

ORCHESTRA AT McCRACKEN

Fall 2022

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Orchestra!



What is this all about?: We are thrilled to be continuing our Orchestra program at McCracken Middle School this year! This is the 10th year that McCracken has had an Orchestra. We offer the violin, viola, cello and bass.

Who can give this a try?: Any student in 6, 7 or 8 grade may start a string instrument this year!

Why Orchestra?: Playing an instrument is good for the mind, body and soul! It is a skill that can bring a lifetime of enjoyment. Playing an instrument not only brings joy while one is playing, but it can help students in many other areas both academically and socially. Students who are involved in orchestra at McCracken can join the amazing Orchestra program at Niles North High School in 9th grade where there are an abundance of opportunities for string musicians such as extra clubs, orchestra board, trips around the United States, competitions and more. The McCracken Orchestra will perform several times throughout the year!

Rehearsals:

We will rehearse on Thursdays from 3:05-3:55p.m. in the Band Room. Students will need to get a ride home from McCracken promptly at 3:55p.m. or take the Activity Bus that leaves at 4:00p.m. ***Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 22th at 3:05p.m. at McCracken!**

Do You Already Play?

If you already play a string instrument we would love to have you join as well! Please plan to attend Thursday rehearsals at the start of the year. We will also be creating an Advanced Orchestra for students with 2 or more years of experience from all neighboring schools! These rehearsals will be on Mondays from 3:50-4:40p.m. at Niles North High School.

Conflicts:

If a student is in a club or involved in a sport, Mrs. Page and the coaches/sponsors will work together so that they can be a part of orchestra. Just email Mrs. Page at jenpag@d219.org. Also, please note that Orchestra does NOT conflict with Band or Chorus! Yay!

How Do I Register?:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: Come to our Orchestra Registration Night, which will be held in the Orchestra Room (1635) at Niles North High School (park on the North side of the school and walk to the West side to enter through Door 19). Here, students will be able to try out the instruments and choose what they would like to play. The music store, Cassandra Strings, will be available for instrument rentals as well. You may stop by the registration night any time between 5-7:30p.m. It should take about 15-30 minutes. *If you are unable to attend, that's ok! Please email Mrs. Page at jenpag@d219.org to coordinate your registration. **Please scan the QR code above to register.**

Instrument:

Students will need to rent an instrument for use at rehearsals and performances. Recommended stores to rent from include (but not limited to): Cassandra Strings, Seman Violins, Quinlan and Fabish. It is not recommended that students purchase an instrument until they are a bit older and playing on a full size instrument. Please let Mrs. Page know if you have any concerns with renting an instrument. Instruments may be provided for students in need.

Method Book:

First and second year students will need the Essential Elements Book 1 for their instrument this year. Third year students should get Orchestra Expressions Volume 2.

Contact:

Please contact Mrs. Page if you have any questions at jenpag@d219.org.