



HOPKINS AFTER-SCHOOL BEGINNING STRING ORCHESTRA

Website: www.musicathopkins.com

OPEN TO Incoming 4th AND 5th GRADERS

The Hopkins Music Department will be offering 2 BEGINNING AFTER-SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA classes for the 2015-16 school year. This program will be open to all incoming 4th & 5th graders for the 2015-2016 school year who are interested in playing violin, viola, or cello (with NO experience required).

Beginning Orchestra

- 4th & 5th grade **BEGINNING** Orchestra – Open to students at Chadbourne, Gomes, Mission Valley, Mission San Jose
- **6th Grade Students are not allowed in the Beginning String Classes!*
- There are TWO Beginning classes offered:

Beginning Class #1, Beginning Class #2

- Meets at Hopkins Junior High, Room 24
- (Class Times for both classes will be announced later in the summer!)
- No experience necessary – Beginners only on Violin, Viola, Cello

The Music Department at Hopkins JHS will be hosting the program. The cost of this program is a **one-time \$185 tax deductible donation** for the entire year (September-May). This includes the cost of a book for the class as well. Students will need to be transported to and from Hopkins. (No student will be denied participation due to financial reasons.)

Students will study the basics of string instrument technique and music theory. They will work on improving their technique and skills through exercises, etudes, small group playing, full orchestra literature, and method book study. Students will participate in 2-3 concerts during the school year. The classes are designed to prepare students for eventual participation in the Award-Winning Hopkins JHS String Orchestras, which are among the best in California!

BEGINNERS: The first class meeting will allow students to see the violin, viola, and cello and make a choice on which instrument they would like to play. Students will be required to rent or buy their string instrument from one of our local music stores. ***Please DO NOT buy or rent your instrument before the first class.*** Students will not know what instrument they are playing until the first class. More information will be provided in September.

Involvement in music benefits the students in many ways. Colleges look highly upon student's who participate in music. The enjoyment that a student gets from succeeding on their instrument and the lasting friendships that are made will stay with them for a lifetime.

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW. IT WILL INVALIDATE YOUR APPLICATION.

Just fill out the form below. Please mail the form to:

*Mr. Greg Conway, Attention: Beg. Elementary Orchestra
Hopkins Junior High School Music
P.O. Box 1073, Fremont, CA 94538*

NOTE: INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE

➤ **FORMS DUE BY August 1st, 2015**

PARENTS: Please include a valid email address so you can receive confirmation that your form was received. You will then receive an enrollment confirmation at a later date. Please write neatly!!!

Please detach and **mail** to the above address by **August 1st, 2015. PRINT NEATLY, PLEASE!!!!**

Do not turn this in to your teacher – Mail Only – Include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope

Student's Name _____ Parent's Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Elementary School _____ Grade (in 2015-16): _____

Class Times will be announced later in the summer via email – please watch for that email so that we can get all students assigned to a class time slot!!!!

Parent's Email Address _____

****DO NOT RENT/PURCHASE INSTRUMENTS UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST CLASS MEETING!***