**Personal Projects: Summer Responsibilities 2020**

Hi there, rising IB sophomores!

In the fall, I will help you write the paper portion of your personal project. To be prepared to write this paper successfully, you must do the following over the summer:

1. **Maintain contact with your supervisor.** Please email your supervisor and keep them updated on your project. Ask them questions! Get feedback! You have a supervisor for a reason. Be prepared to document that you have been in frequent contact with your supervisor.
2. **Research your topic.** A successful personal project paper has a wide variety of sources. Over the summer, you should read articles and books, watch videos, and even conduct interviews about your topic. For example, if you are learning to play the piano, you should research composers and techniques that pique your interest, watch tutorial videos, take lessons (virtually), and interview musicians that you know. The deeper your knowledge, the better your paper! You should have at least 10 sources that demonstrate a wide variety of media.
3. **Write in your process journal.** Document, document, document. Every time you do something for your project, write about it. Write about your research process and how you found sources. Write about your practice sessions, your frustrations, and your successes. REFLECT. Your journal should not just be a list of what you did over the summer—it is a reflection on your process. Don’t just write about WHAT you do; write about WHY you make the choices you do on this project. Write about how you feel about the project, what you enjoyed, what made you mad, what you learned, how you grew. Your journal should include at least 25 entries, and each entry should be a dated reflection on your progress. Your journal should demonstrate both your reflective writing as well as your time management abilities.

I’m looking forward to meeting you in the fall. Please feel free to email me any questions that you may have this summer about any portion of this process. Stay safe and have fun!

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**Your journal will be due, electronically, by September 14. If you choose to handwrite your journal, which you may, you must be prepared to take pictures to submit to the online dropbox on Schoology. I will not be accepting paperwork during the upcoming school year. Your journal will count as your first two quiz grades in English 10.**