

Hopkins Jr. High School Music Department

Back-To-School Night Information 2010

E-Mail Contact Information

Mr. Conway will send out e-mails to parents/students regularly. Parents & students should make sure that they are set to receive e-mails from both gconway@musicathopkins.com (for single e-mails) and hopkinsjhsmusic@gmail.com (for “mass” e-mails). Parents should also register for the “Music at Hopkins” Yahoo Group by clicking on the link on the Hopkins Music Department Website: www.musicathopkins.com.

Practicing at Home

All students in all groups are **required** to practice their instruments at home. Students will fill out “Practice Sheets” which are turned in monthly. Students need to practice between 20-25 minutes per day minimum to receive an “A”. **Practicing is “HOMEWORK” for music classes, and should be completed daily!**

Private Lessons

While not required for Hopkins music classes, Private Lessons are **strongly recommended and encouraged for all music students**. Students can receive “extra credit” for taking private lessons on the instrument played in their music class. Also, time spent in private lessons can be counted as “practice time” on the monthly practice sheets. A list of private instructors is attached to this handout.

Concert/Event Schedule

All Hopkins music students are **required** to attend all performances for their group. This includes Winter & Spring Concerts, CMEA Festivals, Anaheim or Great America Trips, and any other performances. Parents and students should mark concert & performance dates now to avoid any potential conflicts. If there are any concerns regarding this issue, please contact Mr. Conway as soon as possible.

Anaheim (Disneyland) Festival Performance 2011

The following groups will be performing this year at the Music in the Parks Festival in Anaheim, CA on May 12-15, 2011:

Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Advanced Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble

There will be a parent information night about this trip on **Monday, October 11** at **7 p.m.** in room M-1. ***This is a required performance for students in these groups!***

Great America Festival Performance 2011

The following groups will be performing this year at the Music in the Parks Festival in Santa Clara, CA on May 7, 2011:

Concert Band A, Concert Band B, Intermediate Orchestra

There will be a parent information night about this trip on **Monday, October 18** at **7 p.m.** in room M-1.

Music Scheduling Information Nights for 2011-2012

Before class registration for next year, there will be a series of short parent information nights about the Hopkins and MSJHS Music Departments scheduling for 2011-2012. They are as follows:

Students Entering 9 th Grade:	Monday, Jan. 31, 2011	7 p.m.	Room M-1
Students Entering 8 th Grade:	Monday, Feb. 7, 2011	7 p.m.	Room M-1

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