

 September 2018

Dear 5th Grade Orchestra Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome back for another amazing year in Orchestra! We will be continuing our journey into instrumental instruction. We will start the year of jumping in right where we left off to prepare for our Winter Concert! Students will continue to have a group lesson once a week, and will be on a rotating schedule to ensure that they will not miss a specific subject area frequently. This year we will also begin rehearsals on Wednesday’s and Friday’s. ***5th Grade lessons and rehearsals begin the week of 9/24.***

Instrument rentals through the Sachem Central School District will still be available to 5th grade Cellists and Bassists. As of this year, both Violinists and Violists must rent or purchase their own instrument for the school year. Local music shops will be able to provide you with options for renting or purchasing. I advise you to be careful if you decide to order an instrument through Amazon, as they are often low quality or come defective. If you have any questions or about an instrument quality, feel free to contact me at bmcglone@sachem.edu. Having a good tone is the first step to helping our students enjoy playing and learning their instrument.

Please make sure to have all required materials by the first lesson: ***5th Grade lessons and rehearsals begin the week of 9/24.***

In the 5th Grade Orchestra Program students will have 3 performances:

* Winter Concert – December 17th, 2018 at H.S. East Auditorium - 7:00PM
* Spring Concert – May 16th, 2019 at H.S. East Auditorium – 7:00PM
* NYSSMA Majors – June 5th, 2019 at H.S. East - Time TBA. *It will be during the school day.*
	+ NYSSMA Majors is an adjudication festival where the entire chorus group will perform for music educators to receive a grading and feedback on performing better.

Continue to check out the orchestra website for all documents and lesson schedules: tamaracorchestra.weebly.com. All of the required forms will be there if you need a second copy. There is also information on NYSSMA Major festival and NYSSMA Solo festival.

If you have any further questions that were not answered on the website, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am greatly looking forward to teaching your child all music has to offer them!

Musically Yours,

Mr. McGlone

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**Shopping List**

FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

**BY THE FIRST LESSON EVERY 5TH GRADE STRING MEMBER MUST HAVE:**

* Essential Elements for Strings Book 1 (This is the same book as last year. We will continue to use it.)
* A pocket folder
* A pencil

\*\*\*OPTIONAL\*\*\* a folding music stand

**If you don’t already have the following items, you will need:**

**For violin or viola:** ROSIN and a fitted SHOULDER REST

**For cello or Bass:** ROSIN and a ROCK STOP/END PIN ANCHOR

\*PLEASE PURCHASE ALL ITEMS BEFORE THE 1ST LESSON\*