

Spring Orchestra Concert

Grade 4-12 Orchestra Program Ensembles

It's that time of year again for our Spring Orchestra Concert, which will showcase all of St. Margaret's orchestral ensembles from grades four through twelve. Over the past four years we've seen significant growth in the technical and musical abilities in all of the groups that will be performing and I'm certain you'll enjoy the diversity of our programming including classical works by Bach, Beethoven, and Vivaldi along with contemporary pieces by Henry Mancini and John Williams. Your kids have worked extremely hard this past year to acquire the necessary social and musical ensemble skills to make this concert possible, and I am incredibly proud of them.

The concert takes place from **6:00pm-7:15pm** on Thursday, **April 15th** in Sillers Hall. Students will need to report to the music classrooms at **5:15pm** in concert dress with their instruments and music, ready for tuning and setup.

There will be a separate seating area for all student performers in the hall. Students are expected to be present for the entire concert. Their attendance and conduct is a major portion of the final grade for their orchestra class. In the case of a valid excused absence from school the day of the concert, that student will be provided with an alternative performance assignment to complete.

Concert dress for each division is as follows:

Lower School - Any mostly black/white outfit that is "dressy" and comfortable to play in.

Middle School - Black dress pants/skirts, white or black dress shirt, black dress shoes. Ties are optional. Minor pattern or color details are acceptable.

Upper School - Concert black, either all black (like the musical) or black tuxedo-style with white shirt and tie. Black dress shoes.

Dress restrictions for all divisions:

Black does not mean blue, brown, red, or any other colors.

NO jeans, sandals, t-shirts, clothing with large logos of any kind, dangling jewelry, or any excessively revealing/inappropriate clothing. The operative term here is "conservative."

We want the audience to focus on your music-making, and not your attire!

Please visit my program web site for further information:

<http://www.smes.org/classes/wie/orchestra>

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at:

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Thank you, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the concert!

-Mr. Wie ☺