



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

Orchestra Notes 4/23/2019

Spring Concert and Awards May 14th 7pm

Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation

This event is THIS Saturday **April 27th**! Students received performance times before spring break. Students- be sure you make arrangements to come in for help and that you practice enough over the next few weeks so that you are prepared. I need to hear ALL groups and solos this week. Here is the link to the reminder letter: [2019 Solo and Ensemble Performance Times](#)

RETURN BOOKS

All students should return the orchestra book that was issued to them at the beginning of the year.

Dress Code

Please remember the school dress code- and that your child has grown significantly since the weather was this hot last year! Dress Code: Administrative Procedure JD Rule 12 states the following: “Students in the school system are expected to dress and groom themselves in such a way as to reflect neatness, cleanliness, and safety. All students shall dress appropriately so as not to disrupt or interfere with the educational program or the orderly operation of the school. Extremes in dress will not be permitted. Examples are: “short-short” clothing (above mid-thigh); sagging pants, bare midriffs; frayed/ripped clothing (above the knees), exposed under garments, shirts extending longer than shorts, or apparel which designates gangs or similar organizations or any dress that is disruptive to the educational process. The school principal or other fully authorized school official shall determine whether any particular mode of dress or grooming results in a violation of the spirit and/or intent of this rule.”

SmartMusic

All three grade levels have several SmartMusic assignments to get done before the end of the semester. These are major assessments and can be done on any device with internet except cell phones. Students should use headphones and submit their best playing! Here is the calendar:

[SmartMusic Due Dates April/May 2019](#)

iTunes

Please send iTunes giftcards to buy music for students for use in class. For example, the book has arrangements of classical pieces that are hard to find online, so if I could purchase them for student listening, that would be great!



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Summer Camps

There are many great orchestra camps in Georgia that can inspire your young musician! Registration is going on NOW! Here are a few:

Georgia American String Teachers Association Camp

www.georgiaastacamp.com

georgiaastacamp@gmail.com

Intermediate Camp- May 29 - June 1, 2019

Advanced Camp- June 2 - June 5, 2019

Calvin Center, Hampton, Georgia

Athena Girls Camp

www.athenacamp.com

athena@musicessentialsonline.com

JUNE 10-14, 2019- Reinhardt University, Waleska

UGA Hugh Hodgson School of Music Summer Camp

<https://www.music.uga.edu/summer-music-camps>

June 2- 6, 2019

smcamp@uga.edu

Encore Orchestra Camp

www.encoreorchestracamp.com

July 9-13, 2019

Spivey Hall at Clayton State University

director@encoreorchestracamp.com

Kennesaw State University College of the Arts Summer Music Intensive (day camp)

June 3-7, 2019, ccolli61@kennesaw.edu

<https://arts.kennesaw.edu/music/concerts-and-events/summer-music-institute.php>

UPBEAT! STRING CAMP (day camp)

www.upbeatstringcamp.com/contact-us

EAST COBB- July 8-11, 2019, Dodgen M. S.

WEST COBB- July 8-11, 2019, Kennesaw Mtn H.S.

NORTH FULTON- July 8-12, 2019 Taylor Road MS



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Instrument Position

Developing correct playing position gives students a solid foundation for playing a stringed instrument. Be sure when you play, you hold your instrument correctly. All violinists and violists are required to use a shoulder pad daily. Also, we have had quite a few young musicians come in with very long nails lately, but they greatly impair proper playing position, intonation, and tone quality. Please, no long nails for your young musician in orchestra- wait until summer. Thank you!



Please see this page for further information: <https://stringproject.music.utexas.edu/for-current-students/position-and-posture/>

THANK YOU for reading the weekly notes! Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can help your child in any way.

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