NOTE FROM MR. BOURRIS:

As we begin our 3rd six weeks, I would like to reiterate something I’ve had the opportunity to tell many of our parents but not all: that it is an absolute gift to teach your students each day! I am blown away by the devotion and love that your students have for music. Really, that’s the entire point of our class: to teach your child how to find a deeper appreciation and love for music. I hope that your student is enjoying orchestra class and is sharing the exciting things we are doing each day!

ALL REGION ORCHESTRA!

We had many of our students compete for chairs in the All-Region Orchestra on Oct. 20. The top student auditions from the region were chosen to compose the All-Region Orchestra. This year the following students were chosen:

- Violin:
  - Jalie Schindler
  - Melody Stevens
- Viola:
  - Zoe Bell
- Cello:
  - Jia Jia Zhang
  - Cristal Chavez
  - Lauren McKee
- Bass:
  - Alli Mulkey
  - Heath Lindsay

IS YOUR STUDENT GOING TO SAN ANTONIO?

If you have a 7th or 8th grade student, they are eligible to attend our trip to San Antonio May 3-5. A handout was sent home on Sept. 27 with a form to be filled out by you, stating intent for your student to attend. If you have not filled out this form, please ensure that it is done by the end of the week (Nov. 9) A copy can be found on the orchestra website.

Also, the first $75 deposit for the San Antonio trip should be turned in at this time. If you will not be able to pay this deposit at this time, please send a note to Mr. Bourris with your student so he can continue to reserve your students spot.

Also, we still need chaperones! Contact Mr. Bourris if you would like to be signed up!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR PIE DELIVERY!

Our students did amazing on their Fall Fundraiser! They sold over $7,000 in pies! However, that also means that on Nov. 15, we will have over 600 frozen pies to pick up and distribute!

We need your help! If you are available between 1:00 and 4:00 on Nov. 15 and would like to volunteer to help distribute pies to students, please contact Mr. Bourris! We will need all hands on deck to get the frozen pies handed out to students before the buses roll out!
HAS YOUR STUDENT BEEN BLOGGING?

Don’t forget that 20% of your student’s orchestra grade comes from their weekly practice blogs which are due each Tuesday. They need four blogs completed to receive a 100. It’s a good idea to check with them on Monday evening if they’ve completed these. Most students that do not receive and ‘A’ in orchestra have not completed their practice blogs.

WINTER CONCERT STUDENT RECEPTION HELPERS

At many of concerts, we host a small reception outside of the auditorium to toast our student performers on a job well done. We typically have items such as cookies, brownies, sandwich/veggie trays, and punch. We need parent volunteers for the following:

- Volunteers for supplying food/drink
- Volunteers to help serve students and parents

If you are interested in helping us with our reception for the Winter Concert, please contact Mr. Burris.

HALLOWEEN PARTY A SUCCESS!

On Oct. 26, the orchestra officers hosted a Halloween party for all of our 6-8 grade orchestra students. They did a wonderful job and everyone had a great time at the party. Be sure to thank our orchestra officers for all of their hard work!

ODYSSEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM!

Denton’s professional orchestra has chosen to make Strickland their home. They will be performing in our own auditorium for all of their concerts! This means that we have an incredible opportunity to see a live professional orchestra with the ease of going to our own school!

The first concert will be Nov. 30 @ 8:00. A portion of all tickets sold through the orchestra program will go towards our private lesson scholarship students. Student tickets are $10, and adults are $15. If you would like tickets, please contact Mr. Burris so he can order them for you.

UPCOMING DATES:

>Nov. 15: Red Wheel items are delivered for pick up

>Nov. 19-23: Thanksgiving Break :)

>Nov. 30: Chamber Only: Downtown Lighting Festival; 6:30-7:00, The Wells Fargo Bldg.

>Dec. 6: Ginnings Elem. Orchestra dual performance (afternoon and @ PTA meeting)

>Dec. 7 & 8: All Region Clinic/Concert for those who were placed

>Dec. 10: 6th Grade only Combined Rehearsal 3:40-4:30

>Dec. 11: WINTER CONCERT

>Feb. 8: (Chamber/Sinfonia only) Star Night

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