



# WELCOME BACK, ORCHESTRA!

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back to Creekside music! Please read through the following information, as it contains important dates and details for the school year. Please also make sure you add the performance dates to your home calendar. If you have any questions regarding the information contained here, feel free to contact us!

Sincerely,

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## Performance Dates

- 6th Grade All Music Concert – Tuesday, December 5, 7:00pm in the CPA at Dexter HS
  - o Students should arrive at 6:30pm dressed in their concert attire
- All Orchestra Concert – Tuesday, March 13, 7:00pm in the CPA at Dexter HS
  - o Students should arrive at 6:30pm dressed in their concert attire
- Creekside Spring Concert – Tuesday, May 15, 7:00pm in the CPA at Dexter HS
  - o Students should arrive at 6:20pm dressed in their concert attire

## Concert Attire

Black on bottom, white on top.

**As performances are a formal occasion, we ask that students do their best to refrain from wearing jeans or flip-flops. Also, please no spaghetti-strap tank tops, and skirts/dresses must be at least knee-length when seated. If it would not be appropriate to wear during the school day, it would not be appropriate to wear at a concert.**

*If you have difficulty obtaining these garments, please notify Mr. Deloria or Mrs. Campbell for assistance.*

## 6th Grade Orchestra Book

In continuing with our progression from last year, we will be using Essential Elements 2000 For Strings, Book 2 in orchestra this year. You can purchase this book on your own (from places like Shar, Marshall Music, or even Amazon), or you can purchase one from us for \$8. Checks Payable to Dexter schools with the student name in the memo line please.



### **At Home Practice**

All students are expected to practice their instrument approximately 20-30 minutes 4-5 days a week as a minimum. The more you practice, the more your technique will improve and the more you will be able to accomplish on your instrument. Practicing orchestra music at home also allows our ensemble to accomplish more in class. Practice logs will be used throughout the year to document student practice time and content, asking the student to reflect on their practice habits. Parents, please encourage your student to practice at home – you are their best cheerleader 😊

### **Private Lessons**

All students are strongly encouraged to take private lessons on their instrument(s) outside of orchestra class. Private lessons are the perfect way to improve your technique, build on skills learned in class, and gain more experience in solo playing. Please refer to the online Dexter Orchestra site ([dexterorchestras.org](http://dexterorchestras.org)) for a list of private lesson teachers, or talk to Mrs. Campbell or Mr. Deloria for further assistance.

Here's to another great year in orchestra!

