



Have you seen the small woman that drives the large black van/bus?

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Mrs. Thompson works in the music department at Oak Hills Highschool, teaching Bella Voci, Piano, AP Music Theory and intro to music theory. She spends much of her time at school and home planning for the new annual trip to Disney and concerts for the choir kids. She works with every group and every student to encourage each student to better themselves to be the best that they can be and promotes a stress-free environment and class. Allowing kids, if they needed it, time to do the school work they couldn't the night before or time to catch up on sleep, putting mental health above work but also encouraging kids to strive for the best grades they can achieve. Most of her students love Mrs. Thompson, stating she is a great teacher, always pushing her students to strive for greatness but never pushing them too hard. Mrs. Thompson is supportive of her student's choices, lending an ear when needed and giving advice when asked. Students couldn't ask for a better teacher.

Mrs. Thompson teaches my first period Piano class. She always comes (although late most of the time, but who could blame her, she's busy.) with a smile on her face and a greeting for everyone. Every morning she asks our small class how we're doing and talks to us. She is almost always friendly. Then through the class, she'll check up on us, whether that be on the current song we're playing or on how we are doing mentally. Mrs. Thompson is someone that kids can, and do trust with whatever issues they may be having in school or outside of school. She is someone that kids trust to talk to. In piano, you can come up and sit at the keyboard by the desk and play for her or just talk to her and she always listens. If you're playing she'll give you tips and pointers on how to play more smoothly or tricks to up your game. If she's lending an ear she'll give you advice and listen. She's someone that kids can go to if they need help, always lending a hand for someone in need.

A former choir student Dylan Hoy said: " She pushed me to be my best and feel that really helped me break out of my shell and make new friends."

A student that has never personally had her as a teacher but on numerous occasions stated that "In talking with her I realized that she pushed her students to be the best that they can possibly be."

Mrs. Thompson is an overall amazing teacher and loved by many (if not all) of her students. From her passion for music that inspires every one of her students to achieve the best

they can. To her hard work and determination to make sure every one of her students succeeds, whether that be musically involved or a career choice that has nothing to do with music.