

# Beginning Orchestra

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Participation in orchestra class enhances the following skills:

- ◆ Self-Confidence
- ◆ Goal Setting
- ◆ Self-expression
- ◆ Coordination
- ◆ Concentration
- ◆ Listening Skills
- ◆ Memory Skills
- ◆ Poise
- ◆ Cooperative learning
- ◆ Self-discipline

## The String Family

**Violin**—Unaltered for centuries, the violin is perhaps the most widely recognized orchestra instrument. Whether you call it a violin or a fiddle, it is the string family's highest voice. High pitched, beautifully toned, the violin is often used as a lead or solo instrument, particularly in music demanding fast passage work.

**Viola**—Played under the chin in much the same manner as the violin, the viola is slightly larger and tuned differently. A larger tone chamber endows the viola with its mellow qualities and enables it to produce somber, moody tones.

**Cello**—Officially known as the violoncello, the cello produces deep lower registers and subdued higher tones. Unlike the violin or the viola, the cello is supported on the floor by an endpin while the seated performer steadies the instrument with his or her knees.

**String Bass**—The string family's largest instrument, the string or double bass may be played with a bow or plucked by hand. The bass is the deepest voice of the string family and can function as a rhythmic accompaniment or as a solo instrument. The deep response of the bass gives foundation and "bottom" to the orchestra.

# Class Specifics...

## Orchestra classes:

Instruction is offered for 4th and 5th grade students. Students will gain technique, ensemble and performance skills.

### **Beginning Class Schedule:**

**7:45-8:40AM @ JHS Band Room**

Monday.....Violins/Violas

Tuesday.....ALL Beginners

Wednesday.....Cello/Bass

Friday.....ALL Beginners

Transportation: Parents transport their students to Juanita H.S. for Orchestra classes. After class, students will be bussed to their home schools for the beginning of their regular school day.

Additional Information: Students and parents are encouraged to attend an evening meeting in the **Juanita High School Auditorium, September 12th at 6:00PM.** We will discuss additional information about the program with instrument rental and book purchase available.

**Orchestra is a year-long class.**

## SIGN UP TODAY

*Fill out the form below and return to Juanita High School attn.: Kim Merkley*

OR

*go to to [Beginning Orchestra SignUp.2017.2018](#) submit your registration online!*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ General Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you had strings last year: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrument Preference (Circle one)**

**Violin**

**Viola**

**Cello**

**Bass**