



Rushing Orchestra

February 2023

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, February 7th - High School Pre-UIL - Prosper HS - (8th grade volunteers needed) - 5:30pm

Monday, February 13th - MS Pre-UIL - Prosper HS - 5:30pm

Wednesday, February 22nd - Special Clinic with Dr. Jeff Grogan (Chamber) - during school

Friday, February 24th - Submission Deadline for Concerto Competition

Saturday, February 25th - Try the Instrument - Prosper HS - 9am-3pm

February 27th - March 2nd - UIL Concert and Sight Reading - Date and Time TBA

Saturday, April 22nd - Prosper ISD Solo and Ensemble Contest *Required for All*

High School Pre-UIL

8th Grade Volunteers Needed

When: Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, 6pm-8pm

Where: Prosper HS - Enter through auditorium side of the school

What to wear: Rushing Orchestra Shirt

The high school orchestra program will have their Pre-UIL contest and they need some volunteers to help with setup and tear down of the stage. The high school students are always helping the middle school concerts, so this is a way for us to give back. We only need 2-3 volunteers.

[Sign Up Here:](#)

Middle School Pre-UIL Concert

Pre-UIL is a concert that our UIL-performing-groups do to help them prepare for the real contest in March. This is an opportunity for you to see your students perform their UIL music as the actual UIL contest is during the school day and not many families can attend.

****This is a required performance and attendance will be graded****

Monday, February 13th

Monday, February 13th - Prosper High School Auditorium

Bring: Instrument, music, shoulder rest or rock stop, and tuner

Wear: Formal Concert Black. Students will be graded on appropriate attire. [Click here for more info.](#)

Camerata:

5:30 p.m. - Arrive in the choir room to unpack and tune

6:00 p.m. - Warm-up begins in the orchestra room

6:20 p.m. - Concert in the auditorium

6:40 p.m. - Sight-reading in the band hall (parents are welcome to follow us to the band hall to watch)

We will be finished at 6:55 p.m. You may go home.

Sinfonia:

6:10 p.m. - Arrive in the choir room to unpack and tune

6:40 p.m. - Warm-up begins in the orchestra room

7:00 p.m. - Concert in the auditorium

7:20 p.m. - Sight-reading in the band hall (parents are welcome to follow us to the band hall to watch)

We will be finished at 7:35 p.m. You may go home.

Chamber:

6:50 p.m. - Arrive in the choir room to unpack and tune

7:20 p.m. - Warm-up begins in the orchestra room

7:40 p.m. - Concert in the auditorium

8:00 p.m. - Sight-reading in the band hall (parents are welcome to follow us to the band hall to watch)

We will be finished at 8:15 p.m. You may go home.

Pre-UIL Information 2023.pdf

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Special Clinic with Mr. Jeff Grogan



Wednesday, February 22nd

Mr. Jeff Grogan will be coming to clinic our Chamber Orchestra in preparation for our UIL performance. Mr. Grogan is currently Director of Orchestral Activities and Professor of Music at the Wanda L. Bass School of Music at Oklahoma City University and Artistic Director of the Oklahoma Youth Orchestras. [Click here to learn more about Mr. Grogan.](#)

We have the honor of working with Mr. Grogan because we won the Medal of Distinction Music Festival last year.

Concerto Competition

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 24th

We are excited to announce the 1st Annual Prosper ISD Concerto Competition open to grades 6-12. This competition is designed for students who have a desire to challenge themselves

artistically and technically.

Performing in an orchestra provides every student the joy of making music with their peers, but the concerto competition provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate their soloistic ability. This competition will allow you to utilize the skills you have obtained through orchestra class and private lessons in a competitive environment.

At the preliminary round on April 22, the finalists will be chosen by the judge(s) to perform at a recital on April 26 in front of a live audience and judges. At the conclusion of this recital, the judges will choose one winner from the high school level and one winner from the middle school level. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

In order to compete in the concerto competition, the following criteria must be met:

- Students may not perform a piece they previously performed at a past Solo & Ensemble Contest
- A live piano accompanist is required (accompanist fee will apply)
- Middle school students must prepare a piece from **Suzuki Book 3 or higher**
 - A piece may be performed from a comparable book if approved by your orchestra director
- Due to copyright law, an original (no photo copies) piano score of the piece to be performed must be provided to your orchestra director by the entry deadline

Entry Requirements:

- [Complete the entry form by February 24, 2023](#)
- Make the **\$16 entry fee payment** by February 24, 2023 - link to pay is on the entry form
- Provide the original piano score to your orchestra director by February 24, 2023

Prosper ISD Concerto Competition 2023 Information Sheet.pdf

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Try the Instrument – February 25th

Volunteers Needed!!

Saturday, February 25th

Prosper HS

9am - 2pm

[Volunteer Form Here](#)

We need some parent and student volunteers to help us fit new orchestra students with their instrument for 6th grade.

There are 2 shifts: 8:30-12:30 and 12:30-2:00. Lunch will be provided for all participants.

UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest

UIL Concert and Sight Reading is our formal evaluation for the year. This will include Camerata, Sinfonia, and Chamber orchestras. The schedule has not been released yet, but should be coming out in the next two weeks.

Usually, we are scheduled during the school day and we return before school ends, but it just depends on the final schedule.

The days are February 27th - March 2. It is likely that Camerata will go Monday/Tuesday, Sinfonia will go Tuesday/Wednesday, and Chamber will go Wednesday/Thursday. As soon as I know final times I will share them with you and I will update the newsletter.

Dress is formal concert black.

Class Updates

Beginner Orchestra Update - 1st, 2nd, and 4th Period

The beginner orchestra just had a very successful side by side concert with the high school! See the photos and videos below. Now the concert is over, students will receive two new pieces of music titled Dragonhunter and Aztec Warrior. As we work on these pieces, we will also continue working in our book learning G string notes and continuing to work on 8th notes.

Students should be practicing 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Please encourage your student to carve out time for practice. Practice logs are due with a signature every Monday.





<https://youtu.be/PjINyqQN0d4>

Camerata Orchestra Update - Intermediate - 8th Period

Camerata is currently hard at work on UIL music. Our selections are Aeolian Rock, Allegro from Concerto for Two Trumpets, and Medieval Kings. We will have a playing test coming in the next two weeks. Please encourage your students to practice 25 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

Sinfonia Orchestra Update - Advanced II - 3rd Period

Sinfonia is still working on UIL music. Our selections are Crossing Pirate Cove, Morning Lights, and Incantations.

Students should be practicing 35 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

Chamber Orchestra Update - Advanced I - 7th Period

Chamber is still working on UIL music. Our selections are Waltz No. 2, Ocean Storm, and Spirit of Colorado. Congratulations to our soloists: Mia Medley, Gavin Medalla, Jason Jang, Ian Hing, Manyata Patel, Elizabeth Holt, Jeonggyu Maeng, Ben Maldonado, Ellie Kim, and Jason Varghese.

Sectional Schedule is:

Thursday 7:40am-8:10am: Cello

Thursday 3:35pm-4:05pm: Viola/Violin 3

Friday 7:40am-8:10am: Violin 2

Friday 3:35pm-4:05pm: Violin 1

Bass is scheduled during Raptor Roundup



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