



WORTHINGTON
SCHOOLS
ORCHESTRA
DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parents:

The Worthington Schools Orchestra Department is announcing the opening of enrollment for string classes for the 2011-2012 school year. As a fifth grader, your child will be able to take part in our beginning strings program. Today your child’s classroom came to the high school and we demonstrated the violin, viola, cello, and string bass. The Worthington schools offer at no charge, lessons on these four instruments. Two 30 minute lessons are given each week, throughout the school year, during the school day. Class times have been mutually agreed upon with the classroom teachers and building principals to best accommodate the student’s weekly schedule. Once your child begins to play a string instrument, he or she will have the opportunity to continue playing throughout their school years in Worthington.

There are countless reasons why a child wants to play an instrument. As parents, we know the value of music study for our child’s development – but the selection of a particular instrument is generally based upon your child’s pre-exposure to musical groups playing the instrument, and the attraction they have to an instrument’s “tonal qualities”. It is particularly important for your child’s continued interest, enthusiasm and dedication to an instrument to allow your child to select the instrument to which they are attracted. To help your child through difficult times when playing abilities are not acquired quickly, the attraction that drew them to the instrument can not be over emphasized.

We are having two informational meetings for those who would like to meet the teachers, receive further information, and have their child fitted with the proper size instrument before visiting the music store. The meeting times and places are on the back of this letter.

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VIOLIN



VIOLA



CELLO



STRING BASS

Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 13th – Worthington Kilbourne High School Auditorium – 7:00pm
(1499 Hard Road – across from McCord Middle School)

Wednesday, Sept. 14th – Thomas Worthington High School Auditorium – 7:00pm
(300 W. Granville Rd., Rt. 161, between High St. and Rt. 315)

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, be sure to **TAKE YOUR CHILD WITH YOU TO THE MUSIC STORE TO BE FITTED** for their instrument. Please read our handout “The Next Step” before going to a music store!

For more information and/or to have your child participate in the orchestra program, fill out the registration form below. Have your child return it to his/her classroom teacher or bring it with you to one of the meetings. Once this form is received by the string staff you will receive:

1. “The Next Step” – A guide to renting, and materials needed such as books, music, stand, etc.
2. A brochure from a recommended music store explaining their rental program.
3. A letter/handbook notifying you of the first lesson day and time for your school and program guides.

The Worthington School District feels that this is a wonderful opportunity in which to become involved in music. We look forward to having your child in the Worthington Schools Orchestra Program. If you have any questions concerning the orchestra program, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully the orchestra staff,

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We would like our child to participate in the Worthington Schools Orchestra Program. Please **print** the following information:

Student’s Name _____

School _____ Classroom Teacher _____

Parent’s Names _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Phone # _____ Parent Signature _____

Our child is interested in playing the (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE AND INSTRUMENT SIZE).

Instrument: VIOLIN VIOLA CELLO STRING BASS

Sizes: (as determined by teacher or music store) 1/4 - 1/2 - 3/4 - **Full**

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD RETURN THIS FORM TO HIS/HER CLASSROOM TEACHER NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPT. 16TH, OR BRING IT TO THE SEPT. 13TH OR SEPT. 14TH PARENT MEETING.