

WHITE PINES ORCHESTRAS HANDBOOK



2018/2019

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GRAND HAVEN ORCHESTRAS CALENDAR 2018-2019

5th Grade Concerts

White Pines 5th Holiday Concert - Dec. 4, @ White Pines Aud. 5th Gr 6:30pm
Side by Side Concert - 5th Grade/HS Orchestras- April 16, 7pm @ HS Auditorium

6th Grade Concerts

White Pines 6th Holiday Concert - Dec. 4, @ White Pines Aud. 5th 6th Gr 7:30pm
Sixth Gr.Solo Festival - March 21, @ Wh.P. 4-8pm - 10 minute time slots for ea. pp
Sixth Grade Spring Fling - May 22 (Mon/Wed) 6pm, (Tue/Thur)7:30pm @ HS PAC

We are excited to be a part of your world and get to know you better. If there is a conflict with the schedule and your child can't make a concert, contact us two weeks prior to the event: 5th grade: meyersm@ghaps.org , 6th grade: walterst@ghaps.org If your child is sick or there is a family emergency, please send a courteous email if possible. If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to communicate. We love hearing from you!

Uniforms for Concerts

5th – black on bottom – pants/ skirts/socks/shoes; colorful tops - no jeans or activewear
6th – black on bottom – pants/skirts/socks/shoes; white on top – no t-shirts/activewear

Parental Involvement

Parents are asked to sign all practice records and performance rubrics to monitor the musical progress. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend all of the performances if your child is participating. Your child needs your support and encouragement. We suggest for students to practice 15 minutes a day at the same time – to establish a daily routine. There is also a way to be involved in volunteering -Orchestra Boosters of Grand Haven will meet in September at - go to the website www.grandhavenorchestra.org for more information.

Scrip (Gift Card) Program Policy

The parent association runs a scrip (gift card) program. This is an excellent opportunity for you as a member of the Grand Haven instrumental music program to help defray potential trips and school related expenses. Accounts will be set up from this program for each student and family participating. Funds will be reimbursed after submitting the appropriate Scrip Funds Request Form. A copy of this form can be obtained upon request. For more information and the schedule of scrip sales, go to www.grandhavenorchestra.org

Scholarships

The OBGH provide scholarship money for all instrumental music students who apply and qualify to attend summer music camps. Applications can be obtained from the website.

Private Lessons

Because orchestra focuses more on the group instead of individual instruction, it is important to get a tutor that can help you achieve excellence through one on one teaching. Professional private teachers – Becky Parks (parksbecky@gmail.com), for violin/viola; Tim Staudacher (staudachert@gmail.com) for cello/bass. Orchestra Boosters reimburse (\$5.00/adult teachers; \$3.00 high school tutors) for each lesson from approved private lesson instructors. Complete policy rules/form available on the “Private Lesson Rebate Program” is available at www.grandhavenorchestra.org

Equipment

Students must have an instrument to use with proper parts such as bow, rosin, rock stop, shoulder rest and music stand at home. Renting instruments from Guaneri House or Meyer Music are recommended. Cellos and basses will be able to use the school instruments during class, but must have an instrument to use at home for practice. All 5th graders need Essential Elements Book 1 which is included through the rental programs or can be purchased at Meyer Music. We will continue to use the book in the beginning of 6th grade.

Instrument Storage

5th grade students - will be keeping violin/violas in homerooms on orchestra days

6th grade students - will be assigned lockers in instrument storage room

White Pines Orchestra Classroom Procedures

Entering Procedures

- please get rid of gum before you come in. No gum allowed in orchestra.
- Look at the Agenda on the board (will tell you what we will work on)
- Greet Teacher, Classmates, follow social contact established
- If you get to class early, help put chairs into the orchestra setting
- Grab your instrument out of your case.
- Grab your folder, pencil and get to your seat

Exiting Procedures

- You will be given time to put things away
- You may not leave the room unless you are dismissed

Music Folders Procedures

- any papers that you get associated with orchestra MUST go in the folder
- PLEASE put your name on book, folder and all music
- MUST HAVE PENCIL

2018/2019 ORCHESTRA AGREEMENT FORM
Due Back by September 7th
COUNTS AS YOUR FIRST ORCHESTRA ASSIGNMENT!!!!

STUDENT NAME _____

GRADE: _____ **INSTRUMENT:** _____ **CLASS(circle):** MON/WED or TUE/THUR

GUARDIAN
NAME(S) _____

***EMAIL** _____

- additional email (optional)

We will be communicating concerning concerts via email and via hard copy home.

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I/We have read the entire handbook and with my/our student and we understand what is expected of my/our students. We understand the expectations of the class, the commitment in practicing and the responsibilities of being at each performance.

Student Signature

date

Parent Signature

date _____