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BMS Orchestra News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

22: Grits for Grandparents Performance: 8th Grade

29: Booster Club Meeting, 6:00 pm

DECEMBER

8: BMS Chorus Winter Concert, 6:30 pm, BMS Gym

8: Winter Orchestra Concert (See Below)

ORCHESTRA GRADES

Playing tests scores are in the grade book and can be viewed on Parent Portal. The score and feedback is posted on Parent Portal on the "task" for that grade. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

The full version of the playing test rubric (6th grade, 7th/8th grades) is found under the documents page on our class website:

CELLO/BASS CONTRACTS

At the beginning of every year, Richland Two Orchestras ask that all cello and bass students pay a one-time fee of \$40 for the use of the school instruments. This fee covers any repairs that the instruments need throughout the year.

Please return the contract and payment as soon as possible. Checks made payable to BMS Orchestra. Thank you!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Proudly display our magnet on your car! Magnets are only \$5.00 and can be purchased at any time. Checks made payable to BMS Orchestra Booster Club.

ORCHESTRA WEBSITE

Save our website as one of your favorites!

www.blythewoodorchestra.com
Check frequently for important information and updates!

ORCHESTRA BOOSTER CLUB

Our Orchestra Booster Club is comprised of orchestra parents who want to play an active role with the BMS orchestra program. We meet bi-monthly in the orchestra room on Tuesday nights beginning at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, November 29

We hope to see you there!



Winter Concert Information

The time has come for the orchestra students to share what they have learned with their family and friends! The BMS Orchestras will present the annual Winter Concert on **Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 pm** in the **BMS Gymnasium**. Because it is the culmination of months of work, please remember that student absences for the concert are only excused in **extreme situations**.

CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Performance takes great concentration. Extraneous noise and/or movement has the potential to distract students as they perform. Please remember the following guidelines, as we will all be members of the audience for the program:

- No talking while any group is performing;
- Please turn all cell phones/PDAs/pagers to silent;
- Do not leave or enter while any group is performing.

REPORT TIMES/LOCATIONS

6th Grade: 5:30 pm: GYM

7th/8th Grade: 5:45 pm: ORCHESTRA ROOM

CONCERT ATTIRE

(Refer to Concert Attire section of Orchestra Handbook)

6th Grade: White top, black bottom, black socks/hose, black dress shoes (skirts/pants must be ankle-length), small, discrete jewelry permitted

7th/8th: All Black: black top, black skirt/pants/dress (must be ankle-length), black socks/hose, black dress shoes, small, discrete jewelry permitted

WHAT TO BRING

6th Grade: Home instrument, Essential Elements Book 1

7th/8th Grade: Home instrument, All concert music