

Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center

**ORCHESTRA
HANDBOOK
AND
INFORMATION
2011 - 2012**

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2011 - 2012 Orchestra Concert Dates

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE IS THE FOCUS OF OUR CLASS. EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE GROUP.

PARTICIPATION IN ORCHESTRA CLASS ASSUMES COMMITMENT TO BE PRESENT AT ALL PERFORMANCES.

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BE READY TO WARM-UP IN THE ORCHESTRA ROOM 45 MINUTES BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE TIMES. BEING ON TIME IS VERY IMPORTANT.

Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 pm.....CHC Auditorium
Students report to the orchestra room for warm-up at 6:15

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm.....CHC Auditorium
Students report to the orchestra room for warm-up at 6:15

Saturday, January 28.....Instrumental ISSMA Solo and Ensemble
Volunteer Participation, Deadline to sign up Wed before Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 29, 7:00 pm.....CHC Auditorium
Students report to the orchestra room for warm-up at 6:15

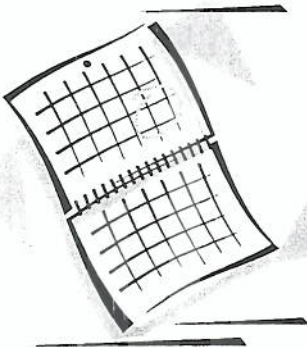
Saturday, March 10, Time TBAIMEA Festival
8th Grade students will represent Chapel Hill in the Indiana Music Educators Association Festival. Parents are encouraged to attend and support our students. Giants attire is encouraged for the audience members!

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 pm.....StringFest
7th and 8th Grade Students will perform at StringFest at Ben Davis HS. Students must arrive and warm-up at 6:30

Concert Policies

1. For an absence to be excused from a concert or extra rehearsal, a parent phone call/voicemail is required at least 2 hours ***IN ADVANCE***. An unexcused absence lowers a student's final grade by one letter. For example, if a student had an A, his grade would become a B.
The only excused absence from a concert is a death or extreme illness in the family. In this case, a written assignment is given to replace the concert grade. If you are at school the day of a concert or rehearsal, you are expected to attend. Babysitting and transportation issues will never be considered excused.
2. Religious obligations are excused if a parent emails/writes a note to the teacher at least 2 weeks in advance.
3. Only students in proper concert uniform will be allowed to participate in concerts. Students not in proper uniform will be considered unexcused. The uniform is the purple music shirt and black dress slacks. Purple shirts will be available for purchase in the fall. Students must wear black socks and dark dress shoes. Tennis shoes are not permitted. Besides providing a uniform look, the judges at ISSMA Contest will take points off our appearance score for sneakers or white socks.
4. If you have an athletic conflict, please let Mrs. Vance and your coach know at the beginning of the season. As orchestra is a curricular subject, missing a concert due to athletics is NOT an excused absence.

Orchestra will rarely conflict with other school activities. Early communication is essential for understanding conflicts outside of school. Your student cannot be replaced, and the whole group suffers when they are absent. Family emergencies should be followed with a note of communication.



WE NEED 5

*CHECK YOUR "P's"
PLEASE!*

1. PARTICIPATE to the best of your ability. Play your instrument, don't just play around.
2. Be PREPARED. Practice at home and bring all of your supplies to class, especially your instrument, music, and a pencil. Leave your gum and cell phone in your locker.
3. Be POSITIVE. Everyone, including the directors, have a right to learn without insults or distractions. If you are not working with the group, you are working against the group.
4. Be POLITE. Treat property and people with respect. If it is not helpful, don't say it. If it is not yours, don't touch it.
5. Be PROMPT. Be in the room and to your seat with all of your supplies on time. You need your instrument, a tuner, rosin, a cloth, a pencil, your music, and an open mind every day.

Orchestra Rehearsal Checklist: Standard 2.3, Playing an Instrument with Others

Date:

Name:

Folder #:

Organization Skills:

- _____ In the room on time
- _____ Have instrument and music for rehearsal
- _____ Case put away or under chair before the rehearsal begins
- _____ Questions, tuning, broken strings, rosin, etc. taken care of before five minutes after the bell
- _____ In seat with all equipment set up by two minutes after the bell
- _____ Music in order before rehearsal
- _____ Music and instrument put away after rehearsal

Rehearsal Skills:

- _____ Pencil for class and parts marked
- _____ Quiet and attentive for rehearsal
- _____ Quiet and attentive when section is rehearsed
- _____ Quiet and attentive when other sections are rehearsing
- _____ Questions asked with hand up, waiting to be called
- _____ Start and stop playing with director's baton
- _____ Quiet and not playing or talking when director is speaking
- _____ Hands and negative comments kept to yourself
- _____ Attentive to rehearsal, not other homework or reading

Playing Skills:

- _____ Good posture when playing
- _____ Hold instrument correctly
- _____ Always participating in rehearsal to the best of your ability despite any difficulties
- _____ Playing with best tone possible
- _____ Parts practiced at home and improved before rehearsal

ORCHESTRA UNIFORMS

Each member of any Wayne Township music group will be asked to wear a uniform for performances. This uniform is designed for comfort and will greatly enhance the look of the group.



The uniform for all Wayne Township performing groups in grades 7, 8, and 9 is a simple golf/polo shirt with embroidered Wayne Township logo. **The cost quoted to me was \$15.** Sizes available are:

Adult Small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult X Large

Adult XX Large

Adult XXX Large



To finish the uniform, **we need black dress pants or skirt with dark shoes (no white sports shoes). The pants or skirt should be large enough for the shirt to be tucked in. The uniform must satisfy the school dress code.**

If there are any problems obtaining any part of the uniform, please feel free to contact Mrs. Vance.

**Please have the uniform ready for the first concert.
Thank you for your support.**