



Rushing Orchestra

November 2022

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, November 11th - Veterans Parade Performance - 10am (Chamber and Sinfonia performs)

Friday and Saturday, November 11th-12th - All-Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert - Prosper HS

Friday, December 2nd - Epic Waters Music Festival (Chamber and Sinfonia)

Wednesday, December 7th - Holiday Performance - (Camerata) -Tribute Senior Living Center - 11am

Thursday and Friday, December 8th and 9th - Elementary Holiday Tour (Chamber only)

Friday, December 9th - Pep Rally Performance (Chamber Only)

Tuesday, January 24th - PISD Fiddle Workshop - (Violins only) - Prosper HS - 5pm

Saturday, January 28th - Beginner Side by Side Concert with HS Orchestra - Prosper HS - 3pm

Fall Concert Video

Rushing Orchestra Fall Concert 2022

A blurred image of a person playing a double bass. The image is dark and out of focus, showing the silhouette of the player and the instrument.

All-Region Orchestra Clinic and Concert

Rushing Orchestra All-Region Audition Results

*CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS FOR MAKING THE
ALL-REGION ORCHESTRA!*

Violin

Ellie Kim - Sinfonia Orchestra - 32nd chair

Viola

Jason Jang - Concert Orchestra - 1st Chair
Jeonggyu Maeng - Chamber Orchestra - 12th Chair

Cello

Ian Hing - Concert Orchestra - 7th Chair
Yoojoo Moon - Sinfonia Orchestra - 16th Chair

Bass

Zoe Greenlee - Concert Orchestra - 1st Alternate



Prosper ISD MS All-Region Orchestra Results

Violin

Zackary Chan 12th Chair ... Chamber..... Hays
Brian Reid Duran 28th Chair ... Chamber..... Rogers
Arianna Truong 19th Chair ... Sinfonia..... Rogers
Ellie Kim 32nd Chair ... Sinfonia..... Rushing
Nishita Nadig 36th Chair ... Sinfonia..... Hays
Victoria Liang 6th Chair ... Concert..... Rogers

Viola

Jeonggyu Maeng 12th Chair ... Chamber..... Rushing
Jason Jang 1st Chair ... Concert..... Rushing
Luke Phillips Alternate ... Concert..... Reynolds

Cello

Yoojoo Moon 16th Chair ... Sinfonia..... Rushing
Ian Hing 7th Chair ... Concert..... Rushing

Bass

Tedd Justin Tolentino 9th Chair ... Sinfonia..... Hays
Emily Ray 7th Chair ... Concert..... Reynolds
Zoe Greenlee Alternate ... Concert..... Rushing



On October 29th, Rushing Orchestra students joined over 700 other middle schoolers from Frisco, McKinney, and Prosper ISDs to earn a spot in one of three All-Region Orchestras. We are pleased to announce that Rushing had 6 students make the orchestra; the most in the entire district! This is one of the most competitive regions in the entire state and these students truly accomplished something great!

These students will be performing a concert on Saturday, November 12th at Prosper High School.

1. Concert Orchestra - 3pm
2. Sinfonia Orchestra - 4pm
3. Chamber Orchestra 5pm

If you would like to come and hear a very high level of musicianship by the best musicians in the region, please come out and listen! Admission is free.

Epic Waters Music Festival

EPIC WATERS MUSIC FESTIVAL



Chamber and Sinfonia Students Only

On Friday, December 2nd, Chamber and Sinfonia students will be attending the Epic Waters Music Festival in Grand Prairie.

Please see the attached itinerary below for detailed information. I will also be sending this home in class. In order to attend, students must return the liability waiver. I will also send that home during class time.

I am in need of 3-5 chaperones to attend this trip. The cost is \$30, which includes admission to the park for swimming, an arcade card, and a meal deal. You may also bring children from home with you. Children under 3 are free to attend, children aged 4-5 are also \$30. [If you are interested in chaperoning this event, please fill out this google form.](#)

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Waiver Form Epic Waters.pdf

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Rushing Fine Arts Tour (Chamber Only)

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December 8th and 9th

Please see the PDF for a detailed itinerary. We will be gone in the morning only on Thursday, and almost the entire school day on Friday. We will be traveling to see the 5th grade students at Bryant, Hall, Stuber, and Windsong.

I am in need of 2 parent chaperones for this trip. If you are interested, [please fill out this google form.](#)

Practice Advice for Parents

- The majority of practice time should be spent on assigned pieces, working on small sections at a time.
 - Your child will be learning how to determine which practice strategies to use during their practice. Their independence is important, but it's okay to support their practice by suggesting some of the following methods to your child:
 1. Adding/Subtracting Practice: Choose a section, play the first note and then gradually add one note at a time, each time starting at the first note. For example: note #1, then 1 and 2, then 1 2 3, then 1 2 3 4. Then when your child has played the whole phrase, start subtracting one note from the end each time.
 2. Zoom In Zoom Out: Play until you find a mistake and "zoom in". Play that one note several times. Then "zoom out". Gradually add notes, one at a time, on either side until you are playing a whole section.
 3. Play the Odds: We want the odds of performing a piece perfectly to be in our favor! So try to play the piece correctly a certain number of times in a row. (Younger children may have fun using a little token or toy to keep track of how many times they've played the song correctly.)
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Beginner Orchestra Update - 1st, 2nd, and 4th Period

Beginner orchestra students are now working hard combing all of their basic skills with both left and right hands. Please encourage your students to set practice goals and find the time to set aside for dedicated practice.

Practice logs are always due each Monday morning with a parent signature, and 10 points will be deducted for each day late.

It is usually about this point in the year where a separation of ability really starts to take place. We begin to do weekly playing tests, and the difficulty level starts to rise. If students are not consistently practicing, they will definitely fall behind. Once a student falls behind, it really is difficult to catch up.

Camerata Orchestra Update - Intermediate - 8th Period

Camerata is currently working on a few holiday tunes; Jingle Bells, Up on a Housetop, Frosty the Snowman, Celtic Christmas Fantasy, and we are waiting on Carol of the Bells to arrive in the mail. We will be traveling to Tribute Senior Living to Christmas Carol for the seniors on Wednesday, December 7th. This will occur at 11am, and we will go to lunch after before returning to school.

Sinfonia Orchestra Update - Advanced II - 3rd Period

Sinfonia orchestra is working on the Star Spangled Banner, which we will perform for the veterans parade on November 11th. They are also working on 2 holiday pieces; A Caravan of Kings and A Christmas Symphony. These will be performed at the Epic Waters Festival on December 2nd.

Chamber Orchestra Update - Advanced I - 7th Period

Chamber orchestra is working on several new songs. For Epic Waters, they are going to play Eine Kline Bell Musik and Trepak, for the elementary tour, they will add Rudolph Holly Jolly, and they have already received one of the UIL pieces; Waltz No. 2 by Shostakovich. This is the hardest piece we have ever attempted. They will also be playing the Star Spangled Banner for the Veterans

parade on November 11th. We will also be performing at the pep rally on December 9th, which is also the same day as the holiday tour. It will be a busy day.

We will restart sectionals November 14th, but the day may change for violins because we will have different sections.



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