
Boyertown Area School District
ELEMENTARY SENIOR ORCHESTRA

August 2018

Dear Parents of Elementary String Students,

Here is the information you and your child will need for the string program this year. This packet includes:

ORCHESTRA INFORMATION

- ✓ **Orchestra Schedule 2018-19**

LESSON INFORMATION

- ✓ **New Materials Needed for 2018-19—please obtain new book by the first lesson.**
- ✓ Schedules will be distributed by email and then at school at the first lesson.

ORCHESTRA TRIP

- ✓ Preliminary Information on May Trip!

SLIPS TO RETURN

- ✓ Parent Volunteer Information
- ✓ Emergency Card

Please review all information thoroughly and mark necessary dates in your calendars. We look forward to a great year!

Musically yours,

Mrs. Anita Boyer

Miss Katelyn Klinger

LESSONS BEGIN:

BES: Wednesday, Sept. 12
EES: Thursday, Sept. 13
PFES: Thursday, Sept. 13
NHUF: Friday, Sept. 14

GES: Tuesday, Sept. 18
CES: Tuesday, Sept. 18
WES: Friday, Sept. 14

ORCHESTRA INFORMATION

An Overview

◆ When are rehearsals scheduled?

Senior Orchestra will rehearse from 7:15am to 8:30am at Boyertown Elementary.

◆ Where are rehearsals located?

Rehearsals will for band and orchestra will be at the same time but in different locations.

Orchestra will rehearse at the Boyertown Elementary Gym while Band will rehearse at the Gilbertsville Elementary All-Purpose Room.

◆ What if my student is in band and orchestra?

Orchestra and Band rehearsals are on separate days this year!

◆ When will I need to drop off my student?

All rehearsals will start at 7:15 a.m. When concert time approaches, we will have an **after-school** dress rehearsal at the Senior High School.

◆ What is the attendance policy?

Attendance is an extremely important part of a successful ensemble. **Students are permitted to have two absences before each concert.** If a student misses more than half of the rehearsals, we will review the student's preparedness for the concert and determine whether they should participate.

If you have any further questions not addressed by this letter, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

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ORCHESTRA INFORMATION

SENIOR ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE 2018-2019

Dear Parents,

All 2nd through 3rd year string students participate in the *Elementary Senior Orchestra*.

On the back of this letter is the Orchestra Rehearsal/Concert Schedule for the **Winter** and **Spring** season. Students participating in the Orchestra program are expected to attend all rehearsals. Please notify us by email if your child misses any rehearsal.

Please mark all dates on your calendar.

A parent/guardian will need to drop off the orchestra student at the rehearsal school promptly at the specified time.

Be sure that your child has his/her instrument, music, pencil, and MUSIC STAND at all rehearsals. Instruments may not be left overnight in the school. This promotes poor practice habits. Also, the instruments are valuable and must be treated responsibly.



ATTENTION!!!! IN THE EVENT OF SNOW!!!!

If there is ever a snow delay or school is closed on the day of a rehearsal for any reason, **REHEARSAL WILL BE CANCELED**. Please feel free to call us at your child's school.



CONCERT DRESS

Winter Concert Any Combination of Black, White, or Red (Pants, shirt, dress, skirt, etc.)
NO JEANS OR SNEAKERS, *please!*

Spring Concert

GIRLS	white top (blouse, sweater, etc.) black skirt (below the knee) or slacks black shoes NO JEANS OR SNEAKERS, <i>please!</i>
BOYS	white dress shirt tie, optional but preferred black or navy pants dark shoes NO JEANS OR SNEAKERS, <i>please!</i>

LESSON INFORMATION

Materials and Forms

With a new year of learning upon us, students in each level will need a new method book. Below is a list of materials needed for the year. Please call String Tree or your local vendor to order the appropriate materials. **Orders need to be placed promptly in order to have the needed supplies for the first lesson.**

2nd Year Students
Essential Elements
Book 2

3rd Year Students
Suzuki
Book 1

All students are required to have these items:

- 1) Usable Rosin
- 2) A music stand
- 3) Sponge shoulder rest

Some extras you may also want to consider:

- 1) Extra Strings (anywhere from \$3-\$22/string)
- 2) Metronome/Chromatic Tuner
- 3) Collapsible Kun shoulder rest

To order, please list the instrument your child plays AND the full title of the book on the String Tree envelope or call String Tree (610-670-5434) or your local vendor.

****Be sure to specify violin, viola, cello or bass.****

Students need all new materials no later than their second scheduled lesson.

😊Thank you so much for your support😊

SLIPS TO FILL OUT AND RETURN

(Please return all forms by the first lesson)

- 1) Please review the attendance procedure on the previous page and fill out the emergency card. **A NEW EMERGENCY CARD MUST BE FILLED OUT EACH YEAR.**
- 2) Orchestra Parent Volunteers are needed again this year. If you are interested, please fill out and return the attached form.

Orchestra Parent Volunteer Sign Up Form 2018-2019

Dear Parents,

With the number of students in the string program continually rising, we need your help. Last year we enlisted the assistance of several parent volunteers to aid us with various aspects of our orchestra rehearsal (helping children set up stands, find the bathroom, maintain control, etc.). You will always work in pairs and **DO NOT NEED TO BE MUSICALLY INCLINED TO VOLUNTEER.** ☺ We need lots of help and cannot do it without you!

You may volunteer for as many rehearsals as you wish. Morning rehearsals are always at BES and you will be needed from 7:00-9:00 AM. Each parent will be given a volunteer schedule once all of the information has been compiled.



Parent Volunteer Form

Parent Name _____ Phone _____

Child's Name _____ Parent's Email Address _____

Child's School _____ Child's Teacher/Grade _____

The morning rehearsal volunteer time is 7:00-9:00 AM.

I am available to help on the following dates:

- September 20
- October 4
- October 17
- October 31
- November 8
- November 20

- January 15
- January 30
- February 13
- February 26
- March 14
- March 20
- March 28
- April 9
- May 3

- @ SR. HIGH
**Dress Rehearsal:
Wednesday, Nov. 28
3:30-5:30 PM**

- Winter Concert:
Thursday, Nov. 29
6:00-8:00 PM**

- @ SR. HIGH
**Dress Rehearsal:
Monday, May 6
5:45-8:00 PM**

- Spring Concert:
Tuesday, May 7
6:00-8:00 PM**