

# **WELCOME TO JOHNSON ORCHESTRA 2016-2017!**

## **Additional Information for Members and Their Parents**

### **Welcome! Glad to Have You With Us This Year!**

If you need to contact the director, please email [anne.marie.person@spps.org](mailto:anne.marie.person@spps.org). I try to answer email at least once each business day, but the time varies.

### **Saving Dates**

Save the dates on the events schedule now!

We always report to the band room for any event, and return there afterwards.

Our concerts start at 7:00 in the auditorium. We wear the concert attire listed below.

Students report to the bandroom at 6:00 to prepare.

Concert: Thursday, December 8

Concert: Thursday, March 9

Concert: Thursday, May 4

Graduation: first week of June, day and time TBA

Some students are selected by audition for the Ordway Honors Concert, which will be on Tuesday, April 18

### **School Supplies List for Orchestra**

- pencil with an eraser
- soft cloth to wipe rosin off of instrument after playing (launder cloth weekly)
- black and white formal concert attire (see details below)

### **Formal Concert Attire You Need to Wear for Concerts and Graduation**

- white button-front shirt with collar and sleeves
  - black dress pants (not jeans or sweatpants) or black floor length skirt
  - black dress shoes (clean and shined)
  - black sox (above ankle) or black hosiery
  - black neckwear (solid black): necktie, bowtie, collar tab, or fashion scarf
- Any belt should be plain black; any jewelry / barrettes small and silver, black, or white.

Students who have played in band or orchestra at the Ordway Honors Concert may request permission to add a black vest or black sportcoat/blazer.

### **Instruments**

A limited number of school instruments are available.

They are assigned to students who have returned their signed forms.

Every year there are high-demand instruments we run out of, so be prepared with a second choice.

There is no fee to use the instruments, but families must pay for any damage

### **Daily Participation Routine and Expectations**

- Come to rehearsal on time with all proper materials
- Be ready to play within three minutes of the bell
- Turn your cellphone off before class starts and leave it off throughout class.
- Have a pencil every day-mark what the teacher tells you about the music
- Place cases and backpacks under or to the right of your chair
- Allowed: water bottles; Not allowed: food, gum, outerwear, hats, and electronics
- Start and stop with the director
- Be active listeners, including the times when others are playing and you are not
- Use correct posture when playing (feet flat on the floor & tall posture)
- Wait in your seat for the bell at the end of the rehearsal

### **Conduct Expectations**

- Be courteous and respectful
- Listen to & follow directions the first time
- Bring your best attitude to each rehearsal and event
- Always try your best

### **We want you to be:**

**On Time**

**On Task**

**In Tune**

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