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Day For Strings: ¡Baile! Dancing Around the World

October 30, 2021

Dear Orchestra Families,

Day For Strings is next week on **Thursday, November 4th**. The kids are sounding so good and are very excited to share this special performance with you! Below is the most important information you and your student need for the week. Please reach out if you have questions!

We are requesting **volunteers** to help with the event and there are multiple slots to be filled. Please consider volunteering your time to make this event a success. We are especially in need of middle school parent chaperones. Here is the Sign-up Genius link: [Day For Strings Volunteers 2021](#). Thank you to all the orchestra parents in the Bay Music Boosters who are coordinating all these behind-the-scenes activities!

Clinics

All school-day clinics will take place in your child's regular orchestra classroom but not necessarily at their regular class time (see below for session times). Please note that Fifth Graders will NOT have a daytime clinic but will work with Miss Richardson on stage at Bay High School at 5:20 so they can get accustomed to the performance space for their first concert. Fifth graders, seventh graders and eighth graders will have study halls during their regular orchestra period, so they should bring homework with them to class. Due to the Election Day holiday Fifth Grade Orchestra students will not need their instruments at school all week and the next time I will see them is AT their evening clinic on Day For Strings.

Teachers are aware that your child will be involved in daytime clinics and have the list of students who will be participating. **This is new: High school students** will also need to submit a signed copy of the attached classroom absence form - printed green copies are available from Mrs. Singler at school [PDF Classroom Absence Form.pdf](#).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Kwc824Vd1cXeodbi0XirPRVDi4k8op3/view?usp=sharing>

Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Final Dress Rehearsals

3:00 - 3:45	BMS Honors Orchestra Dress Rehearsal with Dr. Gilbert
3:00 - 4:30	Combined Rocket & Chamber Orchestra Dress Rehearsal with Mrs. Singler

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Thursday, Nov. 4

In-School Clinics

BMS	7:45 - 8:35 8:45 - 9:35	7 th & 8 th Grade Session 6 th Grade Session
BHS	10:40 - 11:50 3B 11:50	HS Chamber Session w/ <i>Mambo & Sir Duke Winds</i> (3A & 3B) HS Rocket Orchestra eats lunch HS Chamber students who order a school lunch pick it up now.
	12:00 - 12:30	All HS Orchestra Session w/ <i>Russian Sailor Winds</i> (end/3B - 3C)
	12:40 - 1:30 QRP	HS Rocket Session (end/3C - QRP) Chamber Orchestra eats lunch in Band Room
BMS	2:00 - 2:45	BMS Honors Orchestra Session

After-School Events (at BHS):

- 4:00 High School Orchestra Student Dinner in Cafeteria
- 5:00 Student volunteer briefing with Mrs. Singler in the Music Hallway
Parent chaperones check in with Mrs. Mayer in West Gym Hall 15 minutes before their class report time.
- 5:20 5th Grade Report Time - Choir Room
- 5:30 5th Grade Session at BHS Stage
- 5:50 6th Grade Report Time - BHS Choir Room
7th & 8th Grade Report Time - BHS Cafeteria
- 6:10 ALL STUDENT "Firebird" Rehearsal at BHS Auditorium
- 6:45 Students to homerooms for Concert
- 7:00 Concert

Home Instruments

Cellists and Bassists need their home instruments for the evening rehearsals and concert. (They can use school instruments for the daytime clinics.) If you have an extenuating circumstance and need to borrow a school instrument please reach out ASAP to make arrangements - it will be your responsibility to pick it up after school on Nov. 4 and transport it to and from the concert. Reminder: Do not leave string instruments in cars for any length of time (especially overnight) low temperatures & high humidity can cause damage to the wood and degrade the glue in the seams.

Concert Attire

Standard Concert Dress:

- High School - dresses & tuxes or concert dress-black
- Grades 6, 7 & 8 - dressed-up white on top, black on bottom; ties encouraged for dress shirts
- Grade 5 - dressy black, black and white, or white on top, dark on bottom - pinstripes are fine.

If you have an authentic cultural dance outfit you'd like to wear, ask your director for special approval. For example, an authentic Dominican dress or an Irish dance costume would be



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appropriate for this event. There will NOT be time for the students to change clothes at the school, so they should arrive at the evening rehearsal fully dressed for the concert.

Student Masks

Students will receive a complimentary **Bay Orchestra mask** to wear the night of the concert and subsequent masked concerts (so hang on to it!) We are working on making them adjustable for all of the kids. HOWEVER, if this arrangement makes you or your child uncomfortable you may instead send your child with a black or dark-colored mask from home. Please still send them to rehearsal in their school-day masks so everyone is masked throughout the evening. Also, if the orchestra mask doesn't work well for your child we want them to have a good back-up option.

Audience Members

Audience members will be required to wear masks in the school building per district policy and are asked to keep an open seat between family groups or pods. Students will watch the concert on live-stream from their homerooms allowing for socially distanced seating. Because of this arrangement I am happy to announce that **our concert will be livestreamed** on the Bay High Live Youtube channel! Invite family and friends to tune in on [Bay High Live](#)

About Our Clinician

Finally, we are so excited for your kids to have the opportunity to work with Dianna Richardson this week. She is a phenomenal musician, teacher and brings out the best in kids. Here's a little bit about our guest artist:

Dianna Richardson is the Orchestra Director at Cleveland School of the Arts where she serves as the Music Department Chair. She also directs the All-City Orchestra for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District All-City Arts Program, a district-wide after school and weekend program providing artistic and college readiness skills. Ms Richardson is the director for the Tri-C "TOP" Orchestra Program and the "Strings Attached" summer music camp at Tri-C Metro. She serves as principal bass in the Grammy-award-winning Cleveland Chamber Symphony and received her education from Arizona State, Juilliard, The Cleveland Institute of Music, and Cleveland State University. Ms Richardson holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in Music Performance.

We are so proud of our students and can't wait to show off their hard work and talent! As always, feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Carrie Singler and Ann Gilbert

A quick shout out to the following parent volunteers who are helping behind the scenes of this large undertaking - if you see them, thank them for all of their work. We could not do this without them!

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