

Welcome to the WCGS Cadet Orchestra

Sectionals will begin the week of September 7th. Cadet Orchestra will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 until 9:40.

Students will be assigned grades at the end of each quarter based on the following areas:

1. Attitude - Attitude includes behavior in class, toward the other students, teacher, and property of others. Points will be deducted if needed.
2. Responsibility - Points will be deducted if a student misses a lesson or rehearsal without a valid reason, or is not prepared with the proper books and equipment.
3. Playing of instrument - Practicing needs to be done carefully, observing correct key signatures, rhythms, and notes when beginning and working through a piece.

Students will begin with 100 points for attitude for each quarter, and 100 points for responsibility for each quarter. Points will be deducted for poor behavior or if they do not have their instrument or music for a sectional.

Practice is very important for a student to progress. It is very helpful if a regular practice time is established in the home. I like to stress quality practice time with the student, as even a large amount of practice time is not beneficial if the student is not practicing carefully. **Students will not be required to turn in practice points this year.** Grades will be determined instead by regular playing tests, which can be submitted through Smart Music. A Smart Music computer is in room 109 to be used by students who do not have Smart Music at home. It is the student's responsibility to make time to play and submit all playing tests which are assigned in Smart Music. Time spent practicing on Smart Music is automatically recorded. Pieces assigned on Smart Music should be practiced before being recorded and submitted. Grades are recorded in Edline, and will be updated every week.

Performances

Cadet Strings will have two performances:

December 10th (Thursday) 7:00 - Christmas Concert - (Beginning, Cadet and Concert Orchestras)

April 13th (Tuesday) 7:00 – Spring Concert (2nd and 3rd grade, Beginning, Cadet and Concert Orchestra)

All students are required to participate. Cadet groups should wear black and white.

I would also like to take the group to play in the community at some point during the year. If you know of an organization or retirement home that would be open to a group coming to perform, please let me know.

Students will receive 100 points if they return the form below no later than September 11th. Points will be deducted after September 11th for every day it is late.

Feel free to call if you have any further questions concerning the instrumental program.

Mrs. Carol Knosp (#276)

Cadet Strings Commitment Form

I have read the preceding information. I understand and accept the commitment and expectations of becoming a member of the Cadet Strings program.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Please detach this form, sign and return to Mrs. Knosp by Friday, September 11