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INFORMATION FOR CURRENT MEMBERS AND PARENTS:

ALL-DISTRICT HONORS ORCHESTRA 2014-2015

Auditions for the District Orchestra will be held on November 18, 2014 at Carson MS. Applications are available from Mrs. Bond and are due along with \$5 registration fee by October 10th. The event will be held Jan. 9-10, 2015 at Wakefield HS. Audition scales and excerpts below:

Violin - SCALES (/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/sr_district_violin_scales.pdf) - EXCERPTS (/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/sr_dho_excerpts_-_violin_2014-2015.pdf)

Viola - SCALES (/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/sr_district_viola_scales.pdf) - EXCERPTS (/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/sr_dho_excerpts_-_viola_2014-2015.pdf)

Cello - SCALES (/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/sr_district_cello_scales.pdf) - EXCERPTS (/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/sr_dho_excerpts_-_cello_2014-2015.pdf)

Bass - SCALES (/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/sr_district_bass_scales.pdf) - EXCERPTS (/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/sr_dho_excerpts_-_bass_2014-2015.pdf)

SPRING TRIP TO NASHVILLE

The Spring Trip to Nashville, TN will be April 16-20, 2015. A copy of the information letter can be found [HERE \(/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/music_trip_to_nashville_2015_first_letter.doc\)](#). Deposit and commitment forms are DUE Nov. 24th.

CALENDAR

November 13-15	SRO Event @ Herndon HS *participants selected from 9/30 audition
November 18	All-District Honors Orchestra Auditions @ Carson MS
November 19	MOPA meeting @ GCM 7:00pm
December 5	Nutcracker rehearsal 2:30-4:30pm (Sinfonia and Philharmonic only)
December 8	Nutcracker rehearsal 2:30-4:30pm (Sinfonia and Philharmonic only)
December 9	Winter Concert Rehearsal 2:30-5:00pm (all orchestra members)
December 10	GCM Music Ensembles Winter Concert @ GCM 7:00pm *Call time for members 6pm
December 11-12	Ensemble photos taken during class time – must bring uniform to school!
January 10-11	All-District Honors Orchestra event @ Wakefield HS *participants selected from 11/18
audition	
Jan-Feb	Citrus Fundraiser (delivery first week of March)
February 12	Sinfonia performs at Rising 9th Grade Orientation
February 17	MOPA meeting @ GCM 7:00pm
February 26	Pre-Assessment Concert @ GCM 7:30pm
February 28	All-State Band and Orchestra Auditions at JMU (SRO participants only)
March 2	Assessment Rehearsal 2:30-4:30pm
March 3	Assessment Rehearsal 2:30-4:30pm
March 4	Assessment Rehearsal 2:30-4:30pm
March 6-7	District 12 Orchestra Assessment @ Falls Church HS (Day/time TBA - please keep both
days open)	
April 17	Solo and Ensemble Festival @ Rocky Run MS
April 16-20	Spring Trip to Nashville, TN
April 21	MOPA meeting @ GCM 7:00pm
May 27	Spring Concert Rehearsal 2:30-4:30pm
May 28	Spring Concert and Awards @ GCM 7:00pm (banquet to precede)
June 16	Sinfonia Performs at Baccalaureate Service (6pm call)

**All dates are subject to change, and additional dates may be added.*

WINTER CONCERT LISTENING LINKS

Tum Balalayka (Concert and Symphonic) (<http://www.jwpepper.com/Tum-Balayayka/10026796.item>)

Sleigh Ride (all) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRdSJizMSM0>)

SPONSORSHIP LETTER

Each orchestra member is asked to approach at least two businesses or individuals to ask for support for the orchestra. Please note there are TWO types of letter: one for INDIVIDUALS and one for BUSINESSES:

Letter for INDIVIDUALS: Click [HERE \(/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/mopa_sponsor_letter_2014_for_individuals.docx\)](#)

Letter for BUSINESSES: Click [HERE \(/uploads/1/3/9/3/13934367/mopa_sponsor_letter_2014-2015_for_businesses_version_2.docx\)](#)

Students - please be sure to add your name in TWO places: at the bottom of the letter and also in the "Musician's name" spot on the second page. Be sure to include a return envelope with each letter - see Mrs. Bond for extra envelopes! Sponsor letters can be sent out at any time!

HELPFUL ORCHESTRA DOCUMENTS:



George C. Marshall High
School Orchestras
7731 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22043
703-714-5320

Director
Catherine Bond

Principal
Jeffrey D. Litz

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Dear (insert friend/family member name here),

I am really excited to tell you about the orchestra program at my high school. As a member of the orchestra, I get to play along with 119 other student musicians at four concerts plus District Assessment. We play classical music, yes, but we also get to play popular music and ethnic music. Not only that, but our winter concert is a collaboration with the band and chorus, so we'll be learning about accompanying singers and working with the band. I know I'm going to learn a lot and I'm really looking forward to it.

Marshall's orchestra program has increased dramatically over the past few years, doubling in size and growing from two ensembles to four! The orchestras consistently earn high ratings at the District Assessment, and in 2013 earned a rating of Gold and were selected for an Adjudicator's Award at the Heritage Music Festival in New York City. In addition, many of our students earn college scholarships based on their musicianship.

These achievements are not possible without a large financial investment beyond what is provided by the school system. Every year, our booster organization, MOPA, budgets for extras like guest conductors and sectional coaching, supplies and equipment, instrument repairs, guest speakers, professional development for our director, a banquet and awards ceremony, and many other things that make our orchestra so successful and fun. This year, we hope to award a scholarship to a student musician for summer orchestra camp or private instruction.

Will you help support the Marshall Orchestra? We have developed several levels of support for you to consider. Any amount would be greatly appreciated, and all donations are tax deductible. Please see the next page and determine which level of sponsorship is comfortable for you. If you are interested in attending one of our performances this year, we would love to have you! Our performance dates are:

October 28th at 7:00pm – Fall 'Masquerade' Concert

December 10th at 7:00pm – Winter Concert (*with band and choir – please contact Catherine Bond at cabond@fcps.edu to reserve a ticket in advance*)

TBD – Pre-Assessment Concert (please check our website for concert date!)

May 28th at 7:00pm – Spring Concert

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

(insert Student name)

George C. Marshall HS Orchestra Sponsorship Program

Quarter Note \$25

Half Note \$50

Whole Note \$75

Donors at these levels will be listed in our programs for the 2014-2015 school year, and your name will appear on our website.

Sonata Level \$100

You will receive mention in our programs and can insert a 1/4 page of camera ready art or a supportive note in our programs for the 2014-2015 school year (4" X 2.5"). Your name will appear on our website.

Suite Level \$250

You will receive mention in our programs and can insert a 1/2 page of camera ready art in our programs or a supportive note for the 2014-2015 school year (5.25" X 4"). Your name will appear on our website.

Symphony Level \$500

You will receive mention in our programs and can insert a full page of camera ready art or supportive note in our programs for the 2014-2015 school year (5.25" X 8.25"). You may request a chamber orchestra concert performance for your pleasure. (Date, time, & location subject to Orchestra Director's approval.) Your name will appear on our website.

Marshall Orchestras thank you for your tax-deductible contribution.

Yes, I would like to be a Marshall Orchestra Sponsor

My contribution level is (circle one):

Quarter \$25

Half Note \$50

Whole Note \$75

Sonata \$100

Suite \$250

Symphony \$500

Would you prefer your gift to be anonymous? Yes _____ No _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Musician's Name: _____

Please attach camera ready art for program – for Sonata, Suite and Symphony sponsor levels. A receipt will be sent to your e-mail.

Marshall Orchestra Parents Association is a 501(c)(3) organization; our tax ID is 30-0583035. Retain the upper portion as your receipt. Please make checks payable to MOPA.



Dear (insert vendor name here),

Thank you for the excellent service you provide to my family, our community, and me. We are lucky to live in such a vibrant community that boasts businesses like yours, as well as terrific opportunities for students like me.

I participate in one of the community's more rewarding opportunities: The George C. Marshall High School Orchestra. As a member of the orchestra, I work with 119 other talented musicians to improve myself and provide cultural enrichment to our community.

Last year's Winter Concert was particularly rewarding because we gave a joint performance with the Marshall choral groups and band that garnered rave reviews. This fall we are sharing the excitement of orchestral music with children by hosting a costume contest during our Masquerade performance.

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Will you help keep the orchestras' strings humming along? We have developed several levels of support for you to consider. Any amount would be greatly appreciated, and all donations are tax deductible. Please see the next page to determine which level of sponsorship is comfortable for you. If you are interested in attending one of our performances this year, we would love to have you! Our performance dates are:

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Suite Level \$250

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Symphony Level \$500

Your business will receive mention in our programs and can insert a full page of camera ready art in our programs for the remaining 2014-2015 school year (5.25" X 8.25"). You may request a chamber orchestra concert performance for your business. (Date, time, & location subject to Orchestra Director's approval.) Your business name will appear on our website, with a link to your business website (if provided).

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