

# Morning music has no chemistry, no appeal to school Tunes played before morning announcements leave school with no excitement

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You know what I love the most about coming into school? The "excellent" music that has been played on the morning announcements. Now, don't get me wrong, some of their music is tasteful; except for when they decide to play ten-year-old bands that have long since lost their five minutes of fame.

Instead of playing garbage, let us take a look at some good music. This is entirely bias evidence and the information was extracted from how much my friends and I enjoy certain artists. With that said I will go ahead and introduce our first musician.

Pinkle ([www.pinklemusic.com](http://www.pinklemusic.com)) is a band comprised of one person. Bryn Martin lives in Chicago and produces music out of his studio-apartment. This is my absolute favorite musician. It's hard to hate the jamming guitar and soft-styled voice that emits from his songs. That is why Pinkle is our favorite. If you get a chance, check out "Rounder than an Orange Peel."

Next, I will go in order of favorites, is The Decemberists. A vibrant guitar sound accompanied by beautiful lyrics. The Decemberists are focused a little more on delivering a sound that can be enjoyed by my friends. This band stretches from my "scene" friends right to my "ghetto" friends. Check

out "The Engine Driver" if you want to dabble in The Decemberists.

The Flaming Lips have been around for quite some time. In light of this, you rarely hear their tunes on the radio or watch their videos on the television which is a shame because they rank number three on my list of good music. The Flaming Lips incorporate a variety of sounds into their music that make it come alive. Just another great one on Veckman's list of good music. Check out the entire CD "Yoshimi Battles the Evil Pink Robots."

When I am feeling a little funky and in the mood to listen to something "different" I move my iPod to "The Animal Collective." Now, I am not exactly sure how this even got there, but I do not hate it. In fact, its vocals tell stories in incoherent lyrics and jumbled beats. I am not sure what to think of it, but it has that element of music that makes me believe it could be great. Check out their song "Sweet Road".

Now I have listened to a band called Dispatch for quite some time. They also rank on my personal top ten list of great music. Dispatch is composed of three musicians who are talented in each other's instruments. At any time, any one of the members can perform another's tasks. For example, the singer can play the drums and the drummer can play bass. A very versatile band.



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**FIND HAPPINESS:** Bryn Martin, a Chicago-based musician, performs in his one-man band called "Pinkle."

Now how about instead of this crap that is played on the morning announcements we get some decent music up in hurr?