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Dear Orchestra Students and Families:

We have just received our performance time and our orchestra will perform at Brunswick High School on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **11:20 a.m.** Students will need to report to Bay High at 9:00 am and will return to BHS around 1:15 p.m.

Below you will find details about our preparation activities and our schedule for contest day:

Th - February 21	PREVIEW CONCERT	7:00 – 8:30 p.m. @ BHS
Sat- March 2	STATE CONTEST	9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

#### CONTEST SCHEDULE

Sat – March 2 (**morning**)

- 9:00 Attendance & Bagel Breakfast
- 9:20 Load Bases & Cellos
- 9:30 Depart for Brunswick
- 10:20 Tuning Period in Homeroom
- 10:50 Official Warm-up Period
- 11:20 PREPARED PERFORMANCE**
- 11:50 SIGHT-READING PERFORMANCE (closed to the public)
- 12:20 Return to and remove all belongings from Homeroom
- 12:30 Load the Buses
- 1:15 Arrive at BHS

We are looking for a few more parent chaperones—please e-mail me if you are interested in riding the bus with us. Family and friends are encouraged to plan to attend our prepared performance at Brunswick High School. It is wonderful to play for a full house! Please note that photography or recording by any member of our ensemble or audience member is forbidden on the premises – the penalty is disqualification of our orchestra.

Please note the performance attendance policies outlined in the HS Orchestra Handbook:

#### **A. Performances**

Orchestra is a *performance-based* class, meaning all classroom learning culminates in a live performance for an audience. All orchestra members are required to attend performances, and *concert performances make up 25% of every student's grade*. The only excuses for missing a required orchestra event are as follows:

1. **A court or legal case that cannot be changed.**
2. **Personal illness severe enough that the student cannot attend school.**
3. **Participation in another school event as determined by Administration.**
4. **A death in the family.**
5. Other extenuating circumstances *may* be excused at the discretion of Mrs. Singler.

**State Orchestra Contest**

Saturday - March 2, 2019

Brunswick High School

3581 Center Road. Brunswick, OH 44212

Report any event conflicts to the director as soon as possible and no later than 30 days prior to any performance or required event.

**B. Absence Make-up Assignments:**

Although it is impossible to replicate the conditions of a live orchestra performance, even conscientious students will sometimes find themselves with an unavoidable conflict. It is therefore necessary to have makeup assignments. Excused absences can be made up for full credit. Unexcused absences can be made up for half credit.

1. Missed Orchestra Concert Assignments:

- a. Compose a 1,000-word essay (2,000 words for State Contest) about a composer whose music we have performed in class. Be sure to include a Bibliography with your references listed correctly. The essay is due no later than two weeks after the concert you missed. Rubric on google classroom.
- b. Submit a recording of your entire part for each piece to be performed at the missed performance & include a personal recording assessment along with it. Rubric on google classroom. State Contest absence also requires a live sight-reading performance.

Our students have worked hard for this performance and I can't wait for you to hear them!

**Let's Go Bay!**

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