



ORCHESTRA  
PROGRAM

with Mrs. Dueringer (formerly  
Ingrao)

# WHY ORCHESTRA?

- Learn a new skill
- Creative opportunities
- Build friendships
- Uses teamwork and problem-solving
- Develop responsibility and time management
- Increase your memory and concentration skills
- Increase hand-eye coordination
- Part of a well-rounded educational experience

# OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

- Instrument lessons and rehearsals
- Concerts
- Music Festivals (ECMEA, NYSSMA)
- Field trips and Competitions (BPO, NYC, Disney, Chicago, Darien Lake...)
- Parades (Memorial Day)
- Pep band and Pit Orchestra
- Advanced ensembles (Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Groups)
- Clubs
- Learn more than one instrument (Electric Bass, Piccolo...)



ORCHESTRA  
INSTRUMENTS

WITH MS. INGRAO

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Violin

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Viola

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Cello

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Bass



# VIOLIN

- Highest sounding string instrument
- Strings are “E A D G”
- Uses Treble Clef
- Played on the shoulder, with the bow (arco) or finger (pizzicato)
- Comes in multiple sizes based on arm length (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, and 4/4)
- Traditionally the largest section of the orchestra
- Must be brought to and from school for lessons



# VIOLA

- Larger and lower than the violin
- Strings are “A D G C”
- Uses Alto Clef
- Played on the shoulder, with the bow (arco) or finger (pizzicato)
- Comes in multiple sizes based on arm length (12”, 13”, 14”, 15”...)
- Has the same strings as the cello but is played like a violin!
- Must be brought to and from school for lessons



# CELLO

- Low sounding string instrument
- Strings are “A D G C”
- Uses Bass Clef
- Played sitting down, with the bow (arco) or finger (pizzicato)
- Comes in multiple sizes based on arm length (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 4/4)
- Has an “endpin” that you can adjust to your height
- Sits across from the violins in orchestra
- Does not have to be brought to school for lessons, a school cello will be provided for you





# BASS



- Lowest and largest string instrument
- Strings are “G D A E”
- Uses Bass Clef
- Played standing, with the bow (arco) or finger (pizzicato)
- Comes in multiple sizes based on arm length and height (1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 4/4)
- Has an “endpin” that you can adjust to your height
- Stands behind the cellos in orchestra
- Does not have to be brought to school for lessons, a school bass will be provided for you



# SO HOW DO I JOIN?

## For Now:

- Take sheet home and talk with your adult about instruments
- Choose your top 3 favorite instruments
- Have an adult sign and return sheet

## For later

- Try out top 3 favorite instruments (early June)
- Select the instrument that fits you best
- Take final selection sheet home and get it signed
- Return signed sheet

# ENSEMBLES ACROSS THE YEARS

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra (Primary Schools)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra (MS)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra (MS)

7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra (MS)

Small Chamber Ensemble (MS and HS)

Symphony Orchestra (HS)

Chamber Orchestra (HS, by audition only)

Rock Orchestra (HS)



I'm looking forward to meeting you!

-Mrs. Dueringer