

DFA ORCHESTRAS
PARENTS' MEETING AGENDA
8-22-19

• ORCHESTRAS

- 1) Know your student's orchestra level
 - CRESCENDO – beginner, 25 minute class, 4A, 4B, 5A
 - ENCORE – advanced beginner, hour class, 7AB
 - CONCERT – intermediate, hour class, 6AB
 - CHAMBER – advanced, hour class, 2AB
- 2) New last year: DAVIDSON BOWIES

• COMMUNICATION

- 1) Teacher web page which can be accessed from Davidson main page
- 2) Calendar – Access from my teacher web page & from the website – www.dfaorchestras.com. The DFA Orchestra calendar is updated continuously, **so please check it regularly**. Changes will be highlighted on my welcome page. The calendar includes: concerts, auditions, events, after-school rehearsals, performances outside of school involving stringed instruments, trips, payment & paperwork deadlines, etc.
- 3) Remind – Text the following codes to 81010:
 - CRESCENDO - @2f79f46
 - ENCORE - @encoreorc
 - CONCERT - @9f2haa
 - CHAMBER - @drtomlin
 - GUITAR - @93ddhh
- 4) Email: tomlila@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us or dfaorchestrasrock@gmail.com

• CONCERTS/RESIDENCIES

- 1) The starting time for the school-night concerts in October and March is again 6:30pm to avoid late nights and to encourage younger students who perform at the beginning of the concert to stay to hear the entire concert.
- 2) Volunteers will be needed for Coffeehouse to help with setting up the decorations and with serving the desserts/coffee & drinks. Donated desserts will be needed for the event. Paperwork will be sent out in November. **Coffeehouse volunteer planning meeting will be Monday, December 2 at 5:45pm in the orchestra room.**
- 3) Tickets are sold for all events online and at the door. Group-rate tickets for Coffeehouse are sold by students on a pre-sale basis only, and all funds will go toward individual student accounts. More information coming in November.
- 4) In the planning stage: Garth Newel Piano Quartet is tentatively returning for a residency January 8-10 with a concert January 9 at JNSA.

- UNIFORMS

- 1) Chamber and Concert – **Females** wear long black skirts provided by DFA, Blouses must be purchased (choice of three styles, see order form); **Males** wear tuxes provided by DFA, Bow tie/cummerbund sets must be purchased in black (see order form)
- 2) Encore and Crescendo – All students wear maroon, embroidered polo shirts, which must be purchased (see order form); they should be worn with black pants or long skirts, black socks or hose, and black shoes.

- NEW PARENT VOLUNTEERS

- 1) Fill out a statement of confidentiality form
- 2) Attend a volunteer training session with Mr. Clinton Saunders

- FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Funds raised will go toward individual student accounts or to the DFA Orchestra fund for strings, repairs, music and/or trip scholarships.

- ALL STATE ORCHESTRA

- 1) District first-round auditions – October 12, Tubman Middle School, Walton Way. All Chamber, Concert & Encore Orchestra students are encouraged to audition.
- 2) \$25 audition fee is due by Tuesday, September 3.
- 3) Statewide second-round auditions – January 11, 2020, Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts, Jonesboro, GA.
- 4) All State Orchestra – March 5-7, 2020, Classic Center, Athens, GA

- TRIPS

- 1) Kennesaw University Invitational Orchestra Festival (Chamber); includes Atlanta Symphony concert, American Indian Festival @ Stone Mountain
- 2) Augusta Symphony and other concerts locally
- 3) FRANCE (Chamber)
- 4) Tentative plans for a trip to the Peace Center in Greenville, SC and to another Atlanta Symphony concert (All Orchestras)

- PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY WEEKLY GRADES & OTHER SYLLABUS QUESTIONS