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# My Musical Experience (2021-2022)

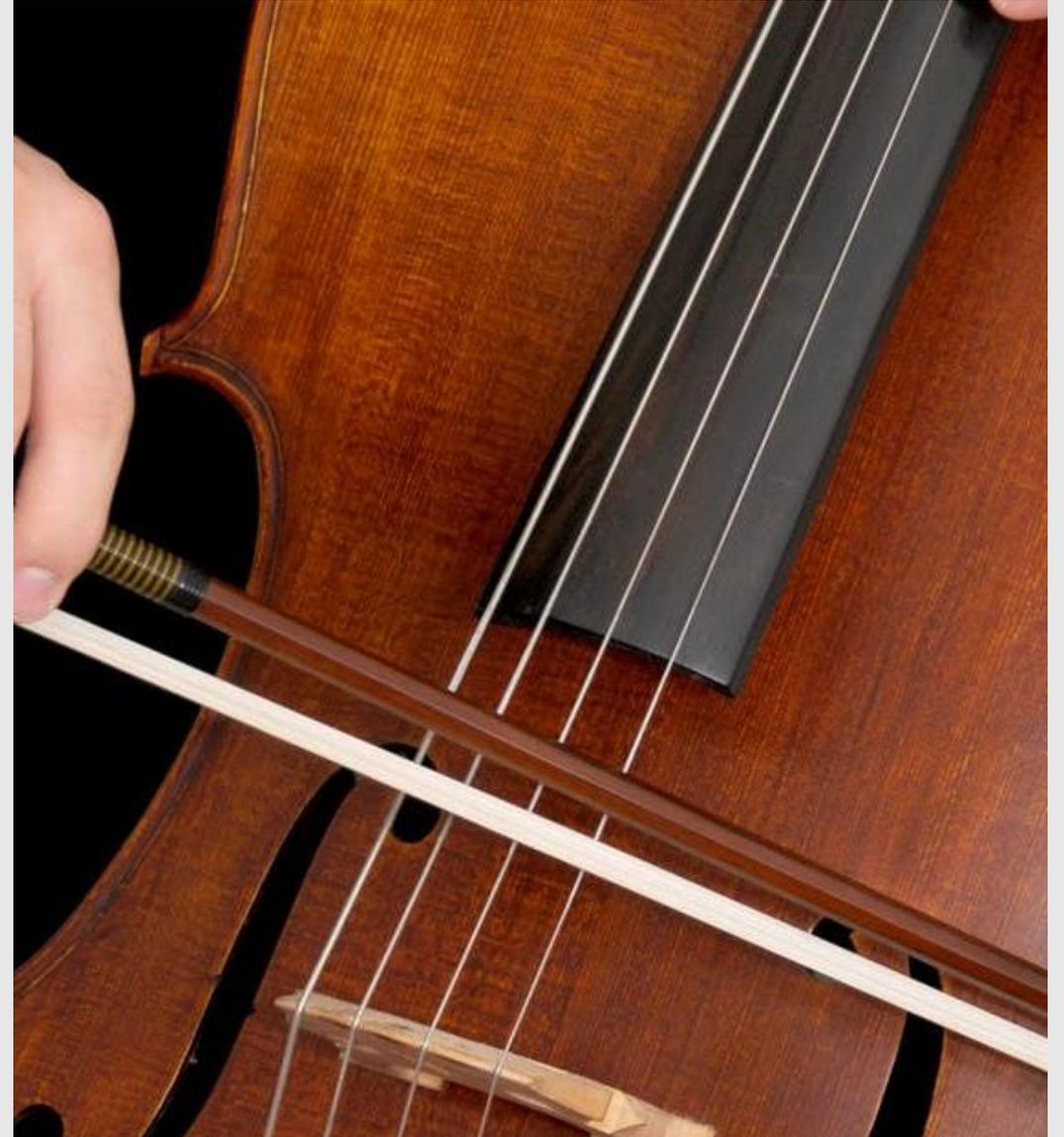
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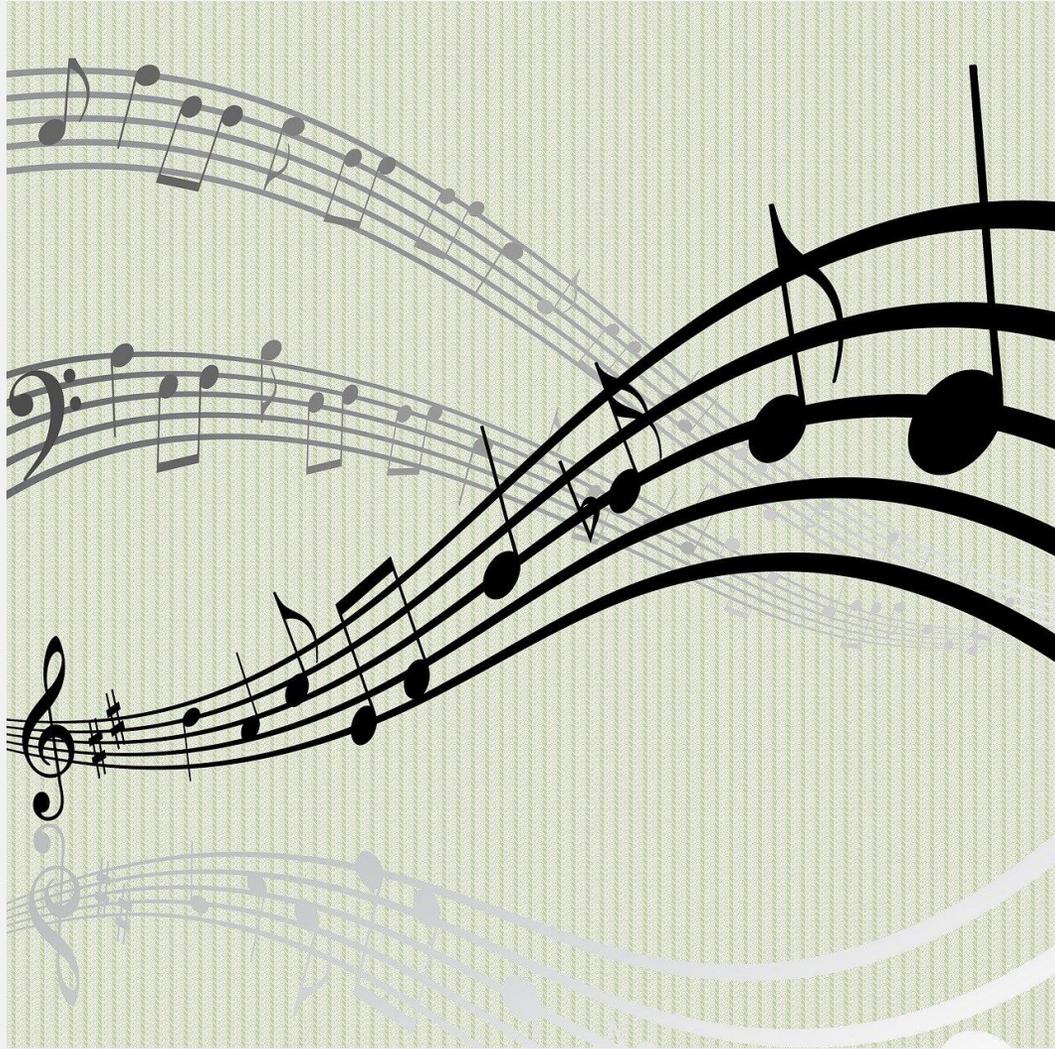
A background image of a musical score on a page. The score is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef. It features a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a time signature of 4/4. The notes are mostly quarter notes, with some eighth notes and rests. The page is slightly curved, and the text is in a serif font. The overall tone is light and artistic.

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# Instruments

- I've played violin from 4-8 grade
- Over the summer of 2021, I learned to play cello
- At the beginning of the school year, I continued playing violin in the orchestra
- I rented a trumpet mid-February for Marching Band and joined concert band part time in March
- Mid-April, I learned to play upright bass for the upcoming competition at the Apple Blossom Festival
- Over the summer, I hope to tone my skills playing bass guitar





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# Personal Connection

I feel connected to this topic because of the growth I have experienced as a musician this year. I've also spent a lot of time and energy learning to play various instruments, especially bass, which I only learned to play a couple weeks before a competition and concert.

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# Global Context

## Personal Expression

I chose this global context because it shows how I expressed creativity and emotion through music. I've found a creative outlet in music this year and it helps me to express my emotions.



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# Approaches to Learning

## Thinking Skills

Reading music is like reading a different language, and while knowing multiple instruments has helped to learn new ones, each instrument has different key signatures and can make it difficult to switch from instrument to instrument.

## Self-Management Skills

I've had to spend a lot of time practicing and learning to manage my time with every instrument has not been an easy task. My fine motor skills have also changed, as playing small instruments like the violin verses large ones like the upright bass requires precise fingerings.



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# Reflection

I've greatly enjoyed my experiences with music this year, and it has taught me a lot, not only of music, but of myself. Lots of hard work and practice paid off, and we received first place in Marching Band, a superior rating in orchestra, and an excellent rating in concert band. I would not take back any of these experiences.

