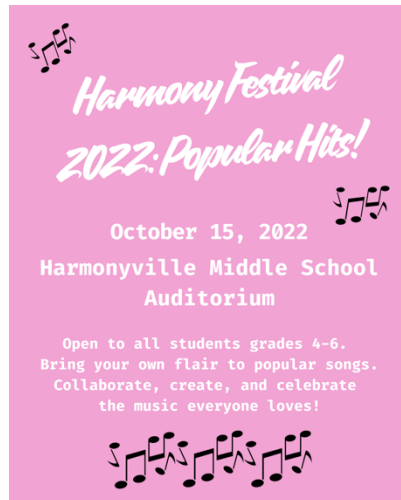


## Hey Luke!! ☹️❓

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EMMA: Hey Luke!!

Guess what I found while cleaning my room?! The old Harmony Festival 2022 announcement! Gosh I was so stressed but luckily it turned out well in the end. Wait the photo is loading...



Harmony Festival 2022: Popular Hits!

October 15, 2022

Harmonyville Middle School Auditorium

Open to all students grades 4-6. Bring your own flair to popular songs.

Collaborate, create, and celebrate the music everyone loves!

Do you remember how nervous I was about performing those popular tunes?

They SO didn't feel like me. You know I love classical melodies

I felt like I was pretending to be someone else

LUKE: Of course I remember! It was really hard for you

It was clear that those songs didn't fit who you are at all!

EMMA: You always understand and support me, you're a real friend ❤️.

Talking to Mr. Thompson helped, too! He was so understanding, and it was him that gave me this brilliant idea of mixing a popular song with another melody. It felt right.

LUKE: Oh yeah, Mr. Thompson was awesome! That medley was a turning point.

You really lit up when we practiced it. The audience loved it too, they clapped for like 3 minutes straight ahah

EMMA: Yessss the standing ovation, I totally felt like a star!! But the best part was that chain reaction or... I don't know how to call it, remember? When other students started sharing their true talents? It was an awesome moment for our school

Oh yeah, remember when after our performance, Jake finally found the courage to publish his poem in the school newspaper? And the poem was actually really good!

LUKE: Yes!! Or when Sarah, that girl who loved painting, finally decided to show us her unique style instead of copying popular trends? I really liked her painting, and Sarah has a blog where she publishes her artworks now

wait, I'll send it to you, I'm sure you'll love it

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

EMMA: 🥳🥳🥳

LUKE: Yeahhh it was something. Your courage inspired others. Harmonyville felt like a place where everyone could be themselves.

EMMA: Thanks, Luke. Your support meant everything!!

LUKE: You can always count on me 😊

EMMA: By the way, how's your new school? Made any nice friends?

LUKE: My new school is great!!! I made some good friends quite quickly. They're authentic too, which is awesome. I feel like I can be myself here, just like when I am with you.

EMMA: Ohhh that's great, I'm so happy for you! I hope I'll get a chance to meet your new friends soon!

LUKE: Well, maybe even sooner than you expected. I'll be in Harmonyville next weekend. Wanna meet up?

EMMA: Absolutely!! Can't wait!  
Let me know when you're there, Luke ❤️

LUKE: Will do. Talk to you soon, Emma 🤝



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