

GIFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Start-up Information

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STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

(bring to class each day)

1. A 3-RING BINDER AND 30 PLASTIC SLEEVES (for music)
2. YOUR INSTRUMENT
3. A PENCIL

ORCHESTRA CLASSROOM NEEDS

If you can send in a box of Kleenex, **thank you!**

The other supply I could use for the year is: Copy Paper!

WHAT DOES MY INSTRUMENT NEED?

Violins and Violas:

You need a shoulder rest

Recommended brands:

- *Everest* or *Kun*.

Cellos and Basses:

You need an endpin stopper!

All Instruments:

Music stand for home practice

Cleaning cloth to keep in your case

Fresh Strings

ORCHESTRA PARENT MEETINGS

These will take place just prior to the GMS open houses. We will meet in the media center. Please bring your personal calendar and pay instrument and/or uniform fees at this time.

6th Grade: September 1, 6 PM – 6:45 PM

7th & 8th Grade: September 6, 6 PM – 6:45 PM

Please contact me if you are able to assist with a table at this meeting.

WHERE CAN I GET AN INSTRUMENT?

I recommend that you not purchase a 'starter' instrument. You will not be happy with the sound produced. I recommend either renting or purchasing at least a middle 'step-up' instrument.

Melody Music: Vero Beach, 567-6200.

www.melodymusicverobeach.com

- I recommend the Knilling "Sinfonia," "Bucharest," or higher.

Atlantic Strings: Melbourne, 866-284-6546

www.atlanticstrings.com

- I recommend the KCC 301 or above.

Shar Music: Michigan. 800-248-7427

www.sharmusic.com

- Good internet resource to view and compare products.

School Instruments:

- \$75 maintenance fee for the year, payable to "Gifford Middle School."
- Please bring this payment to the parent meeting

CONCERT ATTIRE

We will wear the same formal concert uniform this year as last. Details will be given at the parent meeting on Sept. 1st (6th grade) and Sept. 6 (7th & 8th grade). Boys will wear black pants, black shoes, a tux shirt and tie. Girls will wear black pants or long skirt and a black blouse. The cost for the boys shirt and tie and the girls' blouse will be approximately \$23. Details and samples will be at the parent meeting.

SMART MUSIC:

www.smartmusic.com

I will have a teacher subscription to this online practicing and assessment tool. Student use and subscriptions for smart music this year will be optional.

In order to utilize smart music, you need a computer, internet connection, and a microphone.

If you wish to take advantage of this software, you can purchase it from the above web site.

REVIEW:

1. **You need an instrument**
2. **We will measure for uniforms on Sep. 1/6**
3. **We will use Smart Music**

POTENTIAL COSTS FOR THE YEAR:

1. **Instrument Maintenance Fee: \$75.** Only if you use a school instrument.
2. **Uniform Purchase: \$23.** For the girls' blouse or boys' shirt and tie.

Please wait until the parent meeting for payments. All checks will be made out to "Gifford Middle School"