

The Virtual Podium: Band Communication Blogging

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Thanks for choosing to attend my session. I know you have many choices and I'm glad this is a topic of interest. Please feel free to ask questions, participate, and write down ideas as we work to become better at using technology to communicate.

I chose a text based handout because it gives you information to take home (links and such) However, if you want to view the slideshow again, you can simply type in the link below to pull it up whenever, wherever. (another tip: you can publish any google doc like this)

http://docs.google.com/present/view?id=dfdmt7zq_33hsrxevd3&interval=15

The Virtual Podium Slideshow

In order to create your own blog head to one of these sites:

www.blogger.com

www.wordpress.com

For examples please check out the following:

www.virtualpodium.blogspot.com - My professional blog

www.titanbands.blogspot.com - A frozen blog from my first position.(my first band blog)

www.oceansideband.wordpress.com - A great band website.

You can find more these by clicking out of the slideshow!

Some Things to Think About:

- Promote your blog! It's not worth it if no one is looking at it!
- What information is useful? There are a lot of "widgets" you can add, but which ones will enhance your site?
- Make sure comments are moderated by you.
- Update often! Keep your audience interested.

Issues in Education Blogging:

While we see blogging as an easy tool for sharing information, reflecting, and communication, there are precautions we should consider.

- Does the school have policies for teachers blogging?
- Do certain students have restrictions on using their image?
- How will you identify yourself and others?

Other Useful Networking Sites:

www.facebook.com - A social utility that helps people communicate efficiently with others.

www.naymz.com - Reputation Management and Networking for Professionals.

www.linkedin.com - A business-oriented social networking site.

www.ning.com - An online platform for people to create their own social networks.

www.twitter.com - A free social networking and micro-blogging service.

Sites for Sharing and Finding Information:

www.windrep.org - A database of wind literature, expanded by contributions of band directors/conductors.

www.diigo.com - A Social bookmarking website .

www.youtube.com - A video sharing website. (see also www.schooltube.com)

<http://docs.google.com> - A free, Web-based word processor, spreadsheet, presentation, and form application .

Want more?

I'd love to work with you and expand my networks. Please contact and add me on any sites you choose. My username is almost always "KFreese" and of course you can google "Kyle Freese" to find me. The best way to contact me is through email

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Through these experiences we can all learn and grow and that's what it's all about! I sincerely hope to see you popping up on my screen soon so we can all work together.