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*Concert Orchestra*

*Philharmonia Orchestra*

*Sinfonia Orchestra*

*Chamber Orchestra*

Here at West Fargo High School, the Music Department's goal is to help students develop into independent musicians and informed consumers who can perform and appreciate music to their fullest.

### **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

- ✓ Instrument present and in playing condition
- ✓ Spare set of strings for repairs during class
- ✓ Music, pencil present
- ✓ Respect for the instructor when speaking
- ✓ Ready to play when instructed
- ✓ Stay on task
- ✓ Respect your classmates

### **REQUIRED CONCERT ATTIRE**

MALE AND FEMALE: Black, (plain black) short or long-sleeved tops (no tank tops), **long black pants**, black socks, black shoes (no flip flops or sandals).

### **REQUIRED CONCERTS:**

**Concerts are MANDATORY. CONSIDER THESE YOUR FINAL EXAMS FOR THE QUARTER.**

Please refrain from being on vacation during these dates!

12 October	Fall Concert	7:30 p.m.	WFHS Theater
4 December	Holiday Concert	7:30 p.m.	WFHS Theater
4 April	Sub-region Solo & Ensemble	8:00 A.M.	Hope South
18 April	EDC /State Solo & Ensemble	8:00 A.M.	Calvary Lutheran Church
6 May	Packer Strings Concert	7:00 p.m.	WFFHS Theater
14 May	Orchestra Awards Concerts	6:00 p.m.	Concert Orchestra
		7:00 p.m.	Philharmonia & Sinfonia Orchestra
26 May	Graduation	1:00 p.m.	Scheels Arena

## **OTHER PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Chamber Orchestra:** Meets Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 7:30-8:15 AM

- ♪ Auditions will take place September 5-8, 2023
- ♪ Sign-ups are on the front board

**Pit Orchestra for WFHS** (Typically right away in the fall)

Strings for the WFHS Pit are chosen by Mr. Carlson and Mrs. Klundt. Selection is based on personal responsibility, skill, participation in class, good bow/left-hand technique, and the ability to work hard. **This is professional-level music. Students must be able to be there for all performances and most of the rehearsals.**

**NDASTA-Sight Reading Festival:** will take place at Bismarck High School on September 29/30. This is an opportunity to meet with other orchestra students throughout the state of North Dakota, sight-read music, and prepare for a concert the next day. The school will pay for the bus and rooms for the night. =)

The cost for the students is \$25, which includes supper (pizza) Friday night, snacks, and a T-shirt. We will leave Friday morning, rehearsal starts at 1 and we finish for the night about 8. Saturday morning more rehearsal and performance in the afternoon. More detailed information will be shared when I get the information shortly.

**All State Auditions** take place on January 7, 2024, at WFHS. This is an auditioned group with an audition fee of \$16. You must register with Mrs. Klundt by October 30, 2023. Only those selected will go on to the All-State Orchestra.

**All-State Orchestra** March 21-23, 2024 Bismarck; Students must be accepted to be a part of this group. Selected students prepare professional-level music ahead of the 1st rehearsal. The concert will be at 1:00/4:00 Saturday afternoon for the public. Tickets are available at the door.

### **Solo and Ensemble**

This is a student lead/driven unit in which the students prepare and then perform a piece of music in front of an adjudicator. They are rated on a rubric and may receive a regional star & a state star. This is an opportunity to perform them and have someone other than Mrs. Klundt give you feedback. Concert orchestra members will be in one ensemble group. Upperclassmen have the opportunity to be in several ensembles.

Solos to be performed must be chosen by October 30. If you have a private lesson instructor, it will be assumed you will work on that with your private lesson teacher. I would like to hear it once a month to make sure you are making adequate progress. If you have no private lesson instructor, you will need to meet with me weekly to make sure you are using correct techniques, fingerings, and bowings as well as playing in tune. Rehearsal with the accompanist will start 4 weeks before contest. If you are unable to play with an accompanist, you will not be allowed to compete as per NDHSAA rules. (Unaccompanied pieces are different.)

**Sub-region: April 4, 2024** at Hope South: if the group your student is in receives a star (or solo), they will go on to **EDC/STATE** on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If they don't, they will be done with this unit.

**EDC/STATE:** April 18, 2024 At Calvary Lutheran Church

**Auditions for Trollwood at Bluestem** are in April/May. Please call their office for more information.

**FM Youth Symphony** Auditions are held in early September and early May/June. Please call their office for more information.

## **GRADING:**

**10 Points for each rehearsal      50 points for their lesson      200 points for CONCERTS**

Talking is the biggest issue that we have. When a student or class has to be asked more than twice to quiet down, points will be deducted for the day. Students with no instrument, coming in tardy as well will result in points being deducted from their participation points for the day. A SWIS Referral will be placed and parents will be called if there if it becomes a chronic issue.

## **LESSONS**

Each student will be required one (1) lesson per semester. Lessons are free of charge and a great way to make sure you are on the correct path as well as learn something new! (You could have weekly lessons if you like! They are free!!) Lessons are offered before school, during school, and after school. The sign-up sheet is on the front board. There is usually one month at a time up there. Please make sure you get these in as soon as possible. Waiting until the last minute only increases the risk you won't get one in on time.

## **WIN SESSIONS:**

WIN sessions will be for private practice this year. I will be there to help you with any questions you may have.

## **FUNDRAISING:**

Fundraising at WFHS becomes more of a personal savings account for the "Big Trip" that is offered every other year. The amount of money raised by each student helps defray the cost of the trip. Fundraising is **always optional** and thus students are **not forced to participate**.

The trip is for Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Band and Orchestra members. Freshmen do not go on our trip but will use this year as a year to build their accounts. The dates of the trip are usually right between the end of basketball season and the start of the track season (March).

Our trips have brought us to Chicago, Seattle, New York City, and Orlando. The amount of money we needed to raise is usually around \$1300-\$1500 to travel by air or \$1,000 to travel by bus, depending on our destination. We want to build those accounts up so that there will be less out-of-pocket expense for all involved.

We will be selling blue coupon books again starting the first week of September. Students will also be doing a "Push/Save" fundraiser that I really enjoy and it is really minimal work for all involved.

We sell "World's Finest Chocolate" Bars starting in October. We have typically sold coffee but are looking for a fundraiser that offers us more than 30% profit and still a quality product.