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# BMS Orchestra News

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

28: Career Day (Half Day):  
No Instruments

30: Playing Tests in all grade  
levels

#### OCTOBER

11: Booster Club Meeting, 6 pm

### ORCHESTRA GRADES

Playing tests scores (7th/8th grades) and Instrument/Bow Part Test scores (6th grade) are in the grade book and can be viewed on Parent Portal. The score and feedback will be posted on Parent Portal on the "task" for that grade.

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

[www.blythewoodorchestra.com](http://www.blythewoodorchestra.com)

### 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](http://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, October 11

We hope to see you  
there!



## What's New with BMS Orchestras...

### MUSIC EDUCATION ADVOCACY STATISTICS

#### Why is music education important?

- Music students scored higher on 2009 SAT tests (2009 College Board web site)
- 93% parents agree: the arts are vital to a well-rounded education (2005 Harris Poll)
- Schools with music programs have significantly higher graduation rates (90.2% vs. 72.9%-National Association of Music Education-MENC)

[www.100percentclub.org](http://www.100percentclub.org)

Thank you for supporting your child and our orchestra program!!!

### INSTRUMENT CARE TIPS

- Make sure to keep your child's instrument out of the heat or cold. Do not store in your car overnight or during daytime hours.
- Repairs Mrs. Dobyms can do: resetting a bridge, replacing a string, tightening a chin rest. If a sound post has fallen, a bow needs to be re-haired or any other major repair, the instrument needs to be taken to your music store.
- If a string pops in class, Mrs. Dobyms will replace the string if she has it in stock. The string needs to be replaced at your earliest convenience.
- Strings need to be changed at least twice a year. If you provide the set of strings, Mrs. Dobyms will replace the strings at no charge!