

## Sixth Grade Orchestra Updates

Greetings 6th grade orchestra families! We are off to a fast start with our orchestra students and now that we are in our routine it's time to deal with some details. Much of the information below may be reminders or you already know, but please take a time to read through all of this stuff.

### Arrival and Attendance

Please be in the Junior High Orchestra/Band Room ready to play at 8:00 am. Ready to play means: in your seat with your music and instrument out. At 8:00 the school will say the pledge of allegiance and then we will begin class. If you are going to be **absent** from orchestra please call or e-mail our office (667-3504, [dscott@jpsonline.org](mailto:dscott@jpsonline.org)) after you call your elementary school and report your absence.

### Transportation

Our school busses are quite crowded this year, but our transportation team has done all they can to accommodate all students. If you are having any bus issues, please let us know as soon as possible. Cello and bass players, your instruments are not allowed on school busses during the before or after school runs. Let your teacher know if a solution has not been provided for you.

### Books

We will be using **Essential Elements book 2** for orchestra this year. The books are \$10.00 each. Please turn the money into your director by **Oct. 5th** with the slip below.

### Orchestra Uniform - NEW THIS YEAR

New this year we are trying an orchestra uniform for our 6th graders. We are having custom 6th grade orchestra jerseys made for our students. They will have the Jenison Orchestra logo on the front of a black baseball style jersey with the student's instrument on the back. The Jenison Orchestra Parents Association is subsidizing the cost of the jersey so that every student only has to pay \$10. If there is financial need, JOPA can cover the cost of the book and the jersey if the \$20 expense is a difficulty for your families. Email a director for the scholarship information. We simply need the T-shirt size of your orchestra child for the jersey. Consider that your child will need this to fit all year when thinking of the size of the shirt.



## Orchestra Belts

In 6th grade orchestra we give you the chance to earn your “black belt” in orchestra. We will assign songs regularly for you to play in class. Each song will have a different colored “belt” for you to earn. Students who earn their black belt in orchestra before the end of the year will receive a special party. So far your child has had the chance to play for their “clear” and “green” belts. Ask them to show you the belts they have earned!!!

**More Information:** Check out our website [www.jenisonorchestras.org](http://www.jenisonorchestras.org) for all information related to 6th grade orchestra. Handouts, schedules, announcements, and anything else you need is available there!! Lots of communication comes via e-mail. Please update your e-mail with Mr. Scott if you are not receiving orchestra communications.

Additionally, we use an online system to manage all communications, inventory, and student accounts for our orchestra program. This system, called Charms, is available by the link at the bottom of the orchestra website. Please go to this link and update your contact information.

### Sixth Grade Concert Schedule

**Fall Concert** - Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 6:30 pm at the Jenison Center for the Arts

**Sixth Grade Showcase** - Thursday, February 1st, 2024, 7:00 pm at the JCA

**Spring Concert** - Thursday, May 16th, 2024, 7:30 pm at the JCA

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Please return to the orchestra directors  
with one check for \$20 payable to **Jenison Public Schools**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the above letter, understand the policies, and am available  
for this year’s concerts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have turned in my \$10.00 for my orchestra book.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have turned in my \$10 for my orchestra uniform.

**T-shirt size: Circle One**

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Instrument

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature