

Derby Orchestra Program

Calendar of Events 2015-2016

Performances

By participating in orchestra, you and your student musician have made a commitment to the Derby Orchestra Program and have responsibility to be in attendance at all required after-school orchestra concerts. Unexcused absences will result in a zero.

The orchestra can only perform at its best when all members are present. Missing a performance is a very serious offense in a musical ensemble at any level. A concert or performance is like a test or final examination, except that it is dependent on ALL members of the ensemble being present and cannot be made up. All concert dates are listed on the district calendar and will be provided to you in writing at the beginning of the year. Sports teams, dance ensembles, and other after-school groups practice several days a week, but we have limited performances. Please use this as an opportunity to teach your child about commitment and responsibility. The viable exceptions to concert/dress rehearsal attendance are medical emergencies, family bereavement, or unavoidable conflicts that are cleared with me at least one full month before any rehearsal/performance date. All cases will be dealt with on an individual basis- please contact me immediately so I am aware of any conflict.

Please email me at least 30 days in advance to discuss any potential conflicts. Communication is essential to meaningful dialogue regarding any conflicts- it does not guarantee that your student will be excused from a concert.

NEW!

**Concert Dress: Black dress pants, black dress socks, black dress shoes,
Derby Orchestra Polo**

**Black jeans, leggings, yoga pants, etc. are NOT acceptable uniform items
Failure to adhere to the dress code listed above will result in a lowered grade**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these expectations or need any assistance in obtaining the necessary concert dress uniform, please email Ms. Little. The Derby Orchestra Program is committed to providing access to quality string music education for all students.

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AUGUST 2015

Tue. Aug. 25th 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM 6th Grade Registration

Thu. Aug. 27th 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM 7th Grade Registration

Fri. Aug. 28th 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM 8th Grade Registration

SEPTEMBER 2015

Thurs. Sept. 17th Derby Curriculum Night

OCTOBER 2015

Thurs. Oct. 1st 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Derby Palooza (6th Gr Orchestra Perform.

Thurs. Oct. 8th Music Department Meeting for Parents: 7:00PM Band Room
Annual Fundraiser/Donation Event, Performances

Sat. Oct. 17th Music Dept. Hay Ride/Corn Maze/Cider Mill @
Blake's Orchard

Tues. Oct. 27th Masquerade Concert, 7:00PM at Seaholm (8th Grade Only)

Thurs. & Fri. Oct 22nd-23rd Fruit Sale Kick Off
Oct. 22nd - Nov. 6th SELL! SELL! SELL!

NOVEMBER 2015

Fri. Nov. 6th ALL FRUIT ORDERS DUE!!!!!!

DECEMBER 2015

Thurs. Dec. 3rd Tentative Fruit Delivery

Tues. Dec. 8th Choir Winter Concert at Seaholm

Wed. Dec. 9th **Orchestra Winter Concert at Seaholm, 7:00PM**

Thurs. Dec. 10th Band Winter Concert at Seaholm

JANUARY 2016

Thurs., Jan. 14th **Orchestra Parent Meeting**
Scheduling for 2016-2017, Festival, trips, etc.
7:00 p.m. Derby Orchestra Room

Fri., Jan. 29th **Registration Deadline:**
7th & 8th gr. Solo & Ensemble Festival

FEBRUARY 2016

TBA Pre-Festival Clinic (8TH GR ONLY, In-Class)

MARCH 2016

Sat Mar. 12

**MSBOA ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL – 8th Grade Only
ALL DAY SATURDAY**

Location and Time, TBA.

Attendance is mandatory for all 8th grade musicians

APRIL 2015

Sat. Apr. 16th

Solo & Ensemble for 7th & 8th grade. Times TBA

MAY 2016

Wed. May 11th

6th grade field trip "Derby in the D"

Sat. May 14th

7th Grade Band, Choir, & Orchestra to Cedar Point

Thurs. – Sun. May 19th - 21st

8th Grade Band, Orchestra, & Choir to Chicago

JUNE 2016

Tues., June 7th

Choir Spring Concert at Seaholm

Wed., June 8th

Orchestra Spring Concert at Seaholm

Thur., June 9th

Band Spring Concert at Seaholm

TBA

8th Grade Celebration Performance (8th GR only)