

IMPORTANT CONCERT INFORMATION

One of the most rewarding parts about performing in a music group is that students are working together in an ensemble to create music. The presence of every member in the ensemble is very important.

Third Grade Junior Band & Orchestra –

Students will have a debut recital in February and a Junior Concert in June.

Fourth/Fifth Grade Band & Orchestra –

Students will have both a Winter Concert in December and a Spring Concert in May. Fourth Grade will have an additional concert in June with the Third grade.

CONCERT DRESS

Boys: *Black pants, black shoes, black socks and white collared dress shirt with long colorful tie.*

Girls: *Black pants (no leggings) or long black skirt, white dress shirt with sleeves, black shoes.*

**** Please no sneakers or jeans if possible****

CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Attending a concert is very exciting and this should be the best experience for audience members and performers. Below is the appropriate etiquette to help make the concert a rewarding experience for you, your fellow audience members, and the performers.

- **Please** refrain from talking inside the auditorium or in the lobby during the concert.
- **Please** turn off cell phones.
- **Please** do not wave to your child during the concert.
- **Please** do not use a large camera or iPad, which can distract other audience members.
- **Please** enjoy the entire concert as students have worked very hard.
- **Please** wait for a break in the music before entering or leaving the auditorium.
- **Please** enjoy the beautiful music you will be hearing. Acknowledge all the musicians with appropriate applause at the end of each piece.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra Curricular activities vary building to building on the elementary level. Please check with your music teacher's web-site.

INSTRUMENT STORAGE

Instruments should be taken home every night for practice.

LARGE INSTRUMENT RENTAL

Some large instruments may be available to rent for use at home. There will be a \$50 fee for the school year and \$20 for the summer. Please contact your teacher for more information and for a rental agreement form.

OTHER INSTRUMENT INFORMATION

The care and maintenance of instruments, both school owned and those from a local music store are the responsibility of the student. Instruments must always be properly maintained and cleaned. Please attend to a broken instrument immediately. Instruments should be repaired by professionals only.

It is suggested to have your child's instrument checked by a professional and possibly upgraded especially if it is one they had for many years or if it is no longer the correct size (string instruments). The quality of instrument is important as students advance in skill level. The first step in being successful is having a top-working instrument.

CONCERT DATES 2014-2015

*December 10, 2014—Grades 4 and 5
December 17, 2014– Grades 4 and 5
February 11, 2015– Grade 3 Beginners
May 13, 2015– Grades 4 and 5
May 20, 2015– Grades 4 and 5
June 10, 2015– Junior Band/Orchestra*

HERRICKS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

HERRICKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSIC HANDBOOK



MUSIC FACULTY

**Center Street Band– Ann McInerney
Center Street Orchestra– Michele Carbone
Center Street Chorus– Jane Goldschlager**

**Denton Avenue Band– Mark Bligh
Denton Avenue Orchestra– Stephanie Lanuto
Denton Avenue Chorus/Music– Louise
O’Hanlon, Jodie Robertson, Jennifer Kiang**

**Searingtown Band– David Stevens
Searingtown Orchestra– Andrea Somma
Searingtown Chorus/Music– Erica Purrone**

**Center Street Principal– Bernnen Bierwiler
Denton Avenue Principal– Mel Haley
Searingtown Principal– Elizabeth Guercin
Director of Music– Anissa Arnold**

HERRICKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

CLASSROOM MUSIC -- Grade K-5

All students participate in weekly classroom music during the school day leaning the fundamentals of music.

ELEMENTARY CHORUS

- All students in fourth and fifth grade participate in grade-level chorus.
 - Ensembles meet once per week for sectional rehearsals during the school day.
- Each chorus performs a winter and spring concert.

ELEMENTARY BAND

Third Grade Beginner Band – Students will build foundational skills that will progress to participation in large ensembles by the end of the year.

Fourth/Fifth Grade Band – Students meet twice a week before school for rehearsals. Students will build on their skills from the previous years and will also learn specific techniques for their instrument.

ELEMENTARY ORCHESTRA

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SUPPLIES

BAND AND ORCHESTRA SUPPLIES

All instruments and supplies must be clearly labeled with student's name

Binder with a pencil case with 3 sharpened pencils or mechanical pencils

Methods book will be provided and used in class (it is the responsibility of the student, like a text book, to replace if lost)

Swab or cloth to clean their instrument after use

Supplies for a reed player

box of reeds - size 2 1/2 or higher (clarinet, saxophone)

2-3 reeds - medium (oboe, bassoon)

Supplies for a brass player

Slide Cream

Valve oil (trumpet, baritone, tuba)

Slide lubricant (trombone)

Rotor oil (French horn)

Supplies for a percussionist

For school- a stick bag with 2 pairs of drum sticks 2B's, 2 pair of mallets 1 pair yarn and 1 pair hard/rubber

At home- a bell kit, a snare drum or a drum pad (often both bells and a drum pad are sold together)

Supplies for string players

Rosin

Extra set of strings (violin, viola)

Shoulder rest (violin, viola)

Metronome/tuner

CHORUS AND GENERAL MUSIC SUPPLIES

Two-Pocket folder with blank loose-leaf paper



GROUP LESSONS

Group Lessons are a very important part of musical growth and development, as instrument specific technique will be addressed as well as other aspects for advancement.

Third Grade– Students meet once a week for lessons at a time arranged between the classroom and instrumental teacher.

Fourth/Fifth Grade- Students will have one weekly lesson during their recess.

REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE

- Students must arrive to class **on time** with all required materials
- Respectful behavior is expected at all times in music classes.

Additional and more detailed information and documents can be found at www.herricks.org. Always contact your teacher if you have any questions.

Additional Documents include:

- **CHARMS login instructions and opportunity for up to date communication with teacher**

-**Private Teacher Info and advice**

-**What to look for in a step up instrument**

-**NYSSMA Information.**

- **Grading policy**