

HHS Orchestra Registration Checklist 2014-2015

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

_____ Fill out and bring with you to registration (with your checkbook)

_____ Student Information Sheet

_____ Parent Volunteer form

_____ Pay Activity Fee

_____ Uniform Fitting

_____ Instrument Rental (optional- this will also be done in class)

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE UNIFORMS AFTER ACTIVITY FEES ARE PAID

HHS Orchestra Activity Fee (Check made out to HOBO)

_____ Activity Fee- \$90

*The \$40 uniform rental is included

Herndon High School Orchestra
Student Information Sheet
2014-2015 School Year

Name _____ **Grade** _____

Student's e-mail address _____

Home phone _____ **Cell phone** _____

Address _____ **City / Zip** _____

T-shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL): _____

Parents FULL names:

Mother _____

Mother's e-mail address* _____

Cell phone _____ **Home phone** _____

Father _____

Father's e-mail address* _____

Cell phone _____ **Home phone** _____

Activity Fee: _____

HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2014/15

All parents are expected to help with at least TWO activities but are welcome to help with more

Student's Name: _____ Student's Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Telephone (H): _____

Parent's E-Mail: _____ Cellphone: _____

■ **Concert Volunteer – Stage setup, refreshments setup and cleanup, oversees students, and serve refreshments after concerts or other events as determined by the Director**

_____ I can help with the Harvest Concert (October)

_____ I can help with the Winter Concert (December)

_____ I can help with the Pre-Assessment Concert

_____ I can be a chaperone at the Assessments

_____ I can help with the Pyramid Concert

_____ I can help with the Spring Concert (May)

■ **Fundraising – Lead and assist with fundraising events**

_____ Butter Braids (November)

_____ Cheesecake (January)

_____ I can help with the distribution of product orders after school on specified dates

_____ I can help write grants to obtain donations money from local businesses

_____ I can help with the student car wash (September)

_____ I can help with the Orchestra Fundraising Dinner at HUMC (September)

_____ I can help with the Student Tag Day (October)

■ **Banquet – Lead and assist with banquet planning**

_____ I can help with planning

_____ I can help with setup and/or cleanup

ORCHESTRA FUNDRAISERS

2014/15

September 24th

Fundraising Dinner at the Herndon United Methodist Church
6pm-7:30pm

September 27th

Car Wash at the Sunoco Gas Station next to the Reston Target
8am-2pm

October 18th

Orchestra Tag Day
9am-1pm

November 3rd-14th

Butter Braids Fundraiser
(Delivery December 10th)

January 14th, 2015

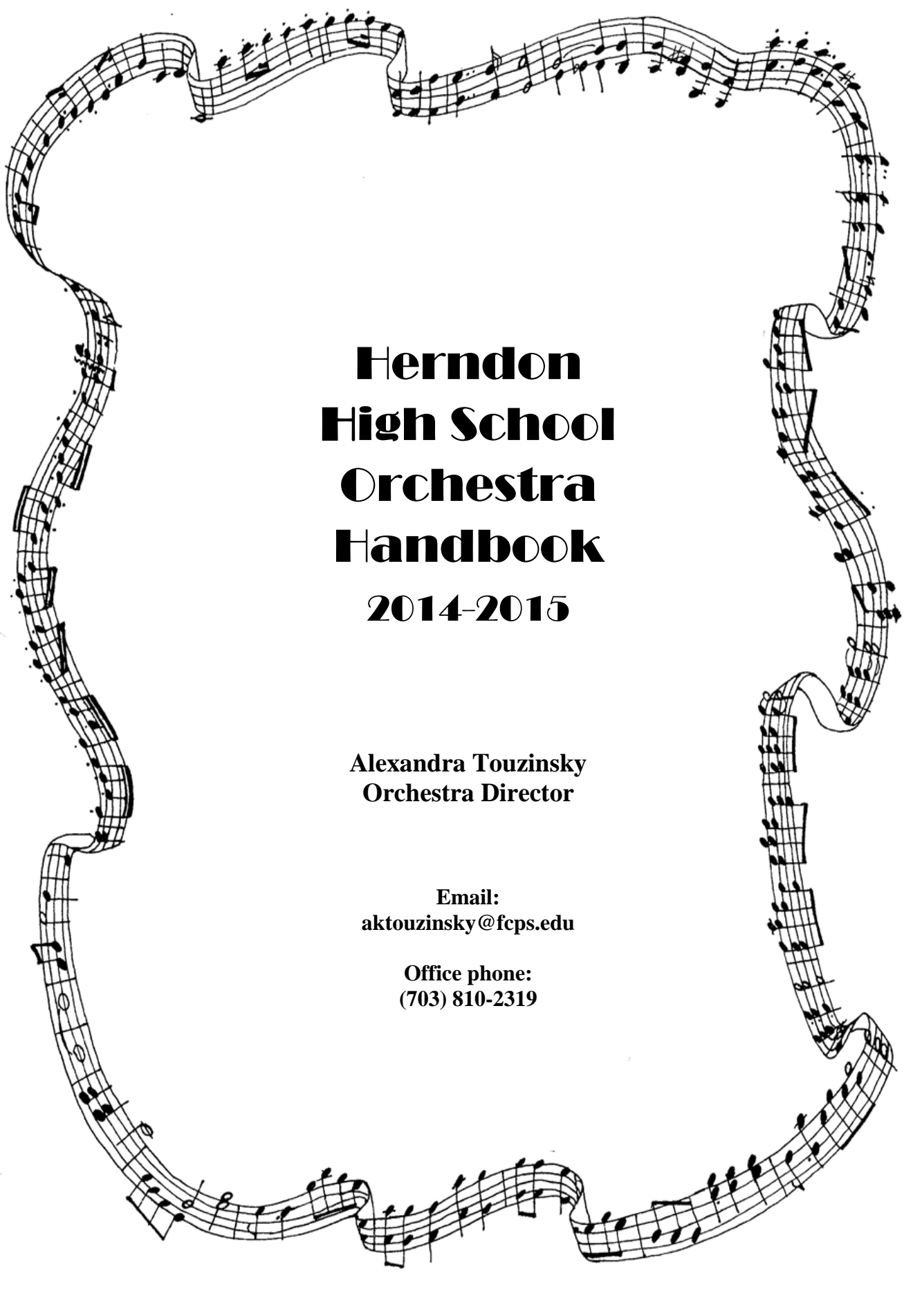
Fundraising Dinner at the Herndon United Methodist Church
6pm-730pm

January 12th-23rd

Cheesecake Fundraiser
(Delivery before Valentines Day)

Additional Fundraisers might be added

Please consider signing up for our various volunteering opportunities this year



**Herndon
High School
Orchestra
Handbook
2014-2015**

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Course Descriptions

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA (923815)

“Concert Orchestra”

Concert Orchestra is the current intermediate-level performance group comprised of 9th-12th graders. The level of music is from grade 3-4 which is the higher level of difficulty for high school musicians. This group focuses on improving basic skills/techniques and growing as an ensemble. An audition with the orchestra director is required for enrollment in this course.

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (923915)

“Symphonic Orchestra”

Symphonic Orchestra is the advanced-level performance group also comprising of 9th-12th graders. Private lessons are strongly encouraged as consistent progress throughout the school year is expected for greater enhancement of playing skills. The symphony plays grade 5/6 music- often original arrangements by the composer. An audition with the orchestra director is required for enrollment in this course.

Grading

The main focus of the HHS Orchestras program is to provide the student with the opportunity to succeed. With this in mind, the following grading system will be used to evaluate the progress of the students in the orchestra program:

40% - Rehearsal Skills

You are expected to participate in class every day without exception. This means you must bring your instrument, pencil, music, and a willing attitude to class every day. You are awarded 10 points every class and 30 points every after-school rehearsal. Grades are based on participation and for following criteria below.

Each class period students will be evaluated on progress to include the following:

- Punctuality and readiness to play when class begins.
- Attention to the conductor and an attitude of cooperation
- Alertness and readiness for the downbeat, including proper posture and hand position for the instrument
- Sensitivity towards conducting gestures
- Full participation in class
- Prepared with instrument, music, and pencil every class.

A grade will be lowered for the following class/rehearsal infractions:

- No instrument- 10 points
- No music- 5 points
- No pencil and/or proper equipment- 3 points
- Talking/Chewing Gum/Class Disruption- 3 points
- Lack of attention and/or poor posture- 2 points

30% - Content Preparation

Student achievement will be evaluated through a variety of methods to include the following:

- Seating Auditions
- Playing tests
- Small ensemble performances
- Individual class performances

30% - Performance

A performance is the equivalent of a major unit test in other subjects. Performances provide the culminating activity for the many hours of class rehearsal that has occurred.

The performance portion of your grade will be based upon the following:

- Concerts at Herndon High School
- Performances at District XII Orchestra Assessment
- Senior Recital @ HUMC

If a performance is an **excused absence**, the student will have one week upon returning to school to make-up the grade. To make-up the grade, the student must perform his/her concert music for Ms. Touzinsky. This is the responsibility of the student, and the grade will become a zero **after one week**. Students who have an **excused or unexcused absence** (see attendance policy below) to the District XII Orchestra Assessment will not be permitted to attend the spring trip.

Attendance Policy

All high school students will be expected to participate in the after-school dress rehearsals, concerts, and assessment. These events provide additional instructional and performance opportunities and are considered **mandatory**.

Attendance at rehearsals, concerts, and assessment requires the student to be present for the entire duration. Students should be ready with their instrument, bow, music, and pencil by the report time. An unexcused absence from an after-school rehearsal results in a 0/30 grade for the Daily Grade category. After school rehearsals cannot be made up. Students who participate in athletics or co-curricular activities should inform Ms. Touzinsky of their schedule to provide ample time for creating a solution. "Same Day" notifications will result in an unexcused absence.

Unexcused absences to concerts or assessment cannot be made up.

Excused absences include:

1. Death in the family
2. Religious holidays or conflicts
3. Pre-arranged absences at the discretion of the director with at least one week notice
4. Unforeseen emergency situations to be reviewed at the discretion of the director

Classroom Conduct & Expectations

1. The classroom will remain a safe and educationally sound environment at all times. In order to achieve this, students are expected to respect themselves, staff, students, their instruments, and the rules of Herndon High School and the Orchestra program at all times. This includes a strict no cell phone/IPOD policy in the orchestra room.
2. Students are expected to be in their seat with their instrument/necessary materials and be ready to actively participate when Ms. Touzinsky steps onto the podium.
3. There will be no food, drink, or gum in the orchestra room. There will be no exceptions.
4. Conversations in the Orchestra room and storage room are allowed and encouraged. However, once Ms. Touzinsky has begun the class and stepped on to the podium, all conversations are expected to conclude.
5. Students may be re-seated at the discretion of the director. Students may be given the opportunity to audition for a different seat in their respective instrument section at the discretion of the director.
6. All members of the orchestra are required to perform in all the dress rehearsals and concerts for the entire orchestra season. Be on time. Good rule of thumb is: *Early is on time, on time is late, and late is unacceptable!*
7. Communicate effectively. Conflicts and concerns can often be solved through a simple conversation. Be proactive about these issues.
8. Practice your instrument for a minimum of 45 minutes each day. A small amount of consistent practice time greatly outweighs the benefits of “cramming”. Students will continue to develop proper technique and musical expression through consistent and diligent practice.

Orchestra Supplies

Keeping these supplies on hand will insure that every student is prepared for every rehearsal and that every rehearsal is productive. Please check the orchestra webpage for links when purchasing.

- Instrument and Bow*
- Rosin*
- Pencil*
- Soft Cloth for cleaning*
- Shoulder rest* (violin, viola)
- Rock stop* (cello, bass)
- Identification on instrument case*
- Extra set of strings
- Metronome
- Chromatic Tuner

*Required Supplies

Senior Solos

Due to the large number of seniors who would like to perform a senior solo, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, seniors will have the opportunity to perform at the Senior Recital. This event will take place at the Herndon United Methodist Church towards the end of the school. Further details will be relayed as the date approaches.

Herndon Orchestra Booster Organization (HOBO)

The Herndon Orchestra Booster Organization consists of orchestra parents dedicated to helping the orchestra program through a number of supportive services. The orchestra parents depend upon HOBO to run fundraisers, to help with trip preparations and chaperoning, and to aid the orchestra program in other efforts including concerts.

Volunteering in a booster organization is a way for parents to become involved in their children's education. Our tradition of excellence relies on a team of volunteers, educators, and students. Please contact Mariana Rautenbach, our HOBO president, for volunteer opportunities!

2014-2015 School Year Orchestra Calendar Dates

August

27 Orchestra Orientation Night, 5-7pm

September

2 First Day of School

17 Back to School Night

24 Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner at HUMC, 6pm

27 Car Wash, 8am-2pm

29 Senior Regional Orchestra Audition @ McLean High School

*Please note that this is a Student Holiday

October

18 TAG Day

29* Dress Rehearsal, 2:30-4pm

30 * Fall Orchestra Concert, 7pm (report time 6:15pm)

November

3-14 ButterBraid Fundraiser!

13-15 Senior Regional Orchestra @ Herndon HS

18 Senior District Orchestra Auditions @ Lee HS

December

10* Dress Rehearsal, 2:30-4pm

11 * Winter Orchestra Concert, 7pm (report time 6:15pm)

January, 2014

9-10 Senior District Honors Orchestra @ Falls Church HS

12-23 Cheesecake Fundraiser!

February

28 All Virginia Band & Orchestra Auditions @ James Madison University

March

4 * Dress Rehearsal, 2:30-4pm

5* High School Pre-Assessment Orchestra Concert, 7pm (report time 6:15pm)

20-21* District XII Orchestra Performance Assessment at Oakton HS

Spring Break: March 30- April 3

April

9-11 All Virginia Band & Orchestra @ Christopher Newport University

17 District XII Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Rocky Run MS

23-26 Spring Trip to Atlanta, Georgia (more details to come!)

May

6 * Dress Rehearsal, 2:30-4pm

7* Herndon Orchestra Pyramid Concert, 7pm (report time 6:15pm)

*includes students from the middle school and select 6th graders

June

- 1* Dress Rehearsal, 2:30-4pm
- 2* Spring Orchestra Concert, 7pm (report time 6:15pm)
- 5* Senior Recital @ HUMC, 7pm
- 9 Orchestra Awards Banquet
- 19 Last day of classes

* indicates required orchestra event

Dress rehearsals will always be the day before concerts. Please make sure these dates, along with the performances, are marked in your calendar so scheduling conflicts are avoided.

Herndon Orchestra

Student and Parent Handbook Agreement 2014-2015

(Please make a copy of this page for your review)

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Orchestra: _____

Please initial each item:

___ I have read the orchestra handbook and understand the membership requirements and grading policies of the Herndon High School Orchestra Program. I will work hard and do my best so that I, as well as all members of the orchestra, can have a successful experience.

___ I have entered the Orchestra dates that pertain to me into my calendar. I have notified Ms. Touzinsky of any direct conflicts. I understand the attendance policies in regards to rehearsals, concert, and assessment.

___ I will bring all supplies necessary to be successful in my orchestra class.

___ My parent/guardian and I have completed the following forms and I will return them at my orchestra 2nd class meeting:

- Orchestra Handbook Agreement
- Emergency Care Form
- Instrument Rental Form

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Agreement:

As a parent/guardian of this students, I understand the criteria set forth in regard to being a member of the Herndon High School Orchestra program, specifically in regard to practicing, grading, and rehearsal/performance attendance.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____