

Dear CHS Community,

Students at City Honors have the opportunity to join the orchestra! Orchestra is a class and students will receive a grade. The following is required of orchestra members in grades 5-8.

- **Rehearsal Attendance** Students must attend rehearsals *during their lunch period* on ACE days. Students are to eat quickly and then report to the orchestra room for rehearsal.
- **Home practice** Individual practice outside of class is essential and required.
- **Participate in performances and be a good audience for other ensembles.** Concert dates will be announced soon!
- **Attend lessons** All students who do not take private lessons outside of school are required to attend a lesson with Ms. Butler-Ceppaglia once a cycle, where they will receive small group instruction. Lessons are scheduled on rotating periods throughout the school day.
- **Commitment for the entire school year** Orchestra is a full year course. Once registered, students will not be allowed to drop or quit.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

- **\$25 participation fee** Orchestra students are asked to pay a \$25 participation fee. This includes instrument rental, music folder, music, and needed method books. You may pay with CASH or CHECK (made payable to City Honors School).
- **Instrument and cleaning cloth** A cleaning cloth is just a square of soft, lightweight cloth. (An old T-Shirt works!)
- **Pencils** Please keep a pencil or two or five in your music folder.
- **Sheet Music and/or Method Books** will be distributed to students during rehearsals and lessons. Students are responsible for their music. Unlimited copies will not be provided.
- **Concert Dress** Black pants or skirt and white top with black dress shoes.
- **Short Fingernails** are required for success. Long nails make it physically impossible to play a string instrument. Orchestra students must keep fingernails short. If long nails are important to you, please consider joining a different ensemble. Nail polish on short nails is fine (but please keep it conservative for formal performances).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions! You can email me at hmbutler@buffaloschools.org. You can also call me here at City Honors on ACE days at 816-4230 or at Bennett Park Montessori Center on BDF days at 816-4603.

To register for orchestra, please complete and return the next sheet as soon as possible or Monday, September 16th at the latest. *Please return the next sheet even if you completed a registration last school year.*

Helen Butler-Ceppaglia, Orchestra Director
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City Honors Instrumental Music Department Registration

Student name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian email _____

Parent/Guardian phone _____

Instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass) _____

Have you played this instrument before? How long? _____

Do you need to rent an instrument from school (yes or no)? _____

Do you currently take private lessons outside of school? _____

Student Orchestra Contract

I, _____, understand and agree to fulfill my obligations as a member of City Honors Orchestra. **I agree to abide by all requirements. I understand orchestra is a commitment for the entire school year.**

Student Signature

Date