

Welcome to the Fairview Park City Schools

ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

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GS 5th Grade Orchestra • MMS 6th Grade Orchestra • MMS 7th/8th Grade Concert Orchestra

FHS String Orchestra • FHS Chamber Orchestra

Instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass

These classes have additional requirements outside of the normal school day, including **concerts, contests, clinics, and field trips.**

1ST HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2022

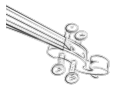
1. Review this handbook with your parent/guardian.
2. Be sure to hit the main points:
 - ✓ Instrument Rental Info + **shoulder rest**/rock stop
 - ✓ Instrument Care and Accident Repair
 - ✓ Required Concert Dates (put them on your family calendar)!
 - ✓ Concert Dress Requirements
3. Together, sign the Fairview Orchestra Handbook Form attached and return to Mrs. Needham by **Friday, August 19th**.

OTHER UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Monday-Friday, Aug. 22-26 ~ Playing Auditions (pre-assessment)

Wednesday, Oct. 12 ~ MS 7/8 Gr Orchestra, Band, Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
Report to orchestra room at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 ~ FHS Orchestra & Chorale Concert 7:00 p.m.
Report to orchestra room at 6:30 p.m.



ORCHESTRA – CONTACT

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HOW WILL MRS. NEEDHAM CONTACT ME?

ORCHESTRA CONCERT DRESS & POLOS!!!

This year all concert dress payments will be a part of your school fees. If you are in need of purchasing your concert dress, it will automatically be added to your fee account when the order is placed. All 6th graders and Freshmen will get this fee on their account. If you need to order a different size, please let me know ASAP so I can find a used one OR you are welcome to purchase a new one.

All payments for school fees should go to the main office.

6th Grade Orchestra Fee: \$15 (red polo)

9th Grade Orchestra Fee: \$65 gowns // \$55 for tuxedos

ORCHESTRA BOOK FEE – HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

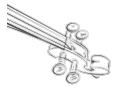
We will be using a new book this year. This will help us with technique, shifting, scales, and much more. This fee will appear on your account for \$10.

ORCHESTRA SPIRIT WEAR– INFO COMING SOON!



talent
doesn't grow on
trees
It grows in
ORCHESTRA





ORCHESTRA – DAILY INFO

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ORCHESTRA GRADING

- 40% - Daily Rehearsal Skills
- 40% - Concert Attendance, Dress, Etiquette
- 20% - Assessments, Assignments

TARDY CONSEQUENCES

DAILY MUSICIANSHIP RUBRIC - 5 Points scale

- o Unexcused Absence -5

HOME PRACTICE

Your brain learns the skills to play an instrument through **repetition**.

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POOR CHOICE INTERVENTIONS

- Student Seating Change
- Chat with Teacher
- Removed from the Room
- Parent Contact
- Alternate Written Activity
- Rehearsal Contract
- Teacher Detention
- Student/Parent/Teacher Conference
- Administrative Referral

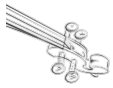
WHAT YOU NEED DAILY

Optional: Clip-on Tuner

DAILY INSTRUMENT CARE

- DO put your instrument in its case whenever you are done practicing (loosen bow)
- DO wipe the rosin off of your instrument with the soft cloth after each practice session
- DO ask your orchestra teacher questions about your instrument

- DON'T leave your instrument in the car, outside, in sunlight, or near vents/windows
- DON'T touch or move someone else's instrument without their permission
- DON'T let anyone but your orchestra teacher or a luthier play or "fix" your instrument



HOW TO FIND A GOOD ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENT – SEE ATTACHED LOCAL DEALERS

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN INSTRUMENT...

please bring it to class as soon as possible so Mrs. Needham can make sure it is in good repair and correct for your current height.

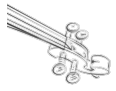
INSTRUMENT SET-UP AND REPAIR COSTS

Most students take excellent care of their instruments. It is rare for an instrument to need repairs. Here are some things you can do to avoid repair costs:

- ✓ Follow your orchestra teacher's guidelines for good instrument care (covered in class) and ASK if you have questions.
- ✓ Rent/purchase instruments only from stores that staff a luthier (repair-person).
- ✓ Only let your teacher or a certified luthier (repair-person) fix your instrument.

The prices below are for reference only. The repair shop will determine the actual cost.

| Instrument Set-Up (Low Quality) and Repair (Broken) Costs | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Low-Quality Instrument Set Up | \$100+ to non-repairable/playable |
| Refit Low-Quality Tuning Pegs | \$100-170 |
| Replace Low-Quality Fine Tuners | \$60-90 |
| Bow Rehair | \$40-100 |
| Replace Strings | \$10-160 |
| Re-Glue Fingerboard (example: if dropped) | \$80 |
| Re-Glue Seam (example: left in heat/cold) | \$60-120 |
| Repair Broken Neck (example: dropped) | \$300-500 |
| Repair Crack (example: dropped/temp.) | \$80-250 or non-repairable |
| Repair Nicks/Dents/Scratches | \$60-400 |
| Replace Broken Bridge | \$100-220 (Bass - \$500) |
| Replace Broken Bow | \$100-220 |
| Replace Broken School Violin/Viola | \$400 |
| Replace Broken School Cello | \$1200 |
| Replace Broken School Bass | \$2000 |



ORCHESTRA – CALENDAR

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REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

the performance. Approval will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Make-up

EXAMPLES OF NON-EXCUSED ABSENCES

Field Trips

events! If you are interested, please contact

FULL CREDIT FOR A PERFORMANCE

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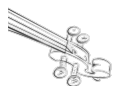
- ✓ On time to call time in proper concert attire
- ✓ Instrument, shoulder rest, rock stop, and sheet music
- ✓ Respectful Audience Etiquette (no electronics, no talking)
- ✓ Attentive during warm-ups and quiet backstage
- ✓ Maintaining focus/posture during performance and playing your best
- ✓ Stay for entire performance

CONCERT DRESS PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

dress/skirt (CALF to floor length), long-sleeved dress shirt (tucked in) or modest, dressy top with sleeves to elbow or longer, belt, dress socks or tights (no ankles showing), dressy shoes, well-groomed

length), red Orchestra polo (tucked in), belt, dress socks or tights (no ankles showing), dressy all-black shoes, well-groomed

FHS Orchestras – Orchestra Gown or Tuxedo (tux black pants, tux white shirt, black cummerbund/vest and bow tie, NO JACKET) dress socks or tights (no ankles showing), dressy all-black shoes, well-groomed



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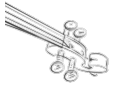
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2022-2023 Fairview Orchestra Performance Schedule

The following list of important dates and performances is subject to change. To cover field trip costs, there may be a fee of between \$5 and \$60 per trip.

Please pay special attention to important underlined items, which are graded performances. ☺

| Day | Month | Date | Event | Time |
|-----------|-------|------|---|-----------------|
| Wed. | Oct. | 12 | MS Concert Band (7-8), <u>Concert Orchestra (7-8)</u>, and Concert Choir (7-8) @ FHS Auditorium | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Oct. | 19 | <u>FHS Orchestra & Chorale Concert @ FHS Auditorium</u> | 7:00 p.m. |
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| Fri. | Nov. | 4 | FHS Orchestra Field Trip: Northern Ohio String Festival @ BW and BW Symphony Concert @ 7pm | All day/TBA |
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| Sat. | Dec. | 10 | GS Band, <u>GS Orchestra</u>, MS 6 Grade Band, <u>MS 6 Grade Orchestra</u>, MS Concert Band, <u>MS Concert Orchestra</u>, FHS Band, Jazz Band, <u>String Orchestra</u>, <u>Chamber Orchestra @ FHS</u> | TBA |
| TBA | Dec. | TBA | MS Concert Orchestra (7-8) Field Trip and Performance | TBA |
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| Sat. | Jan. | 28 | HS Band, HS Orchestra Greater Cleve. Solo & Ensemble Contest Location TBD | All Day |
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| Thurs. | Mar. | 2 | <u>District Orchestra Concert (5-6 6pm, 7-12 8pm) @ FHS</u> | 6:00, 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. | Mar. | 11 | MS OMEA Orchestra & Choir Honors Fest (select 8th graders) | All Day |
| Sat. | Mar. | 18 | MS Band, MS Orchestra Greater Cleve. Solo & Ensemble Contest Location TBD | All Day |
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| Fri - Sun | TBA | TBA | Spring Musical | 7 pm - 2 pm |
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| Sat. | May | 6 | <u>Super Pops Concert (Band & Orchestra only, Gr 5-12) @ FHS</u> | TBA |
| TBA | May | TBA | MS Concert Orchestra (7-8) Field Trip and Performance | TBA |
| Thurs. | May | 11 | FHS Performing Arts Awards Program @ FHS | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues. | May | 23 | <u>Commencement - FHS Orchestra</u> | 5:00-8:30 p.m. |
| Wed. | May | 24 | Rain Date #1 Commencement - FHS Orchestra | 5:00-8:30 p.m. |
| Thurs. | May | 25 | Rain Date #2 Commencement - FHS Orchestra | 5:00-8:30 p.m. |



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Parents/Guardians/Grandparents/Aunts/Uncles, thank you in advance for supporting your

Donating water, treats, Bake Sale items for our Super Pops Concert Concessions Fundraiser

“ORCHFAM” CONTRACT **SIGN, AND TURN IN BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH**

I have received, read, and understand the policies, expectations, and responsibilities in the 2022-2023 Fairview Orchestra Handbook, including renting/purchasing an instrument, required accessories, the first day of instruments, and bringing my home instrument to all performances and field trips.

I understand that orchestra is a year-long course with required after-school events that can only be excused for illness or emergencies, unless pre-arranged in advance with Mrs. Needham. I have recorded our performance dates on our family calendar.

I commit to treating others and their property with kindness and respect, and to being a proactive part of the solution when it comes to keeping instruments in our rehearsal room safe.

I understand that clipped fingernails are a requirement for playing a string instrument.

I understand that I am responsible for the care, safety, and security of my instrument.

I understand that any damages to my instrument or someone else's instrument (including classroom instruments) caused by my poor choices or improper “repairs” are my family's financial responsibility. I promise to pay to repair or replace all such damages, to be completed by a trained and approved luthier (Your rental company, Reese Williams, or Rettig Music).

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

List all instruments played? _____

Years Played (each instrument): _____ Private Lessons? _____

Guardian Email: _____ Phone: _____

Check here if you give Mrs. Needham permission to share your contact information with FPMTA.

Check here if you are interested in taking private lessons here at school during your orchestra period or during your study hall. Fees would be tentatively set at \$30 per 40 min. lesson (potentially lower).

