

August 2021

Dear UHS Orchestra Parents;

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

Go to unionorchestra.org and click on the FORMS and INFO button. Then the REGISTRATION form. Fill out the information and submit the form. Please complete this by Tuesday, September 7.

While you're in computer mode – make sure the Remind app is your phone. We have found this to be a very useful communication tool, not only during trips, but for daily class notices. You should get Remind automatically from the district, but if it doesn't show up, the codes are:

Concert Orchestra: text @ 9cc3ek8cf8 to 81010.

Chamber Orchestra: text @ cef9hf9k4g to 81010

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

Class Times: Concert Orchestra will meet 1st 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 in the 400 Building.

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: \$100 fee payable to UHS Orchestra Boosters** Your Orchestra Fee pays for your uniform, your orchestra t-shirt, textbook, sheet music and sectional coachings.
- **OPTIONS:**
 - Pay by check at 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.
- **Uniforms:** We are making some uniform changes this year. Students may choose between a shirt/pant option or a dress. Everything will be yours to keep for following years. We will have a fitting day in class after school starts.

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: There are plans in the works for Concert and Chamber orchestras to travel this year. More information to come.

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.

Starting this new year we currently have a president, a secretary and a treasurer.

We are looking specifically to add a uniform coordinator, a website editor, a fundraiser coordinator and a concert night coordinator. We would also love to have anyone who might have occasional availability, but doesn't want to take on an entire role.

Whatever your talent, we can find a spot for you! Contact Booster President, Stephanie Paxman at unionorchestrapres@gmail.com.

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

We'll see you August 31st!

Mr. Siess

Union Orchestra Calendar 2021-22

- Wednesday, November 3 **Fall Orchestra Concert** 7:00 PM
Concert and Chamber Orchestras with 8th graders from Pacific and Shahala.
- Friday, December 3 **Honor Orchestra Audition Video Due**
For those who are interested in participating in the regional Honor Orchestra.
We are looking for Freshman and Sophomore "future leaders"
Rehearsals on Jan 5, 12, 19, 20. Rehearsal and concert on January 21st
- Tuesday, February 8 **Future Titan Orchestra Concert** 7:00 PM
Concert and Chamber Orchestras with 8th graders from Pacific, Shahala, Frontier.
- Wednesday, February 23 **Future Eagles Concert** 7:00 PM
Chamber Orchestra performs at Shahala with 5th and 6th graders.
- Saturday, February 26 **LCRMEA Solo/Ensemble** TBA
For those performing solos or ensembles, at Heritage HS.
- Friday, March 11 to Saturday March 12 **Concert Tour** TBA
Concert Orchestra travels to western Washington U for their festival.
- Thursday, March 17 **Festival Preview Concert** 7:00
Concert and Chamber Orchestra perform their festival sets.
- Wednesday, March 23 **LCRMEA Orchestra Festival** TBA
We will host the festival at UHS this year. Concert and Chamber perform.
- Friday, April 29 to Saturday April 30 **State/Solo Ensemble** TBA
For district solo and ensemble winners.
- Tuesday, May 24 to Saturday, May 28 **Chamber / Wind Tour** TBA
Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble tour - details to follow.
- Tuesday, June 7 **Orchestra Spring Concert** 7:00 PM
Concert and Chamber orchestras with senior awards!
- Thursday, June 9 **Quarry Retirement Center Concert** TBA
Chamber will open the summer concert season at The Quarry!