


# *Music Student of the Month*

## Jonathan Rodriguez Ortiz

Bassoon, 7th Grade Band

"It's a really hard instrument - I have nine notes on just one thumb!" Jonathan explained, pushing shiny silver keys of varying shapes and sizes along the length of his bassoon. "I only started a month ago, after playing clarinet since 5th grade." Stepping up to this challenge has earned Jonathan recognition this month from Band Director Darren Dix. "Jonathan has been enthusiastic to try out double reeds and is already making great progress on bassoon," Mr. Dix said. Jonathan is the only bassoon player in the band, which feels a little like soccer or other team sports to him. He describes the feeling, saying, "I'm a little nervous about it, especially playing in concerts. But music is fun because of the cool songs we play. I have to focus so hard sometimes I actually zone out of everything else."

Congratulations to Jonathan Rodriguez Ortiz,
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