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Dear Parents:

The Worthington Schools Orchestra Department is announcing the opening of enrollment for string classes for the 2019-2020 school year. As a fifth grader, your child will be able to take part in our beginning strings program. Today, your fifth grader was introduced to the members of the string instrument family during a special assembly. The Worthington schools offer lessons on violin, viola, cello and double bass at no charge. Two 45-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 overemphasized.

We ask that you attend one of two informational meetings to meet the teachers, receive further information, and have your child fitted with the proper size instrument prior to visiting the music store. The meeting times and places are below:

Parent Meetings and Instrument Fittings:

Monday, May 13 - Thomas Worthington High School Auditorium – 7:00pm
(300 W. Granville Rd., Rt. 161, between High St. and Rt. 315)

Monday, May 20 – Worthington Kilbourne High School Band/Orchestra Room – 7:00pm
(1499 Hard Road – across from McCord Middle School)

Saturday, August 10 – WORTHINGTON DAY AT THE LOFT VIOLIN SHOP – 4604 N. High St., Cols.

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!

How to Register for Orchestra:

Visit <http://www.worthingtonorchestra.com/elementary.html> and click on the "REGISTER HERE!" button at the top of the page. If you need a hard copy of the enrollment form, please ask your classroom teacher or building secretary.

You may also complete the hard copy of the registration form on the back. Return to your homeroom teacher.

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VIOLIN

VIOLA

CELLO

STRING BASS

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.

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Please **print** the following information:

Student's Name _____ School _____

Parent's Names _____

Email Address _____

(PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY)

Phone # (h) _____ (c) _____ Parent Signature _____

Our child is interested in playing the: **Instrument (circle one):** VIOLIN VIOLA CELLO STRING BASS

Sizes for violin, cello, bass (only complete if you've had a fitting already): 1/4 - 1/2 - 3/4 - Full

Viola: 11" - 12" - 13" - 14"

Turn in to homeroom teacher by Friday, May 10 OR turn into orchestra teachers at the May 13/20 parent meetings.