

August 2020

Dear UHS Orchestra Parents and Students

We are embarking on a school year like no other before it. I'm glad that you have made the decision to play in Orchestra – I think your brain will thank you for the practice break in a day that will be filled with screen time

Before you read on: **Do this first:**

Go to unionorchestra.org; click on the *Student Info* button; then *Registration Form*. Fill out the information. Please complete this by Friday, September 4. ***This is your first graded assignment and must be completed.***

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 @uhsconorch to 81010

Chamber Orchestra: text @uhscham to 81010

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

Class Times: Concert Orchestra will meet 1st period (beginning at 10:00)), 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 (beginning at 2:15)) with Mr. Siess. We will use Zoom to start the year. The code for both classes, and every session is: **477 099 2844**. The password is **uhsorch**.

Orchestra Fee:

- **Orchestra Fee:** For all students, a **\$75 fee payable to UHS Orchestra Boosters is due on Friday, October 16**. There are 2 ways to pay the fee. You may take a check to any IQ Credit Union branch. (*Put your student's name, and "uhs orchestra fee" on the memo line or ask the teller to include that information with the deposit.*) The other option for paying is to use our PayPal account at: orchestrafunds@gmail.com. Your Orchestra Fee funds your t-shirt, a textbook, sheet music and sectional coachings. More uniform information will follow when/if we open in person.

School Instruments: We have a very limited number of school instruments. Please contact me if you are in need of an instrument. We are also offering music stands and music chairs to check out if you do not have adequate equipment for your practice space at home.

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.

If you have questions about any of this, please contact me at timothy.suess@evergreenps.org.

We'll see you on Zoom on September

Mr. Siess