

## Technology used at PCMS

### Alfred's Music Theory

### Finale PrintMusic

### SmartMusic

**Google Chat** – The elementary music teachers and middle school music teachers created a Google Chat conference for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to ask questions about band, choir, and general music to help them select a middle school music class.

### SmartBoard

Random Word Chooser – I use this interactive SmartBoard template to randomly select different sections. I use this for splitting up duets or as a simple way to have a section demonstrate a concept.

Rhythm activities. My middle school students love to write in counting on the SmartBoard. I have no trouble getting volunteers. I created a music staff template with a rhythm bank so I can easily create whatever rhythms I need.

## Web Sites

### Tuner

<http://www.seventhstring.com/tuner/tuner.html>

**Interactive Metronome** – This metronome has a variety of beats, swing, rock, pop, etc. I like to do rhythm exercises to these beats.

<http://8notes.com/metronome/>

**Random Number Generator** – For a fun activity, I will enter in the song numbers of our method book into this generator. Students love this activity and especially when the random song is at the beginning of the book. It's a great opportunity to show the students how much they've progressed.

[http://www.mathgoodies.com/calculators/random\\_no\\_custom.html](http://www.mathgoodies.com/calculators/random_no_custom.html)

**Staff Wars** – note naming activity. Great for small groups.

**Rhythm Blocks** – Rhythm dictation game.

[http://www.themusicinteractive.com/TMI/The\\_Music\\_Interactive\\_-\\_Classroom\\_Apps.html](http://www.themusicinteractive.com/TMI/The_Music_Interactive_-_Classroom_Apps.html)

**Rhythm Drill Performance**

<http://www.emusictheory.com/practice/rhythmPerf.html>

**YouTube.com**

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### **Recording Devices**

**iPod mini microphone.** The recording quality is pretty decent. I have used it to record concerts and rehearsals. It's a cheap option if you own an iPod, but I have found that it's not 100% reliable. Occasionally the iPod appears that it's recording when it's not.

**SmartMusic** has a recording capability that works well for rehearsal purposes. I like how easy it is to email the sound file to students, parents, and teachers.