

# SJMS Orchestra Disclosure 2022-2023

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Classroom: Portable 6

Dear Orchestra Students and Parents,

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### CONCERTS/PERFORMANCES CALENDAR Reserve only the dates for YOUR Orchestra class.

#### Orchestra 1

- Aug. 23 - Beginning Orchestra Orientation, including Q&A, instrument rentals, and book purchases, held in Portable 6 - 6:30-7:00pm. *Attendance required.*
- Oct. 19 - Fall Concert in the Kiva - 7:15-7:45pm
- Dec. 7 - Winter Concert in the Kiva - 6:30-7:30pm
- May 17 - Spring Concert in the Kiva - 6:30-7:30pm

#### Orchestra 2

- Dec. 7 - Winter Concert In the Kiva - 6:30-7:30pm
- Feb. 23 - Monster Concert @ Bingham HS - 6:00-7:30pm
- Mar. 9 - Intermediate Orchestra Assessment @ Oquirrh Hills MS, during the school day
- May 17 - Spring Concert in the Kiva - 6:30-7:30pm

#### Orchestra 3

- Dec. 7 - Winter Concert in the Kiva - 6:30pm
- Dec .15 - Holiday Performing Arts Assembly - During School
- Feb. 23 - Monster Concert @ Bingham HS - 6:00-7:30pm
- Mar. 16 - Advanced Orchestra Assessment @ West Hills MS, during the school day
- May 17 - Spring Concert in the Kiva - 6:30pm

**OPTIONAL: SOJO Honors String Ensemble** (A small group from Orchestra 3)  
Nov. 9 District Honors Orchestra Rehearsals @ West Jordan MS  
Nov. 16 District Honors Orchestra Concert (PM) @ West Jordan MS

**OPTIONAL: SoJo String Ensembles** (A few small groups from Orchestra 3)  
Feb. 16 - Small groups that play short performances during Parent Teacher Conference in the gym! (Yes, this is new.)

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| <b>GRADES &amp; ASSIGNMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grading Categories: 80% Assessments; 20% Assignments</li> <li>• Most Assignments on Canvas, including student video performance tests</li> <li>• Practicing: Minimum of 2.5 hrs/week</li> </ul> |
| <b>CITIZENSHIP GRADE</b> (Determined according to: <a href="#">School-Wide-Disclosure.pdf</a> ) This grade includes adherence to <a href="#">Concert Etiquette</a> where students are an audience representing SoJo in a performance context.                            |
| <b>STUDENT EXPECTATIONS &amp; LEADERSHIP ROLES</b> (See: <a href="#">2022-2023 Orchestra Rules and Expectations</a> )  |
| <b>ORCHESTRA LAB</b> - One day each week to receive extra help and/or play in small ensembles. (TBA)   |

**Missed Performances:** Performances are 100% required. In the event of emergency or illness, a student may need complete specific assignments and friends-and-family performances to make up some of those points. For more information, see [music performance course addendum](#).

**Instrument-Specific Information:** **Violinists and Violists** typically use their own instrument or rent from an outside source. I have a limited number of playable school-owned Violins & Violas to rent. **Cellists and Bassists** typically use two instruments, one rented for home use and the other rented for school use.

**School-owned Instrument Rental Fees** (Payable in person in the Main Office, or [ONLINE](#) in “Family Access” on Skyward). School instrument rental fees: \$80.00 (school year), \$40.00 (summer). **Students must present receipts before their school-owned instrument is issued.** Students may either print a receipt from **Family Access** or have our amazing Main Office personnel print you your receipt at the time of payment.

**Shoulder Rests:** All Violinists/Violists must use shoulder rests. Foam/Sponges are not allowed. Common shoulder rest brands I recommend are: *Everest and Christino*. NOTE: I do not recommend Kun shoulder rests because the feet break easily.

**Rosin:** Students supply their own rosin.

**Strings:** On privately owned instruments, students provide their own strings. All Violin, Viola, and Cello players need an extra set of strings for emergency breakages. On School-owned rented instruments, I will supply and personally install broken strings. I would recommend the *Dominant* brand of strings, but others will work.

**Books:** Orchestra I students purchase one method book: “Essential Elements 2000 for Strings” (Approximately \$10.00 per book).

**Fines:** Students are fined for lost or damaged school property, e.g. instruments, equipment and sheet music)

#### **Performance Attire:**

**Orchestra 3:** Orchestra T-shirts for less formal performances ; Concert Black for Formal Performances:

- **Ladies:** Black dress or black shirt and pants. Shined black shoes. Black socks or tights.
- **Gentlemen:** A black suit, black or white collared shirt, and black tie. Black socks. No athleisure, logos, rips, etc.
- **Orchestras 1 & 2:** Best dress (formal/semi-formal). Orchestras I and II wear “best dress”, but not formal. A variety of colors are fine. No athleisure, logos, rips, casual sneakers, etc.