

# WILLARD BANDS HOME PRACTICE "BANDO"

Hello Willard Bands!! Here is a fun activity to help you keep practicing and playing your instrument during this distance learning time. Use this as a fun way to unwind from your other schoolwork. Check the second page for ways to submit things and cross off your boxes.

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Practice for 15 minutes. Something from your book, extra fun music, whatever!	Watch a TED Talk of your choice about music. Search YouTube for one of the many available musical TED Talks.	FIND A FINGERING CHART AND LEARN 2 NEW NOTES, AND THEN PLAY THEM IN A SONG!	Take a selfie with your instrument and send it to a director.	PAJAMA DAY! Practice in your PJs for at least 15 minutes.
Teach a family member how to hold your instrument and the fingerings/positions for 5 notes.  Take a picture or video and send it to a director if you can.	<b>BATH TIME!</b>  Using the videos from willardband.org, give your instrument a basic cleaning!  Follow along carefully, be safe!	Search YouTube and find videos of professionals playing your instrument. Listen for things that make their playing different from yours.  Write a paragraph about what you heard and send it to a director.	Go to <a href="http://sightreadingfactory.com">sightreadingfactory.com</a> and practice your sight reading skills. Adjust the difficulty to fit your needs.	Give a front porch concert. Perform for your neighborhood so they can hear your music.  If you can, post a video of your performance on social media and use the hashtag #willardporchconcert
Write a letter to someone younger than you telling them why they should join (or continue) band. Share your letter with a director and help recruit the future of the Willard Band!	Download a free tuner/metronome app to your phone, computer, or tablet. If you already have one, try out an app like Acappella to play duets or ensembles with yourself.	<b>FREE SPACE</b>	Practice with a friend (from a distance, of course). Use FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom to digitally practice with at least one other band member for 15 minutes.	Compose an original 4 measure melody. Write it on staff paper and record yourself playing it! Send the video to a director! You can make your own staff paper, or you can find some online. <a href="http://Noteflight">Noteflight</a> is also a great resource.
Learn a song by ear. Work out the notes to your favorite song without looking at any music.  Record your song and send it to a director if you can.	Go to <a href="http://musictheory.net">musictheory.net</a> and play around with the note, key signature, or interval activities. Use the gear in the upper right corner to change the difficulty.  Share a screenshot of your results.	Practice in a nontraditional space (garage, kitchen, laundry room, etc.) for at least 15 minutes.  Make sure your instrument always stays safe and dry!	Search <a href="http://jwpepper.com">jwpepper.com</a> for pieces you like. Make a list and send it to a director.  Hint: Use the search tools to find pieces for "Concert Band"	Practice with a professional recording of the music from your book.  Use the website listed inside the book to find the recordings!
Clean out and organize your band binder and instrument case.  Take a picture of your clean case and binder and send it to a director.	<b>FRESH AIR!!</b>  PRACTICE ON YOUR FRONT PORCH, ENJOY THE NICE WEATHER!	FAVORITE TUNE??!  Pick your favorite song from the book, record yourself, and send it to a director!	Research the history of your instrument.  Write one paragraph about the history of your instrument and send it to a director!	WHAT'S A SCALE?!?! LEARN ALL THE NOTES IN A MAJOR SCALE AND LEARN TO PLAY IT! THIS IS IN YOUR BOOK! RECORD YOURSELF AND SEND IT TO A DIRECTOR!



