

Power through with Playlists

Prepare for winter break, finals, and new music for the new year

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Holiday season means various things to different people. For some, it's a time to decorate, relax, and celebrate with friends and family. For others it's a hectic time involving last minute shopping and dysfunctional family gatherings.

No matter if you spend break decorating cookies or sulking because finals are after break, make sure you have a great playlist for winter break. Below are some of my favorite Christmas songs, both new and old. Some you might love, others you might love to hate, regardless, enjoy and happy holidays!

1. "It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas" by Bing Crosby
2. "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee
3. "All I want For Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey
4. "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year" by Andy Williams
5. "Welcome Christmas" by MGM Studio Chorus (How The Grinch Stole Christmas)
6. "Underneath The Tree" by Kelly Clarkson
7. "Carol Of The Bells" by Mykola Dmytrovych Leontovych
9. "Let It Snow!" by Dean Martin
10. "Blue Christmas" by Elvis Presley
11. "Christmas (baby please come home)" by Darlene Love
12. "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" by Frank Sinatra
13. "Last Christmas" by Wham!
14. "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" by Michael Bublé
15. "Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms
16. "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Burl Ives
17. "A Holly Jolly Christmas" by Burl Ives
18. "Feliz Navidad" by José Feliciano
19. "Winter Wonderland" by Tony

Bennett

20. "Silent Night" by Carpenters
If you're like me, your backpack is not opened over break until the day before returning to school. But not this year guys. This is comeback year. So let's start 2018 right and start studying for finals early! Everyone has preferences as to what kind of music they study to. Figure out what works for you. Is it classical? Rap? Jazz? Pop? Rock? Throwbacks? Experiment with different songs and music genres while studying to see.

I understand not everyone will have the same study music taste as me, but here are some songs that for some reason or another help me study.

1. "Boredom" by Tyler, The Creator
2. "Man Of The Year" by SchoolboyQ
3. "Something Good Can Work" by Two Door Cinema Club
4. "Flashing Lights" by Kanye West
5. "Suspicion Minds" by Elvis Presley
6. "Mykonos" by Sun Giant
7. "The Spiteful Chant" by Kendrick Lamar
8. "Self Control" by Frank Ocean
9. "Midnight Train To Georgia" by Gladys Knight and The Pips
10. "Nolo" by Grace Mitchell
11. "Pursuit Of Happiness (nightmare)" by Kid Cudi
12. "Deadlines and Commitments" by The Killers
13. "No hands" by Waka Flocka
14. "Yellow" by Amine
15. "Back Seat" by Atlas Genius
16. "Solo (reprise)" by Frank Ocean (Andre 3000)
17. "coasting" by bbno\$
18. "Stand by Me" by Ben E. King
19. "GUMMY" by Brockhampton
20. "Dancing In The Dark" by Bruce Springsteen
21. "Sober" by Childish Gambino
22. "From Rest" by Cold Weather Company

23. "Chum" by Earl Sweatshirt
24. "September" by Earth, Wind, and Fire

25. "Bound 2" by Kanye West
 26. "Degas Park" by Kevin Abstract
 27. "8TEEN" by Khalid
 28. "Battle Born" by The Killers
- 2018 is a brand new opportunity for music. Frankly, I am crazy optimistic about the new albums being released at the tail end of 2017 and 2018. Below are some albums to watch out for.

Artist: Brockhampton
Album: Saturation 3
Release date: Dec. 15 2017
Additional info: According to Kevin Abstract, this album will be their final album. The group is comprised of vocalists Kevin Abstract, Merlyn Wood, Ameer Vann, Dom McLennon, JOBA, Bearface and more creatives. 2017 was a big year for them, releasing Saturation in July and Saturation 2 in August.

Artist: Post Malone
Album: Beerpongs and Bentleys
Release Date: TBA
Additional info: Post Malone has been teasing fans since the summer saying it would be released in June, then announcing it would actually be December 1. June and December came and went and no album. Rockstar ft. 21 Savage, a single off the album, was released in September.

Several other albums that we have little to no details for are reportedly also coming out in 2018. A\$AP Rocky promised an album before the end of 2017. Kid Cudi is releasing an album produced by Kanye West, who is also allegedly releasing in 2018. Frank Ocean, notorious for drawing out release dates for years, is supposedly sitting on a finished album. Frankly, I'll be surprised if we see that before 2020. Some things in the world are fairly bleak currently, one thing we can look forward to is new music.