

Dear Middle Level Orchestra Member,

Congratulations!

Your teacher has recommended you for membership in the 2019 Kansas East Central District Middle Level Orchestra!

This orchestra features the top 7th and 8th grade representatives from school districts in our East Central district, and you have been selected as one of the musicians who will represent your school. Below is important information you will need to be successful and prepared for the event. If you need clarification or more information, please contact your school Orchestra Director.

Congratulations on this honor! I'm looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 7.

Sincerely,
Jenny Klinkenberg
ECKMEA
Middle Level Orchestra Chair



The Middle Level Orchestra Festival is a one-day event happening on Saturday, Dec 7, 2019 at

Olathe South High School
1640 East 151st Street
Olathe, KS 66062

Enter the building through the main doors on the south side of the building. This will lead you right into the OS Commons Area where you'll find registration and lunch-ticket purchase areas.

The **schedule** begins with registration at 7:30 a.m. in the Olathe South Commons Area. You will begin your rehearsals in the Main Gym. Tuning begins promptly at 7:50 a.m. To be a member of the honor orchestra, students must remain at OSHS all day, so be sure to clear your calendar for the day. Concert time is 2:30 p.m. in the Olathe South Gym. Family members please note that the gym opens for the concert at 2:15.

Lunch is available for \$8.00. Lunch tickets are sold during the morning registration 7:30 – 7:50 a.m. You will have a choice of...

- Option # 1: Cheese Pizza (2 slices), cookie, drink
- Option # 2: Pepperoni Pizza (2 slices), cookie, drink
- Option # 3: Turkey Sub w/cheese, chips, drink
- Option # 4: Ham and Cheese Sub, chips, drink

Snacks will be available for purchase in the Commons Area during breaks. If you have food allergies, you will want to plan ahead to bring your own lunch and snack.

Your Orchestra Director has provided **music** for you to learn in advance. We expect you to know every note before you arrive. Your stand partner is also depending on you to prepare carefully. Work with your Director and/or your private teacher to prepare:

- Wood Splitter Fanfare – Brian Balmages
- Baila Conmigo – Jeremy Woolstenhulme
- Swashbucklers Saga – Chris Thomas

You can also prepare by finding an on-line recording to use as a practice tool but be ready to be flexible at the event! The clinician may take the music faster or slower than your practice recording.

Unfortunately, no extra equipment will be available to use on this day. Please bring with you:

- Your folding music stand marked with your name.
- Your copies of the 3 pieces of music
- A pencil
- Your own instrument and bow
- Rock stop for cello and bass (this is required on the gym floor)
- Your own shoulder rest for violin and viola

Also, bring your **school orchestra concert uniform** in a bag or on a hanger to change into in the afternoon. You should leave all valuables at home as we do not have secure storage for any clothing, jewelry or electronics.

A unique case tag will help you during packing up, as many cases look exactly alike. This is your chance to use that crazy luggage tag you received as a gift but haven't used yet! Also consider marking your rock stop, stand, and shoulder pad with your name, just in case.

You can relax in knowing that your orchestra director will be with you at Olathe South all day. Each student must have an emergency contact number on file; your teacher already sent one in for you. Double check your number at registration to make sure it's the right contact number for the day.



Our **clinician** is Gail Rowland. She is the Director of Orchestras at Summit Lakes Middle School and comes to us with experience in teaching in the Blue Valley and Kansas City, Kansas Schools. Ms. Rowland is a former Kansas City Youth Symphony director and a National Board Certified teacher. She is an energetic and engaging director! You can look forward to a great day.

Middle Level Orchestra Schedule

- 7:30 Registration begins
- 7:50 Tuning begins
- 8:00 Rehearsal starts
The rehearsal and lunch schedule details will be shared with you at the event.
- 2:15 Gym opens for friends and families
- 2:30 Combined concert with Elementary Level Orchestra (admission of \$1 per person)