

ORCHESTRA SYLLABUS 2014-2015

Course Description – The goal of every TJ Orchestra is to perform challenging orchestral literature, build technique, and gain general musical knowledge through studying music of varied styles and eras. In addition to in-class performances and concerts, the groups afford students the opportunity to perform in district, state, and national level ensembles.

Course Expectations

- Be technically prepared for class
- Bring all equipment/pencil
- Be on time for class
- Attend/participate in performances
- Practice your music outside of class
- Wear required concert attire to performances
- Adhere to all existing TJHSST policies regarding dress, behavior, and attendance
- Participate responsibly in rehearsals
 - o Play your music demonstrating details discussed
 - o Listen to instruction
 - o Give your best effort every time
 - o Provide leadership/assistance to others
 - o Model all aspects of musical excellence and professional protocol in rehearsals and performances.

Grading Policy

40% - Weekly Grade.

Students will receive one grade each week based on their ability to adhere to the expectations set out above. Playing tests may also be included in this grade. If a student does not earn an A that week I will notify them and explain what areas they need to improve upon so that the grade can be brought up in the weeks to follow.

60% - Concerts

This is a performing ensemble. Attendance at all concerts is crucial to the success of the group and is mandatory. Students must contact the director as soon as they are aware of the conflict. Excusing an absence is up to the director's discretion. If the absence is excused, the student must play the concert material for the director and will receive a grade based on that performance. Unexcused absences are not able to complete the make-up assignment.

TJ Orchestra Calendar 2014-15

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Sept. 13 (9am-12pm)	Sr. Regional Orch. Prep Day	McLean HS	Anyone seeking extra help with the SRO excerpts (Optional)	<i>This is a crash course in preparing the SRO excerpts for the audition. A strings coach will review the excerpts with the students and offer suggestions for improvement.</i>
Sept. 29	Sr. Regional Orch. Auditions	McLean HS	Grades 9-12 (Optional)	<i>Districts 10-12 compete in this audition. Auditions begin after school. Winners are eligible to audition for All-State. Note that this audition occurs on a teacher work day!</i>
Oct. 17 (7:00 PM)	TJ Orchestra Concert	TJ Auditorium	Tutti - Mandatory	<i>Students may choose to stay after school. Dinner will be delivered to those who pre-order. Order forms distributed one week prior to concert.</i>
Nov. 13-15	Sr. Regional Orchestra Event	Herndon HS	Those who won a seat at SRO auditions	<i>The event begins after school on Thursday. Students provide their own transportation.</i>
Nov. 21 (7-10 PM)	Viennese Ball	TJ - Gym 2	Tutti - Mandatory	<i>This is an orchestra-sponsored dance. Students should plan to stay after school to set-up. All orchestra students must attend, however only Symphonic Orchestra performs at this event.</i>
Nov. 24	Sr. District Orch. Auditions	Irving MS	Grades 9-12 (Optional)	<i>Students in District 11 compete in this audition. Auditions begin after school.</i>
Jan. 9 (7:00 PM)	TJ Orchestra Concert	TJ Auditorium	Tutti - Mandatory	<i>Students may choose to stay after school. Dinner will be delivered to those who pre-order. Order forms distributed one week prior to concert.</i>
Jan. 16-17	Sr. District Orchestra Event	GMU	Those who won a seat at SDO auditions	<i>Students provide their own transportation.</i>
Feb. 28	All-State Orch Auditions	JMU – Harrisonburg,VA	Those who participated in the SRO event	<i>Get there early! The earlier you register, the earlier you play! Some students choose to go the day before and stay in a hotel.</i>
Mar. 21 (time TBD)	District XI Orch Assessment	Centreville HS	Tutti - Mandatory	<i>Students provide their own transportation to and from this event</i>
Apr. 9-11	All-State Orch Event	Christopher Newport Univ.	Those who won a seat at All-State auditions	<i>Students will travel together by bus to this event. Bus and hotel funded by FCPS.</i>
Apr. 17	Solo & Ensemble	Frost MS	Optional	<i>Students perform as solos or ensemble pieces to be adjudicated by a judge. Performances begin in the afternoon.</i>
May 21-25	Spring Trip	Orlando, FL	Optional	<i>Buses leave TJ the Thursday evening, May 21. Students will only miss one day of school.</i>
June 12 (4 PM rehearsal) (7 PM concert)	TJ Orchestra Concert	TJ Auditorium	Tutti - Mandatory	<i>We lost an 8th pd rehearsal today due to J-Day, so students MUST stay after school for a rehearsal. Dinner will be delivered for those who pre-order. Order forms distributed one week prior to concert.</i>
June 20 (7-9:30 PM)	TJ Graduation	GMU – Patriot Center	Mandatory-Symphonic only	<i>Students must arrive at the loading dock of GMU by 6:15PM. Music starts at 6:30PM.</i>

♪ Tutti = Everyone!

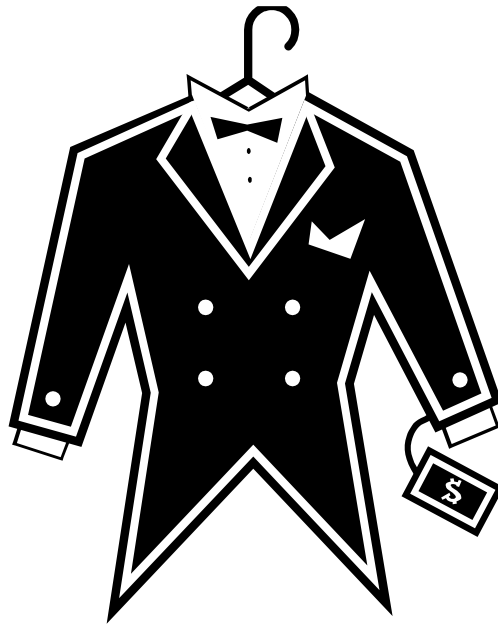
♪ Highlighted events are
mandatory

Orchestra website:
<http://arts.tjhsst.edu/orchestra>

In event of an absence, please contact Ms. Bailey via email as soon
as possible **prior** to the event.

Director email: akbailey@fcps.edu

Orchestra Uniform 2014-15



Orchestra shirts have been ordered!

If you ordered a shirt this year, please bring

\$38 cash or check (payable to TJHSST)

no later than Wednesday, Sept. 24.

- Shirts will be distributed in time for the October orchestra concert.
- All students should be sure to have a pair of black dress pants and black dress shoes to wear with your new shirt!

PS. The shirt looks nothing like this picture but it was the best I could find ☺