

August 2019

Dear UHS Orchestra Parents;

Welcome to the start of a new school year! **Do this first:**

Go to [unionorchestra.org](http://unionorchestra.org); click on the *Forms and Info* button; then *Registration Form*. Fill out the information, submit the form. Please complete this by Tuesday, September 3! **This is your first graded assignment and must be**

While you're in computer mode - please sign up for the Remind app on your phone. We have found this to be a very useful communication tool, not only during trips, but for daily class notices.

Concert Orchestra: text @kab98g to 81010.

Chamber Orchestra: text @uhscham to 81010

Now that you've registered, read on for more information!

**Class Times:** Concert Orchestra will meet 1<sup>st</sup> period (8:40 - 9:35), and will be team-taught by Mr. Tim Siess and Mr. Glenn Wilcott. Mr. Wilcott is also the orchestra director at Heritage HS. Chamber Orchestra meets 6th period (2:15 - 3:10) with Mr. Siess. Both classes will meet in the Band Room.

**Uniforms and Class Fees:** There are 2 fees required for participation in Orchestra - (1) an Orchestra Fee; and (2) an ASB fee. These fees are paid in two different places.

- **ASB Fee:** All music students are required to pay the \$30 ASB fee. This fee is paid at the ASB office in the 500 building and helps us with our transportation needs through the year to get to our competitions and performances.
- **Orchestra Fee:** For returning students an \$75 fee payable to UHS Orchestra Boosters is due on uniform fitting day, Wednesday, September 11th. If you want to pay ahead of time, pay this check at the any IQ Credit Union branch. (*Put your student's name, and "orchestra uniform fee" on the memo line or ask the teller to include that information with the deposit.*) When school starts you may also deposit this fee in the orchestra box next to the director's office. Make sure you complete a deposit envelope with your full name on it. Your Orchestra Fee pays for tux and dress maintenance, your orchestra t-shirt, textbook, sheet music and sectional coachings.
- **Incoming Orchestra Boys** will need to pay an additional \$30, which buys your shoes for your concert attire. (The total fee for new orchestra boys is \$105 payable in one check to UHS Orchestra Boosters due on 9/11) The accessory package includes your shirt and shoes, which are your to keep from year to year.
- **Incoming Orchestra Girls** will need a comfortable pair of all-black dress shoes (2" heel max - closed toe please!) to wear with their dresses. The girls will need these shoes by 9/11 to insure we fit the dress to the proper length.

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Mr. Formal will return in October for the final fitting of students for their performance outfits. The tuxes and dresses are then checked out to the students for use during the school year and will be returned following the last performance. The “accessory package” (shirt and shoes) is the property of the student to keep. Care instructions for the dresses and tuxes will be handed out with the uniforms and can also be found on our website [www.unionorchestra.org](http://www.unionorchestra.org) on the Forms & Info page. If the uniform is not cared for properly during the year, the student will be charged a replacement fee for the uniform.

**School Instruments:** We have a very limited number of school instruments. Most students will need to provide their own instrument. Cellists who wish to use a school instrument will be paired with another cellist in the same class, so that the students can work out a sharing arrangement. It is expected that all cellists have an instrument at home.

**Orchestra Tours:** Current plans call for Chamber Orchestra to travel to Bend, OR on May 20 - 22. Exact cost and itinerary will be made available when details are final.

A performance calendar for the year is enclosed. Please put dates into your family calendar, and please let us know if there are unavoidable conflicts. **Parents of Chamber students:** Please be mindful of the fact that your student is in the group by audition, ahead of other students who auditioned, but were not selected for the group. If your student is unable to fulfill performance commitments, please let me know immediately.

**UHS Orchestra Booster Association:** If you are looking for a good way to get involved, consider working with our booster program. The UHS Orchestra Booster Association is a group of parents that are organized to further the education and opportunities for our orchestra students. It doesn't take much time to be a part of this group. We are looking for board members, web masters, A/V specialists. Whatever your talent, we can find a spot for you! Contact Booster President, Jeanette Murphy at [unionorchestrapres@gmail.com](mailto:unionorchestrapres@gmail.com).

If you have questions about any of this, please contact me at [timothy.suess@evergreenps.org](mailto:timothy.suess@evergreenps.org).

We'll see you August 27<sup>th</sup>!

Mr. Siess