

To: Middle School Orchestra and Parents
From: Mrs. DePentu and Mrs. Zurbuchen
Re: A Great New Year!
Date: 9/7/09

IMPORTANT NOTE!! CLASSES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA BEGIN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th!! THERE WILL BE NO SHUTTLES PRIOR TO THAT DATE!

Welcome to another great year with the Plymouth Canton Middle School Orchestra! We are so excited to have you join us this year—there are lots of things planned.

First, the details about rehearsals. We meet daily in room 300 of the Canton North Building. (aka Phase III) **Class begins at 7am sharp** and students are dismissed to the shuttles at 7:45. This gets them back to middle school in time for their 1st hour class. Orchestra members have the option of riding the high school bus to rehearsal, or of being driven by a parent. If you opt to drive, be aware traffic at the Park is extremely heavy and you will need to allow extra time or students will miss warm-ups.

Dress for all performances except our October Musical is as follows: White shirts or blouses (must have sleeves and a collar) and black dress slacks or skirt. Shoes should be black as well, worn with either black socks or skin tone hosiery. Dressy school clothes will be worn for the October performance.

Middle School Concert Dates are:

Tuesday, October 20 (Open House/Musicale)

Wednesday, December 9 (Winter Concert with High School Ensembles)

Thursday, January 8 (Cluster Concert for all 5th grades)

Wednesday, February 3 (Midwinter Concert w/ High School Ensembles)

Wednesday, May 12 (Pops Concert w/ HS Ensembles)

Reminders will be posted on the website and sent home prior to all performances. Attendance at these concerts is required of all students, as they are the equivalent of a major test in another class. Contact us if you have questions or concerns.

For the seventh year we are planning to hold a two-week Practice Marathon! This is our major fundraiser—money is used to purchase additional equipment for the ensemble, as well as help pay for our trip to Cedar Point! Money raised by the MS Orchestra is used to support the MS Orchestra, so please help us out! Last year only half of the orchestra solicited pledges for practicing—let's aim for 100% this year! You will hear the results of our work at our Musicale/Booster Meeting/Dessert on Tuesday, October 21.

We have an “open door” policy at MS Orchestra. Feel free to stop in and listen to a rehearsal—enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you sit. As always, call with any questions or concerns you have about our growing orchestra program. I can be reached at 416-2909, or at depentc@pccs.k12.mi.us.

Sign and return the sheet below no later than Friday, September 18. Returning this slip is the first assignment of the year. See you all on the 20th of October!

P-CCS Middle School Orchestras 2008-2009



I have read the letter and have made a note of our rehearsal schedule, concert dates, and concert dress policies.

Student Signature _____

School _____ Grade _____

Instrument _____

Parent Signature _____

e-mail address _____

Return this by Friday, September 18th! Call the Orchestra Office (416-2909) if you have questions!