

NOTES FROM THE ORCHESTRA ROOM - October/November Newsletter

Instrument Maintenance

Each student is expected to keep their instrument in good working order. All violin and viola students should have a **shoulder rest**, and cello and bass students should have a **rock stop**.

Strings: As stated in the handbook, students should have an extra **full set of strings** for their instrument. I have a VERY limited supply of strings available for purchase. When a student breaks a string, if they do not have a replacement string in their case, they can either purchase a replacement string from me, or from a local music store. Students who purchase a string from me can do so during class, and I will send home an invoice for the replacement cost of the string. If the student decides to purchase their string from another location, they must have the string by the start of the next class. Parents, please discuss this with your child so they know whether or not to purchase the string from me.

Repairs: Students who have rented an instrument from NNPS should bring their instrument to me if there is a problem and a repair is needed. Students who own their own instrument or rent outside of NNPS can bring me their instrument to see if I can repair it (I can make minor repairs). If I determine that I cannot make the repair, I will refer them to an outside retailer for the repair. Instruments needing repairs should be taken to the repair shop immediately and a copy of the invoice should be brought to me within three days of identifying the instrument as "needing repair." If the instrument is going to be out for a lengthy period of time, the student and parent can complete a Rental Agreement Contract and borrow an instrument from NNPS (if available) until the instrument is repaired.

Music and Arts: I have included the phone number and location for Music and Arts below. You can purchase any supplies (strings, rosin, shoulder rests, rock stops, etc...) from them.

Music in Arts Center - Kiln Creek Shopping Center – Yorktown (Victory Blvd) 988-3970

Polo Shirts

The concert uniform polo shirts will be ordered soon. The sizes are adult sizes and cost \$17 for YL, S, M, L and XL and \$19 for XXL. The polo shirts are the same as previous years and are required for all performances. Students who already own a polo shirt from previous years can use their shirt again.

Chef Pierre Pies

The cookie and pie fundraiser will begin Oct. 18 and will end on Nov. 1. All money is collected at the time of the order (checks made out to DMS). Orders will arrive on Nov 20th at 10:30am. Parent volunteers are needed to help sort the orders from 10:30am until 12:00 pm. Orders must be picked up from the DMS Band/Orchestra rooms between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. The products will spoil if left unrefrigerated in the band or orchestra room over-night. If you cannot make it during these times please contact Mr. Roberts in advance to set up another pick up time.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roberts

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(757) 888-3300 (ext. 26111)

Detach and Return - Polo Shirt Order Form and Cookie and Pie Volunteer Form ASAP

(First and last name of student) _____ { _____
Grade Level

Will you be using your polo shirt from last year? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ New Student

If you checked "No" or "New Student" please circle the appropriate size:

YL S M L XL XXL

If you can help sort cookies and pies on Nov. 20th from 10:30am until 12:00 pm, please check here: _____

(Name of parent/guardian)

(Phone number)