

JJ Pearce Orchestra Registration

Friday, August 20, 2010

Welcome to the new school year and to the Pearce Orchestra! This promises to be an exciting year with Head Director Melissa Livings and new Associate Director Matt Cross.

REGISTRATION

Orchestra registration is scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2010 in the orchestra room. All orchestra students are requested to attend. The schedule is broken up according to grade: Seniors 4-5 pm, Juniors 5-6 pm, Sophomores 6-7 pm, and Freshman 7-8 pm. If you cannot make it at the appointed time, please come any time between 4 and 8 pm. Your visit should last less than an hour.

BE PREPARED:

- Wear athletic shorts and a T-shirt so you can try on a uniform over them. Bring the dress shoes you will wear with your uniform so hems can be marked. This applies to both girls and boys.
- Bring your medical insurance card. A photocopy will make things even easier.
- Bring a check to pay for fees. You may want another check to order spirit items. You will also be able to pay fees with a credit card.
- Come with a parent, if possible, to get signatures out of the way.
- Park in the south lot off of Melrose. Enter the building through the loading dock to the right of the auditorium.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At registration, you can expect the following:

- Complete required forms. Several require parent signatures. (No forms need to be notarized this year.)
- Pay required and optional program fees (checks made out to PAOC or by credit card):
 - \$75 Operations fee (required)
 - \$15 Uniform/Cleaning fee (waived if student has own approved uniform)
 - \$25 Orchestra Cool-Tec polo shirt (good for 2 years, ladies & men's styles) (required)
 - \$10 Region fee (required for Chamber and Honors Orchestras)
 - \$75 Instrument rental (Bass, Cello, etc)
 - \$50 Spring trip deposit (optional)
- Fitting of uniforms. Your uniform will be marked for hemming at the fitting. Female cellists and bassists may opt to wear black pants and a dressy top instead.

- Order optional orchestra spirit items:
 - Extra Polo Shirts
 - Hoodies
 - Decals
 - Yard signs
 - New cool stuff
- Update your contact information in Charms and learn how to access the online calendar, handouts, practice records and much more.
- Learn about cool new fundraising opportunities this year.

Parents, if you cannot attend registration with your child, you may download forms to sign and send with him or her. Visit <http://www.charmsoffice.com>, enter schoolcode PearceHSOrch, and click on Handouts on the following page. Please sign the **Handbook Acknowledgment, Extracurricular Agreement** and **Medical Release**. (Nothing needs to be notarized.) If your child will be renting an instrument, including a classroom-only bass or cello, the **rental agreement** near the back of the handbook should also be signed. These documents are also available at <http://www.jjpearceorchestra.com/registration.html>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENTS: if you would like to volunteer to help at registration, please contact Ms. Livings at melissa.livings@risd.org. **This is especially important if you intend to run for orchestra officer.**

PARENTS: The Pearce Area Orchestra Club can always use more volunteers. There are many ways to help. Many hands make light work! Contact Steve Kaualoku at Skaualeku0@aol.com to volunteer.

We are looking forward to seeing you on August 20!

Best regards,

Galen & Beryl Kannarr
PAOC Communication Chairs

Pearce Orchestra Website
<http://www.jjpearceorchestra.com>

Facebook: JJ Pearce High School Orchestra--Official Group
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=131364906874890>

Charms Office Assistant
<http://www.charmsoffice.com>, schoolcode PearceHSOrch, Password: 6-digit student ID