

Instrumental Music Department

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Georgia Alemis and Jennifer Vazquez - Orchestra Directors

How to Register for 3rd & 4th Grade Beginning Orchestra, 2011-2012

After instrument fittings, you can register your child for orchestra by:

- 1.) Attending the Registration Night on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Hadley Junior High School from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.
- 2.) If you cannot attend the Registration Night, register by downloading the Beginning Orchestra form and send it to Georgia Alemis at Hadley Junior High. Forms need to be received no later than **May 31, 2011**. *We need to know how many students will be in orchestra so that we can have the correct staffing in September. Late registration might mean that lesson groups are larger than what is optimal for this age level.*

Beginning Students will need:

- **Beginning Book**- All beginners will be using "Essential Elements 2000 for Strings plus DVD" by Allen, Gillespie, Hayes ~ DVD and CD, Book 1, for their instrument.
- **A portable music stand**- Students will need this stand to practice in the proper position at home.
- **An Instrument** in good playing condition. If you have an instrument and you are not sure of its playing condition, please have it checked as soon as possible.

The music company that puts on our instrument display, **Kagan and Gaines Music Company** in Forest Park, can provide books, stands and instruments. If you need repair service, you may call them at one of these numbers, 708.771.2152 or fax 708.771.4674. A representative comes to the district once a week to pick up instruments for repair and deliver accessories. In most cases, they will provide an instrument for your child while their instrument is being repaired. If you prefer to go on line to rent an instrument and purchase the book and wire stand, please go to the following email address:

kaganandgaines.com/t-d41.aspx

Choosing an Instrument:

The instruments taught are the violin, viola, cello and string bass. It is *most* important that your child has the proper size of instrument- $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, full size violin/cello/bass, 11", 12", 13" viola. An instrument that is not properly fitted will hinder the progress of your child. Sizing can also take place here tonight if your child was not fitted at their elementary school.

Beginning Orchestra Lessons:

Group lessons will be scheduled at the school your child attends.

- a. Students are taken out of class for approximately 30 minutes each week.
- b. Lessons are scheduled on a rotating basis.
- c. Students who arrange ahead of time may go with another group if conflicts occur.
- d. Lesson schedules will be worked out and distributed as soon as possible in the fall.

Practice- At least 30 minutes each day. Shorter periods of practice are recommended at first, (two 15-minute sessions), and then work up to 30 minutes. Set the same time of day for practicing and make it special.

Quality is as important as quantity- Practice for results not minutes!

There will be two concerts during the school year, one in the winter and one in the spring.

- Winter Concert- Thursday, December 1, 2011
- Spring Concert- Thursday, May 3, 2012

There will also be two evening rehearsals in preparation for each concert on Monday nights.

- Winter Rehearsals- November 21 & 28, 2011
- Spring Rehearsals- TBA

The District 41 Music Education Foundation (MEF) sponsors a program called *Music for All*, for those individuals who qualify for financial assistance in renting an instrument and payment of fees. Please contact Lisa Tylke at 630.469.6499 for further information about the *Music for All* program.

The District 41 Music Education Foundation (MEF) is also sponsoring a bass scholarship program. Certain bass students wanting to play the string bass will have an opportunity to save money by applying for this bass scholarship. Parents will be paying for a cello rental fee instead of a bass rental fee. Please fill out a bass scholarship form at this meeting or visit <http://mef.d41teachers.org> to read more about this program. Parents must fill out a form in order to have a chance of receiving this special scholarship.

Glen Ellyn School District 41
Beginning Orchestra Registration 2011– 2012

**If you're unable to attend the Open House meeting on May 24, 2011,
please return ASAP to:**

**Georgia Alemis
Hadley Junior High School
240 Hawthorne Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137**

Completion of this form will register your child for the 2011-2012 Beginning Orchestra Program.

**** Please note that** Glen Ellyn School District #41 collects a participation fee to offset the cost of operating certain school district programs. Students who participate in orchestra are required to pay a \$30.00 fee. **The school district will mail an invoice in July, which will include orchestra and other fees.**

Student Name _____ **School:** BF CH FG LIN

Student date of birth _____ **Grade Level 2011-12** _____

Home Phone _____ **Work/Cell Phone** _____

Address _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

VERY IMPORTANT! Email _____
All Beginning Orchestra information is emailed to parents on a periodic basis. Please print clearly.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Instrument Chosen:

Violin Viola Cello Bass

Please help us get to know your child better:

*Does your child have any medical issues that the orchestra teacher should be aware of?

*Does your child currently play an instrument? _____

*Is there any other information about your child that you feel the orchestra director should know?
