

STRING ORCHESTRA

OPEN TO 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th GRADERS

Holy Name School
Mrs. Tavares, Instructor

String Orchestra

Our String program is available for all students in the 4th through 8th grades. Students who choose to participate will have the opportunity to take group lessons on the violin, viola or cello. Lessons will take place during the regular school day, and students will be pulled out of their academic classes to attend. Lessons will meet once a week for one class period (approximately 45 minutes). Students must make up all class work missed during lesson time and maintain a certain grade average to remain in the orchestra. If a student is struggling in their academic classes or missing homework assignments, they will not be permitted to attend strings class. They will be expected to practice their weekly music assignments at home for at least 15-20 minutes each day or half an hour three times a week. They are to bring their book and instrument to school on the day of their lesson.

- **Classes start on Friday, October 10, 2014**
- **When:** Orchestra will meet during the regular school day
- **Where:** On stage/ music room
- **No experience necessary**-Beginners will start on violin, viola or cello
- **In order to participate and continue in the String program, students must remain in good academic standing in their classroom.**
- **Students will have fun learning how to play an instrument of choice in a musical ensemble while developing many skills, including psychomotor and cognitive skills, learning to listen, focus, and work cooperatively as a team to play beautiful music together!**

Getting Started

We will be offering an afternoon for string instrument rentals provided by the Symphony Music Shop on October 8, 2014 between 3pm-4pm at Holy Name School. During this time, interested students and parents will be able to rent an instrument through the Symphony Music Shop, which is located in Dartmouth, Ma. This provides parents the convenience of looking into the rental program that the music shop provides, and renting an instrument if interested in doing so. There is no obligation to rent an instrument through the Symphony Shop; this service is provided as a convenience to you.

If you are unable to attend, you may pick up an instrument for yourself, prior to the beginning of orchestra classes. All instruments used in class must be in good working order, as well as correct size for the individual student. Please be aware that because each instrument comes in different sizes, it is very important to bring your child with you to be measured at the school that day or when going to rent an instrument at another time. Classes will start on October 10, 2014. Please be sure to have your instrument by this date. If there are any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Tavares.

*** In order to ensure that you receive an instrument on October 8th, a parent or guardian must be present. Please fill out and send the following request form to school with your child by no later than September 24, 2014. Also, please be sure to check off if you are planning on attending that afternoon for instrument rentals and information.

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Tavares

★ First Class - October 10th, Friday

Instrumental permission slip

Please Fill out and return this form if your student are interested in participating the instrumental program.

My child, _____, is interested in taking lessons on the _____
(Students Name) (Violin, Viola, or Cello)

I understand that I must supply an instrument and music book for my child. I also understand that he/she will be missing class time to participate in this lesson and is responsible for all work missed during this time. If he/she is not doing well in his/her academic classes, he/she may need to miss instrument lessons until their class work improves. He/She will also be responsible for practicing his/her instrument for a minimum of twenty minutes each day.

- I will be attending.
- I will not be attending.
(Rental Night) Oct 8th



Parent/Guardian signature

I, _____, have also read the above information and have spoken with my
(student name)
parents about the responsibilities included with taking instrumental lessons. I agree to make up all class work and to practice for a minimum of twenty minutes each day. I understand that it is an honor to be allowed to play an instrument.

Student signature

