

Dear Parents/Guardians of Seventh & Eighth Grade Instrumental Students,

Your child is encouraged by their instrumental music teacher to audition for the Honors Band or the Honors Orchestra. These groups are for the most able instrumental students in Arlington Public Schools. Students playing brass, woodwind, percussion and orchestral string instruments are invited to audition. **Former members of the Honors Orchestra and Band are required to re-audition each year.** The director of the Honors Band is Jay Pratte; the director of the Honors Orchestra is Laura Cahn. The Honors Band manager is Kristen Bartholomew, and the Honors Orchestra manager is Estelle Roth.

Auditions will be submitted by video this year. There will be no in person auditions. Instructions are posted on the website - <https://www.apsva.us/honors-music-band-chorus-orchestra/>

Deadline for Video submissions are Friday, November 12, 2021

Students should prepare the audition music for his/her instrument ahead of time. Please register only if you intend to audition for the ensemble and participate in the event if selected.

- To register for the Gr. 7 & 8 Honors Band, go to: <https://forms.gle/cgruBgePkDMiyT2r7>
- To register for the Gr. 7 & 8 Honors Orchestra, go to: <https://forms.gle/Oz5HAROE8uWkKoHs7>
- Honors Band Site: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/honors-band/>
- Honors Orchestra Site: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/honors-orchestra/>

Rehearsal and Concert Schedule - Attendance at all rehearsals are required

- **Rehearsal, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022**
 - Orchestra - 5:45-8:15 PM, Band - 6:00-8:30 PM, Kenmore MS
- **Rehearsal, Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022**
 - Orchestra - 5:45-8:15 PM, Band - 6:00-8:30 PM, Kenmore MS
- **Rehearsal, Friday, Jan. 28, 2022**
 - **Orchestra - 5:45-8:45 PM, Band - 6:00-9:00 PM, Kenmore MS**
- **Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022**
 - Orchestra - 12:30-2:00 PM, Band - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Kenmore MS
- In the event of a snow day, dress rehearsals on Saturday, January 29, may be lengthened.
- **Concert, Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, 4:00 PM, Kenmore Middle School**
- Snow Date Concert: Monday, January 31, 2020, 7:00 PM, Kenmore MS

Questions? Please contact your student's instrumental music teacher or Chris Monroy at christopher.monroy@apsva.us, 703-228-6299.

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