

# *Rushing Orchestra*

February 2022 Update

## *Important Upcoming Dates*

**Thursday, February 3rd** - Beginner Side by Side Performance with PHS Orchestra - during school

**Tuesday, February 15th** - Pre-UIL Concert - 5:00-7:30 pm - PHS Auditorium

**Saturday, February 26th** - Try the Instrument for 5th Grade - Rushing MS Cafeteria - helpers needed

**Monday, February 28th** - Camerata UIL - 2:20 pm - McKinney North HS

**Tuesday, March 1st** - Sinfonia UIL - 2:10 pm - McKinney North HS

**Thursday, March 3rd** - Chamber UIL - 10:40 am - McKinney North HS

## *Beginner Side-by-Side Performance*

### *Thursday, February 3rd*

The beginners will travel to PHS to play with the top orchestra at the high school and have a pizza party. This will occur during the school day and students will miss all of 4th period and lunch. They will return at the beginning of 6th period.

Parents, feel free to come and watch the performance. You will need to check in at the front office and it will go from 10:30-11:30am. We will feed the students pizza and drinks before we return to Rushing.

Students should wear orchestra shirt and jeans.



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## *Pre-UIL Concert*

## *Tuesday, February 15th - Prosper HS - Required for Chamber, Sinfonia, and Camerata (No Beginners)*

UIL (University Interscholastic League) is our most important contest of the year. Our orchestras are evaluated by 3 judges in both concert and sight-reading. In order to prepare for this event, we will be doing a practice UIL.

Parents, please come and hear your students perform. You will likely not be able to see the actual UIL event because it is during the school day.

The concerts are staggered by group and you may leave when your student is done performing.

The required uniform for this event is concert black.



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## *Try the Instrument Day*

### *Saturday, February 26th - Rushing Middle School Cafeteria*

5th-grade students from our feeder elementary schools will be coming to Rushing to choose their instrument for 6th grade. We will need some student helpers and volunteers. The event runs from 9am - 4pm with an 8am set-up time and a 5pm tear-down time. Volunteer slots are in 2 hour intervals. I would love to have some helpers for the day. Please see the sign up genius and choose a slot. You may stay longer than 2 hours if you wish.

Parents, if you would like to help you are welcome. Any student who stays longer than 2 hours over the lunch hour will get pizza.



 [Helpers for Try The Instr...](#)

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

## *Private Lessons*

It's never too late to enroll in private lessons. If you need more help, or want a challenge, please consider working with one of our fabulous lesson teachers.



 **Private Lesson Request**

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## *Beginner Orchestra Update*

### *1st, 4th, and 6th Period*

The beginners are now working on a new string, the G string! We have learned several difficult skills including 8th notes, hovers, tunnels, and playing on multiple strings. We are also working on our first real orchestra piece called "Impulse".

Some playing tests have not gone well recently. Make sure your student is finding time to practice at home for at least 20 minutes, 5 days a week. Each test can be redone for a 100 during the entire 9 weeks. I ask that any student who receives below a 90 to retest.

Orchestra is not like math or science. We strive for perfection, and in a group if each player made 2 mistakes, that is over 100 mistakes. Music starts to sound terrible pretty quickly. Encourage your student to strive for perfection, not just "good enough".

## *Camerata Orchestra Update*

### *Intermediate - 2nd Period*

Camerata Orchestra is working on 3 pieces for Pre-UIL and UIL. We have "The Red Lion", "Clog Dance", and "Star Dancer". These are the most difficult pieces we have worked on all year.

Beginning February 5th, students will be required to submit weekly playing test pass-offs on sections of each of their 3 pieces. All students will attend Pre-UIL; it is graded and required. UIL is a privilege, and students must pass each pass off with a score of at least a 90 in order to attend the UIL performance in March. These pass-offs are also a major grade. Encourage your student to practice. I have included practice recordings in google classroom for students to use.

UIL will be held at McKinney North High School. We will have a charter bus to transport us. As we get closer, I will have a more detailed schedule available.

### **Monday, February 28th**

Warm Up 1:50 pm

Stage Concert 2:20 pm

Sight Reading 2:45 pm

## *Sinfonia Orchestra Update*

### *Advanced II - 7th Period*

In Sinfonia Orchestra, students are working on 3 pieces for Pre-UIL and UIL. We have "Twilight Dancers", "Terra Nova", and "Fan Dance". These are difficult pieces and the students are working hard.

As a reminder, Pre-UIL is a required performance. We will likely do a few pass-offs for this class on sections of our music.

UIL will be held at McKinney North High School. We will have a charter bus to transport us. As we get closer, I will have a more detailed schedule available.

#### **Tuesday, March 1st**

Warm Up 1:45 pm

Stage Concert 2:15 pm

Sight Reading 2:40 pm

Return to Rushing 3:10 pm

## *Chamber Orchestra Update*

### *Advanced I - 5th Period*

Chamber Orchestra is working on 3 pieces for Pre-UIL and UIL. We have "Allegro from Xerxes", "Colors of Home", and "El Toro". These are very difficult pieces and the students are doing a masterful job.

We are doing sectionals in this class. We will continue sectionals during this UIL season. These are required and graded:

Wednesday - 3:40-4:10pm - Violin 2

Thursday - 7:40-8:10am - Viola/3rd Violin

Friday - 7:40-8:10am - Violin 1

Friday 3:40-4:10pm - Cello/Bass

UIL will be held at McKinney North High School. We will have a charter bus to transport us. As we get closer, I will have a more detailed schedule available.

#### **Thursday, March 3rd**

Warm Up 10:05 am

Stage Concert 10:40 am


Sight Reading 11:10 am







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