
Boyertown Area School District
ELEMENTARY SENIOR ORCHESTRA

August 2021

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 2021-22**

LESSON INFORMATION

- ✓ **New Materials Needed for 2021-22—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

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

Musically yours,

Mrs. Anita Boyer

Ms. Jessica Pennington

LESSONS BEGIN:

BES: Friday, Sept. 17

WES: Monday, Sept. 13

EES: Wednesday, Sept. 15

NHUF: Monday, Sept. 13

GES: Wednesday, Sept. 15

CES: Thursday, Sept. 16

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.

◆ 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 up to two absences before each concert. In order for the absence to marked as *excused*, please communicate with us the reason for your child's absence.** If a student misses too many rehearsals, we will review the student's preparedness for the concert and determine whether he or she 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 2021-2022

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, *please!*

BOYS

white dress shirt
tie, optional but preferred
black or navy pants
dark shoes NO JEANS OR SNEAKERS, *please!*

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
Volume 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😊

SLIP TO FILL OUT AND RETURN

(Please return by the first lesson)

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 2021-2022

Dear Parents,

With the number of students in the string program continually rising, we need your help. Each year we enlist the assistance of several parent volunteers to aid us with various aspects of our orchestra rehearsal (helping children set up stands, find the bathroom, walk to bus, 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 23
- October 7
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- November 23

- January 19
- February 2
- February 16
- March 2
- March 24
- April 7
- April 29
- May 9

- @ SR. HIGH
Dress Rehearsal:
Wednesday, Dec. 1
3:30-5:30 PM

- Winter Concert:**
Thursday, Dec 2
6:00-8:00 PM

- @ SR. HIGH
Dress Rehearsal:
Monday, May 16
5:45-8:00 PM

- Spring Concert:**
Tuesday, May 17
6:00-8:00 PM