



# James Clemens High School

## *Guitar Class Virtual Plan*

The goal of this class is to introduce/reinforce core concepts of guitar playing, while also pushing more advanced students to master new techniques. While our efficiency might be affected by our move out of the classroom, the use of recordings and heavy use video conferencing should give us all the tools we need to be successful.

Please be reminded that, as noted in the MCS Course Catalogue, every student must own their own instrument to participate in the course. Students may use an electric or acoustic guitar and the quality doesn't matter as long as it is in full working order. Guitar's will be needed by Monday, August 17, and if you need a buying guide or recommendations please feel free to contact Mr. Gessner.

Also know that I'll be asking every student to have some way of recording their playing and practicing multiple times a week. A laptop or cellphone is perfectly fine, but students must have a quiet room to record and a set up conducive to see all parts of the guitar on screen.

Mr. Gessner will be checking student progress via Webex at least twice a week, but it's yet to be determined whether it's most effective to do that as a whole class or individually. Either way, we'll meet during our 3rd block class time and try to stick to Wednesdays and Fridays.

Grades will be based mostly on playing challenges (test grades) which will be due every Friday. These challenges will be catered to the needs of each student and will require a week's worth of practicing. Daily grades will be given via progress checks throughout the week as well as small projects about guitar history and guitarist biographies.

With this being the first time we've offered this class exclusively online, plans and methods may change drastically, but our goal is to simply help students progress as much as possible with the time we're given.

Please feel free to email any questions to [hwgessner@madisoncity.k12.al.us](mailto:hwgessner@madisoncity.k12.al.us)