 

5th Period Cross Creek Orchestra Class Syllabus, 2022-2023 School Year

**Instructor:** Rochelle Garman   garmaro@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

**Class Location:**  Auditorium

**Performances:**

Participating in the **Richmond County High School Symphony** opens up amazing performance possibilities and is highly recommended. Students **audition**, attend **weekly evening rehearsals**, and have several **concert performances** opportunities.

**Location:** Tubman Education Center, 1740 Walton Way.

Directors: Amy Ellington (ellinam@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)

Christopher Connolly (connoch@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

**Audition**:   Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

**Rehearsals**: Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:20, starting September 13th.  The director may extend certain rehearsals as needed.

A parent needs to e-mail the orchestra director if extenuating circumstances force the student to miss a concert or have excess rehearsal absences.

For each concert performed, a grade of 100 is posted.  If a concert event is missed, at the discretion of the director, a make-up assignment might serve as the concert attendance grade.

Grade or no grade, students, teachers and parents rely on each other, especially for performances at Cross Creek. If you know in advance that your child cannot be at a performance, please let us know so we can try to plan accordingly.

**Course Description:** This course is primarily a performance group.  Students will perform assigned pieces of music and participate with other students to demonstrate an evolving understanding and mastery of his/her chosen string instrument.  Knowledge of Western classical music history, terminology, and theory will also be included.

**Grading** will be based on content mastery as measured in daily performance, playing quizzes/tests, music history & theory quizzes/tests. Attendance at required auditions, rehearsals & concerts also contributes to the class grade.

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**Teacher Absence, Irregular Schedule:** Please note that I’m not on campus until shortly before the class period starts. I also teach at Butler High School,  Pine Hill Middle, McBean, Goshen and Hains Elementary.  **Students are to report to Mr. Fleming in the Band Room whenever I’m out, or if the class period starts at an irregular time and I’m not in the Auditorium.**

**Learning Objectives:**

* Singing, alone and with others.
* Performing on stringed instruments, alone and with others, to produce music.
* Reading and notating music.
* Creating music by improvising melodies and harmonies.
* Listening to, analyzing, describing, and evaluating a wide genre of music.
* Understanding the relationship between music and our history and culture, as well as the history and culture of others.
* Using music as communication with others in our community.

**Required Textbook and Materials:**  The required method book for this class is:  *Expressive Techniques for Orchestra* (*Brungard, Alexander, Dackow & Anderson*)*.*  It will not be immediately available for purchase, but you will be notified when the music stores are stocked. *Please call the music store before making the trip to get the book.*  I will provide any additional music that is required.  **It is the student’s responsibility to bring the following to class everyday:** an **instrument** (or tell me you are requesting use of a county-owned instrument), a **rag** to wipe the rosin off the instrument, a **pencil**, the **method book**, and **music** that I give you.  **All students are responsible for instrument maintenance**, whether student-owned or loaned by the county. Spare, new strings (Violin E, A, Viola A) stored in the case are highly recommended.

**CLASS RULES** Bring the required materials listed above to class every day.

ARRIVAL

* Take care of restroom needs before class. You are counted tardy when the tardy bell rings unless you are in the room.
* Be set up and completely ready by the time instruction starts. Socializing should not keep you from doing this in the allotted time.

DURING CLASS

* Handle and store your instrument and materials responsibly at all times. All students are expected to keep the classroom orderly by placing all materials in designated areas.
* Do not eat during class; this includes gum.
* Keep fingernails short.
* If your phone is out at an improper time you will be given a chance to put it away.  If this continues (same day or thereafter), your phone will be taken up for the rest of the class.

AT THE END OF CLASS

* Please listen to all closing remarks without packing up.  Then remove all of your materials from your work area.

Home practice is required for you to progress in the orchestra. If sufficient progress is not being made, we will use practice charts and other methods to help get you back on track.

Returning the information below the dotted line will be your first written grade of the year.

I’m looking forward to teaching your child and for us having a great year!

Rochelle Garman, Richmond County Orchestra

Please return to Mrs. Garman.

**I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (student signature)  **have read and**

**understand the student expectations  for the High School Orchestra Class for the 2022-2023 school year.**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I,  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (parent or guardian signature)

**have read and understand my child’s expectations for the High School Orchestra Class.**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Home address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 **Please put a star next to the best way to reach you.**