

WHITE PINES SIXTH GRADE ORCHESTRA HANDBOOK



2020-2021

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Statement from the Secondary GHAPS Music Staff:

The Grand Haven Music Teachers are committed to providing a quality music education for all students in our classroom. We recognize that this year will look different, but we are committed to providing your students opportunities to engage in music and continue to provide the social-emotional learning and connectivity that so many of our students seek from their school music community.

During this difficult and unprecedented time, the mental health of our students remains our top priority. Music education can have positive effects on a student's mental health. With the changes that are impacting our traditional school environments, music education is more critical than ever before to the ongoing development and health of our students. Music has long been reported to contribute to the positive social and emotional growth of students. Participating in music classes allows them the stability of being in a peer group, enabling them the opportunity to feel accepted by others. Additional benefits to music instruction include maintaining focus, recognizing individual artistic ability, relating with others, and being a part of a team. Music instruction is uniquely positioned to scaffold this social emotional learning for our students.

Regardless of COVID-19 restrictions, the music staff is committed to providing our students a meaningful and standard-based music education. The music staff realizes that students enroll in a performing arts class out of a desire to play an instrument or sing. In that spirit, our lessons will incorporate authentic performance as much and as safely as possible while exploring other aspects of our Michigan Music Standards. Our performances will look much different than in the past but will still be meaningful to student development. We are committed to an invaluable time of music making! - GHAPS Team Music

GRAND HAVEN 6th Grade Calendar 2020-2021

6th Grade Concerts

Holiday Concert in December- probably virtual, more information to come!

Solo Festival in March - each student will perform a solo and will record, get feedback Sixth Grade

Spring Fling in May - more information to come. Might be virtual performance

Parental Involvement

Your child needs your support and encouragement. We suggest for students to practice 15 minutes a day at the same time – to establish a daily routine. We will be posting an assignment via google classroom once a week. Many weeks it will be a practice sheet where the students track their practice minutes virtually on google classroom.

Private Lessons

Because orchestra focuses more on the group instead of individual instruction, it is helpful to get a tutor that can help you achieve excellence through one on one learning.

VIRTUAL PRIVATE LESSONS RECOMMENDATIONS 2020-2021

Violin/Viola

Rachele Torres - rachele.c.torres@gmail.com

Becky Parks- parksbecky@gmail.com

Jewelian Rupright (high school student) 30210@ghaps.org (violin)

Theo Moleski (high school student) 23770@ghaps.org (viola)

<https://www.guarnerihouse.com/violin-teachers/>

<https://www.guarnerihouse.com/247784-2/>

Cello

Wendy Tenney - theyenneys@gmail.com 616.8219637

Keegan Young - keeganyoungcellist@gmail.com 616.2189124

<https://www.guarnerihouse.com/cello-teachers/>

Bass

Aaron Tenney - theyenneys@gmail.com 616.8211825

<https://www.guarnerihouse.com/bass-teachers/>

Equipment

Students must have an instrument to use with proper parts such as bow, rosin, rock stop, shoulder rest and music stand. Renting instruments from Guaneri House or Marshall Music are recommended. Cellos and basses will be able to use the school instruments during class, but must have an instrument to use at home for practice. All 6th graders need Essential Elements Book 1 which is included through the rental programs or can be purchased at stores above or online. Some students grew over the summer and need a bigger size. I will be in communication with those families that need to do an exchange. The music companies will be able to pick up the smaller size and deliver the bigger one to White Pines or curbside pick up. As you are renting, the money is going towards owning the instrument by 8th grade. All students will need a full size by 7th grade.

Instrument Storage

6th grade students- will be keeping violin/violas in homerooms on orchestra days

Sixth Grade Orchestra Classroom Procedures

Entering Procedures

- Find your assigned seat with all your belongings. **You need your instrument and your foldable music stand from home to use. Please make sure your name is on it. You will be asked to buy your own tuner. We will learn how to tune.**
- Look at the Agenda on the board (will tell you what we will will work today)

- Greet Teacher, Classmates, follow social contract established
- You will NOT need to bring your chromebook to orchestra, unless it is a FRIDAY

Exiting Procedures

- You will be given time to put things away and we will sanitize any shared school items and place them back in designated areas
- You may not leave the room unless you are dismissed
- If you are going to be absent, please look at google classroom for missed work

Music Folders Procedures - all students will receive their own folder

- any papers that you get associated with orchestra MUST go in the folder
- PLEASE put your name on your book, folder and all music and music stand
- MUST HAVE PENCIL with you as well in your folder or music case

Scrip Program for Parents to help as a Orchestra Fundraiser and Family Account \$



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Have more questions? Contact our Grand Haven Scrip Coordinator:

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2020-2021 ORCHESTRA AGREEMENT FORM
Due Back by September 16th
COUNTS AS YOUR FIRST ORCHESTRA ASSIGNMENT!!!!

STUDENT NAME _____

GRADE: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____ CLASS(circle): MON/WED or TUE/THUR

**GUARDIAN
NAME(S)** _____

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I/We have read the entire handbook and with my/our student and we understand what is expected of my/our students. We understand the responsibilities of the class, the commitment in practicing and the importance of music education.

Student Signature

date

Parent Signature

date

Questions or Comments for Mrs. Walters:

