

Dear Orchestra Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year! We have another exciting year in East orchestra and I am looking forward to all of it! In this letter you will find some information about the school year and dates to add to your calendars.

First, for those who I have yet to meet, my name is Michael Hayden and I am the East orchestra teacher. This will be my 4th year at Tosa East and my 13th year teaching orchestra. Prior to coming to East, I taught orchestra, music technology, and music theory for the Whitnall and Whitefish Bay School Districts (WI), and the Tempe Unified School District (AZ). I have a Bachelor of Music degree Education from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Master of Music degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. Additionally I am a lecturer in music education at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. I live in the Roosevelt neighborhood with my wife (aka Ms. Roz) and our two daughters, Harper and Frances. When not teaching I enjoy spending time outside with my kids, riding bikes, running, hiking, and camping.

Orchestra Courses

There are two different, grade-level orchestras at East High School. Concert Orchestra, comprised of 9th and 10th graders, and Symphony Orchestra, comprised of 11th and 12th graders. Due to the size, Concert Orchestra is typically split into two different sections, which then combine for performances. Symphony Orchestra frequently combines with winds, brass, and percussion at the Winter and Spring concerts. Additionally, East currently offers a Fiddle Ensemble, which meets on Friday mornings before school. This club is open to any student in orchestra who is interested in Irish/Celtic/Bluegrass music.

Orchestra Dues

There is a \$50 fee associated with orchestra. This covers solo and ensemble registration fees, awards, end of the year orchestra luncheon, and senior dinner. Additionally, the orchestra fee goes towards guest clinicians and performers, dry cleaning student uniforms, student lessons, and finally summer enrichment scholarships. All students have the opportunity to fundraise for the orchestra fee through our annual Colectivo Coffee Fundraiser (September) or choose to simply pay the fee outright. It is not the intent to limit orchestra participation. Should this cause any financial stress please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Events Calendar

October 11th - 19th, 2019 - East Orchestra Austria/Czech Republic Trip

October 23rd, 2019 - Fall East Orchestra Concert - 7:30 pm, Dale K. Hiddle Theatre

December 11th, 2019 - Winter East/Longfellow Orchestra Concert - 7:00 pm, Dale K. Hidde Theatre

February 29th, 2020 - WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival - All Day, Longfellow MS (*new location*)

April 19th, 2020 - All City String Festival - 1:45 pm and 3:30 pm, Brookfield East Field House, Brookfield, WI

May 13th, 2020 - Spring East Orchestra Concert - 7:30 pm, Dale K. Hidde Theatre

Again, I'm looking forward to another wonderful school year at Wauwatosa East High School! Should you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask!

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