



*My beloved family and friends,*

*Thank you for your love and prayers. The seasons are changing rapidly; fall colors fade, dark rainy days settle in, and winter approaches. Check out my blog (see box to the left) to see all the exciting things that happen both inside and outside (when the weather is nice).*

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**Markgräfler  
Symphonieorchester**

It has been incredibly inspiring to play in this orchestra in Müllheim each Wednesday evening. In December we will perform a Cherubini overture, Beethoven's 7<sup>th</sup> Symphony, and accompany a soloist on the Brahms Violin Concerto.

Playing in an orchestra reminds me regularly how much I love music and why I wanted to teach it. It reminds me to keep my standards of musicianship high even though my students are still developing their own skills.

Hearing the excellent soloist prompted me to practice my own violin more! The Brahms concerto is my new project.

**Normandy**

About a month ago, I traveled to Normandy with the Junior Class. It was a good time of serious reflection and learning for all involved.

We had to rough it and sleep on the floor in a damp, buggy, crowded room, but it was a worthwhile experience seeing WWII Normandy invasion sites and cemeteries. The trip brought history a little closer to home when I realized that my brothers are currently the same age as many of the soldiers when they died. If the war had happened nowadays, I could be grieving the loss of my brothers.



## Currently Reading:

- *The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges
- *The Language Files*
- *Im Westen Nichts Neues* by Erich Maria Remarque
- The Bible (ESV)



## Parties and Performances

My orchestra kids enjoy spending time with each other. In order to promote group bonding, I like to have parties and other fun activities for the kids. Within the last month and a half, all three of my orchestras have begun to experience a kind of group spirit.

The beginning orchestra and band had a combined pizza/movie party. They especially enjoyed the chocolate fondue!

The intermediate orchestra had a chocolate chip cookie-making party, a visit to the nursing home, Music Recital performance, and a performance at a German church outreach breakfast that somehow involved monkeying around in the rafters of a gazebo (see pictures on the left and blog for the explanation!)

The high schoolers had a nursing home performance, a combined concert with a choir in Basel, and a Music Recital performance. Their next big event is a trip to Paris this weekend!

## Intermediate Orchestra Funnies

My Intermediate kids say the funniest things! Here are a few of their most quotable moments:

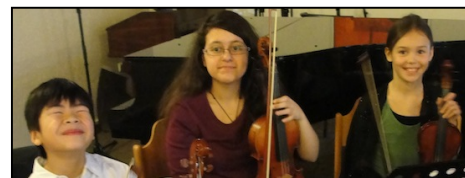
“I prefer going shopping for avocados because they look prettier than clothing.” –A.P.

“I sneeze at birthday music.” – A.P.

“I thought everyone else was in the wrong place!” – A.P.

“If people in movies listened to me, a lot more of them would still be alive!” –D.P.

“Miss Musick, you look like a blond tomato!” –A.P.



## Prayer Corner

### Please pray for....

- The Paris trip: Safety and health, opportunities to speak into the kids' lives, and good group bonding time
- Health of all students and staff as cold season approaches
- That time with God would be my top priority even with my full schedule
- Healthy, encouraging friendships among staff at BFA

### Praises:

- Fun times with the orchestras!
- I've had meaningful conversations with students

## What's Up Ahead

- Nov. 19-21 Paris Field Trip with HS Orchestra
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving! (I already celebrated once with HBR)
- Nov. 27 Christmas Banquet
- Dec. 1 Christmas Nursing Home Performance – all 3 groups
- Dec. 4 Stadtmusik Concert
- Dec. 11 & 12 – Müllheim Orchestra concerts
- Dec. 12 – BFA Christmas Concert
- Dec. 14-16 Exams