

Shoreline Music Presents...



# Student's Guide for Choir



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# Welcome to Music Heroes!

What is “Music Heroes”?



- ◆ Music students will complete quests to earn points. Quests include things like playing certain exercises, composing your own songs, learning about professional musicians, attending concerts, helping younger students, getting help from older students, and more.
- ◆ Earning points will increase your rank. With each new rank comes a new reward or new privilege.
- ◆ Point totals will be posted online to a Google Sheet using an anonymous aliases. This way you can see how you are doing compared to your class.
- ◆ There are four kingdoms competing to collect the most Musical Shards. Students choose a kingdom to join when creating their alias. In June, the winning kingdom will have a pizza party and bragging rights.
- ◆ Points will be factored into Music Report Cards as part of each student’s mark in Band, Strings, and Choir.

See the next page for more information on how to start earning points!

# Earning Points



## Basic Quests:

These are done by singing a Solfège exercise for Mr. Leeson. You can sing them in person, record yourself, or do them in class on certain days. Each month you can earn one music shard for your kingdom by completing a basic quest!



## Key Quests:

These are important quests that allow you to progress further into your method book. You can only move onto the next opus/unit/level after you complete the key quest.



## Custom Quests:

You can also propose quests to Mr. Leeson. If it benefits your musical education and requires considerable effort to complete, Mr. Leeson will consider it!

# Achievable Ranks

Rank Number:	Rank Name:	Points Needed:	Prize:	Privilege:
1	Beginner	15	Small Prize	
2	Apprentice	30		Trip Privilege and Small Prize
3	Musician	50	First Parent Prize	
4	Performer	85		Silver Line Priority
5	Virtuoso	135	Second Parent Prize	
6	Hero	210		Victory Video "Parade of Heroes" + Gold Line Priority
7	Master	375	Master's Club	Conduct 5 min warm-up (optional)
8	Legend	600	Donuts for entire class.	



# Prizes and Privileges



Small Prize - Earn a small prize.

Parent Prize - Before you reach one of these prizes, negotiate two non-monetary prizes with your parents. For example: An extra hour of TV time, the right to stay up a little later on a Friday, getting out of a particular chore, etc. Not money and not things bought with money.

Line Priority - You have the right to skip ahead of ANY music-related line up (For example while on trips to pick a seat on the bus). Gold line priority puts you ahead of those with silver line priority.

Victory Video - At the final concert, the accomplishments of all students reaching this rank or higher will be heralded in an EPIC video.

Master's Club - Master's Club members will enjoy a special prize of their choosing after the final concert.

Guest Conduct a 5 Minute Warm-Up - With Mr. Leeson's help, conduct your ensemble in a five minute warm up. You can choose what the group plays / sings!

**Please note that prizes need to be claimed by you.** Because there are more than 100 music students, Mr. Leeson cannot always notify you as soon as you've earned a prize or gone up a rank. Please check the website and let Mr. Leeson know if you've earned a prize. For the Parent Prizes, claim them by letting Mr. Leeson know and he will email your parents to confirm.

## Submitting a Quest



There are three ways to submit a Quest:

1. Sing the Quest in class on certain days.
2. Sing the Quest for Mr. Leeson during nutrition break or lunch time.
3. Record the Quest and submit via email, the music website, or by sharing with [shorelinemusic@gmail.com](mailto:shorelinemusic@gmail.com) on Google Drive.

When emailing a recording, **please put your name and the Quest name/number in the subject line.** (For example: Johnny Smith Basic #23)

To submit a recording on the website, go to: [www.shorelinemusicnews.com](http://www.shorelinemusicnews.com) and select “Music Heroes” from the menu along the side. Fill in the blanks, upload your file, and click “submit” to send the file to Mr. Leeson.

If you can't email recordings, you can submit them on a USB drive as well. Mr. Leeson may need to keep the USB Drive for a while.

## Viewing your Points

Once you have chosen an Alias and points have begun to be posted online, you can view your points by going to:

[www.shorelinemusicnews.com](http://www.shorelinemusicnews.com)

Click on “Music Heroes” in the menu on the left side.  
**Click on “Check Your Points”.**



## Points Earned from a Quest



MORE DIFFICULT  
Quest = MORE POINTS  
EARNED

When you submit a quest, one of two things will happen:

- The quest will be approved by Mr. Leeson or Mr. Spelt. You will receive the number of points indicated on the next page.
- Mr. Leeson or Mr. Spelt will give you some feedback on things you need to improve before they can mark it as completed. This means you should practice the Quest before making another attempt.

Note: Mr. Leeson is not looking for perfection. If you make a couple of small mistakes, but show that you that you understand the main point of that quest, it will be marked complete.

For example, if a certain quest is meant to teach you about a kind of rhythm, that rhythm needs to be correct for the Quest to be approved. If the rhythm is correct, but you miss one note, the Quest will still likely be approved.

# Kingdoms: A New Dawn



The mysterious Musician's Comet has traced across the evening sky, leaving shards of musical energy behind. The four music kingdoms, Dragon, Griffon, Unicorn, and Wolf, have sent their bravest explorers out to find and collect the powerful shards. Declare your allegiance and bring glory to your kingdom!

- List your 1st and 2nd choice for which Kingdom you would like to join when giving Mr. Leeson your Music Heroes Alias. You will be in one of those two Kingdoms.
- Some of the bravest heroes from last year (Gr. 7/8) have already been assigned Kingdoms so that they can lead the charge.
- When you complete a basic quest (must be from a method book), ask Mr. Leeson for permission to place a "Music Shard" in your Kingdom's area on the white board.
- Each member of a Kingdom can only earn a shard once per month, so the Kingdom that will find the most shards is the one with the most people contributing!
- The Kingdom with the most music shards as of the final concert will have their own pizza party in June.

# F.A.Q.

Q: What's the overall goal of Music Heroes?

A: The idea is to motivate you and give you an easy way to see how much you are improving. In music, it's easy to feel like you're not improving at all. This system will show you that you are in fact becoming a better musician!

Q: Will the points I've received be announced in class?

A: No. Your points will be considered private info. However, if you reach the rank of "Hero", it will be announced at the year end concert.

Q: So how can I find out how many points I have?

A: Go to the Shoreline Music Website: [shorelinemusicnews.com](http://shorelinemusicnews.com) Click on "Music Heroes" in the menu on the left side. The password to log in is "Epic".

Q: Are Quests like tests or quizzes?

A: These points will make up a portion of your mark in music, but that's about all they have in common with tests. You don't have to do all of these Quests. You can pick which ones you want to do in which order. You can also re-do Quests as many times as you want.

Q: My older sibling plays the same instrument as me. Can they help me with Quests?

A: They are definitely welcome to help you and give you advise. However, they are not allowed to play a recording for you! If Mr. Leeson has reason to suspect this is the case, he will confirm with parents and you may be asked to do the Quest again in person.

Q: How should I record myself for a Quest?

A: A video recording is best. Audio recordings are ok too though. You are free to use any equipment providing the quality is at least good enough for Mr. Leeson to hear you properly. No real player files please.

Q: I'm a "Catch-Up" student (I started Band or Strings a year or two late) and a lot of these Quests are too hard for me. Does this mean I can't earn any points?

A: If you started band or strings late, you can still play Quests. However, for the first little while, you may want to find something easier to play as Quests. An exercise from the Gr. 6 Band book or from Strings Explorer Book #1 would be ideal. Check with Mr. Leeson to find out how many points you can earn.

Q: I'm a percussionist. What instrument should I play all of these Quests on?

A: Each basic Quest can played on Snare Drum or Bells/Xylophone. If Mr. Leeson notices that all of your Quests have been on one instrument, he may require your next one to be on the other.

Q: I'm in more than one music group (Strings, Band, Choir). What do I do?

A: You can complete Quests on either instrument or voice. All points will be totalled together. If you do all of your Quests on one instrument, Mr. Leeson may ask you to do your next Quest on the other.