesday/Thursday with a big smile on my face.

Currently Reading:

- *Perelandra* by C.S. Lewis
- *Authentic Beauty* by Leslie Ludy
- *The Language Files*
- *Im Westen Nichts Neues* by Erich Maria Remarque
- The Bible (ESV)



High School Orchestra

The scheduling challenges of last year continue to haunt me this year. I have 3 kids in orchestra this semester, and 3 entirely different kids in orchestra 2nd semester.

Like last year, I am pulling other kids out of classes once or twice a week so they can play with the group for concerts. It's not ideal, and I hope to not be in this situation every year.

After a discussion with the Guidance office, we have determined that if a student plans appropriately, he or she can theoretically take orchestra all 4 years of high school. Hopefully we will be able to put theory into practice.

Marathon

One of my goals in life was to run a marathon, and now I've done it!

My first half was 1:56 and the second was 2:33, for a total time of 4 hours and 29 minutes.



Prayer Corner

Please pray for....

- Safety and health on the Normandy trip
- Wisdom in teaching the mixed group of beginners
- There are a couple HBR boys needing extra help with school and dealing with life.

Praises:

- Intermediate Orchestra is having tons of fun!
- I have already had a chance to delve into some serious discussion topics with my high school orchestra (see my blog for more details)

What's Up Ahead

- Sept. 30-Oct. 4 – Junior Class trip to Normandy
- Oct. 17 – HS Orchestra plays at Basel Mennonite Church for organ dedication service
- Oct. 22 – Music Recital
- Oct. 29 – My birthday & Herbstmesse in Basel

