
2013-2014 WILSON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

INSTRUCTOR: Kelly Kuhn

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CLASS MEETING TIME AND LOCATION: Period 2, Days 1-6, WHS Auditorium

WEBSITE: <http://www.wilsonsd.org/page/1324>

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Students will develop instrumental technique, basic musicianship skills, through various technical exercises and concert literature
- Students will be exposed to a variety of music in orchestra including a wide range of composers, cultures, and musical periods including classical, romantic, holiday, popular, and contemporary compositions.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Instrument (yours or the school's)
- Shoulder rest/sponge (for violins and violas)
- Pencil and music

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

- Come prepared to class with your instrument, music, and a pencil
- Mark your music (fingerings, bowings, dynamics, etc.)
- Take care of your instrument and let me know if you think something is wrong.
- Listen to professional recordings of musicians who play your instrument. This gives you something to strive for and will make you a better musician
- Take advantage of opportunities to go to live concerts, perform for your peers, friends, and family. These are all excellent experiences for any musician.
- ALWAYS put forth your very best effort. I do not ask that you play everything perfectly, but as a member of an ensemble, it is your responsibility to the other members of that ensemble.

IMPORTANT DATES

District 10 Band/Orchestra Applications Due – Friday, November 1st (this is the day they have to be POSTMARKED by)

Sr. County Orchestra Applications Due – Friday, November 15th (this is the day they have to be POSTMARKED by)

Sr. County Orchestra Auditions – Tuesday, November 26th at Gov. Mifflin HS

District 10 Band/Orchestra Auditions – Saturday, December 7th at Parkland HS

Winter Dress Rehearsal – Monday, December 16th, 6-9 pm, Location: HS Auditorium

Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 17th, 7pm, Location: HS Auditorium

District 10 Orchestra Festival (Hosted by WHS) – Wednesday, January 22nd-Saturday, January 25th

Jr. County Orchestra Information – TBA

Spring Dress Rehearsal – Tuesday, May 27th, 6-9 PM Location: HS Auditorium

Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 28th, 7pm, Location: HS Auditorium

GRADING POLICY

Daily Rehearsals = 10 pts/week (see rubric on other side)

Concerts = 40 points/twice yearly (2nd and 4th quarters only)

Playing Tests/Seating Auditions = 40 points (1st and 3rd quarters only)

Rehearsal Grading Scale					
Points	10-9	8-7	6-5	4-3	2-1
Expectations	Student is consistently engaged, knows his/her part, demonstrates effort 100% of the time, and shows leadership by conducting him/herself to the musician's standard behaviorally	Student is engaged 70-80% of the time, demonstrates a moderate amount of effort, but does not show appropriate leadership behaviorally or musically	Student is engaged only half of the time, does not demonstrate enough effort to lead others in the orchestra either behaviorally or musically	Student has very limited engagement in the orchestra, attendance, effort and participation are inconsistent, student does not know his/her part well enough to participate, student's behavior is regularly disruptive or unproductive to the rehearsal setting	

PRIVATE TEACHERS

Violin

Dottie Allyn 610-370-1421
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 Jan Dixon
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 Steven Kowalski 610-374-5934
 Chip Breaux cbreaux@comcast.net

Viola

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INSTRUMENT SUPPLIES & MUSIC DISTRIBUTORS

String Tree
 610-670-5434
www.stringtree.com

J.R. Judd Violins
 570-321-8070
www.jrjuddviolins.com

Pepper Music
 1-800-345-6296
www.jwpepper.com

Country String Shop
 717-838-8732
www.countrystringshop.com

Robert N. Kasprowicz
 610-678-1766

Southwest Strings
 1-800-528-3430
www.swstrings.com

James E. Fegley Violin Maker
 610-779-0665
www.fegleyviolin.com

Loser's Music Inc.
 1-800-522-2600
www.losersmusic.com

Scrolls and Strings
 610-374-3350

Zeswitz Music Company
 610-582-2081

Menchey Music
 Shoppes at Wyomissing
 1-888-MENCHEY

Shar Products Company
 1-800-248-7427
www.sharmusic.com

OTHER RESOURCES

Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra
<http://www.readingsymphonyyouth.org/index.html>
 Reading Music Foundation
<http://www.readingmusicfoundation.org/>
 PMEA District 10
<http://www.pmeadistrict10.org/>
 Music Educators of Berks County
<http://www.berksmusic.com>