

GIFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Start-up Information

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STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

1. A 3-RING BINDER AND 30 PLASTIC SLEEVES (for music)
2. INSTRUMENT
3. Orchestra Expressions:
Beginning: Book 1 (for your instrument)
Advanced: Book 2 (for your instrument)
4. A PENCIL

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

- Handbook & Syllabus
- Playing Assessments and Rubrics
- Orchestra Calendar

WHAT DOES MY INSTRUMENT NEED?

Violins and Violas:

You need a shoulder rest

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 CLASSROOM NEEDS

If you are able to donate these items, the students will use them during the year.

- Kleenex
- Copy Paper
- No. 2 Pencils

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

ORCHESTRA PARENT MEETING

Will take place during the GMS open house. We will meet in the media center. Please pay instrument fees at this time (if applicable).

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

CONCERT ATTIRE

Students are responsible for purchase of their own concert attire. Please follow the guidelines below. These items should be available at any clothing or department store.

BOYS: black dress shoes, black slacks, black socks, black button-down dress shirt (long sleeved)

GIRLS: black (closed-toe) shoes, black slacks or (ankle-length) black skirt, black (short or long sleeved) blouse. Shoulders must be covered.

EVENT CALENDAR

August 17th, in class:

Date TBA:

September 12:

September 21, in class

October 23, 7:00 PM:

October 27, time TBA:

December 11, 7:00 PM

February 5, time TBA

March 6, time TBA

April 27, morning time TBA

May 7, 7 PM

All-State Paperwork due to Mr. Stott (optional)

Orchestra Parent Meeting, at GMS open House

All-State Auditions (at Vero Beach High School)

Solo & Ensemble Form Due. (Advanced required, optional beginning)

Concert: "An Orchestral Spooktacular." Advanced Orchestra Only.

6 PM call time.

Solo & Ensemble MPA (at Charter HS). You will be given a specific performance time. Arrive 20 minutes prior to your time.

GMS Winter Concert – at VBHS PAC.

Advanced: 6 PM call time. Beginning: 6:30 PM call time

District Chamber Music Competition Performances (optional)

District MPA, at VBHS: advanced orchestra only. During school day. Chaperones and instrument transportation will be needed. Thanks!

Possible performance at Vero Beach Museum of Art

Vero Pops Concert: all orchestras. At VBHS. 6 PM call time.