



Dear Orchestra Parents,

September 1, 2020

I am looking forward to meeting and working with your child! Below is some useful information for the upcoming year:

1.) **Rent an instrument** (Purchase a **music stand**, a **shoulder rest** (for violin/viola), **endpin stop** (for cello and bass), **classroom book: Essential Elements**, and ask the music shop for a **small music folder**. The shoulder rest for violinists and violists can be a tall sponge rest or professional rest. Cellists have the option to bring their home instrument to school. **If parents are unable to transport the cello, students may borrow a school cello for class time.** (Cellos are too large to travel by school bus). We do not own school basses. If your child is playing bass, please contact me.

2.) **Email Contact Information:** (Please email me (Kabrams@springboro.org) I send updates and information through email and Google Classroom. Please send me an email with the following information: (I will add your email to my contact list.)

Student Name, Student Instrument, Parent(s) Names

3.) **Join Google Classroom:** I have created two google classrooms. Students from both classrooms will complete the same assignments. However, with remote students, I will need to post assignments/playing quizzes that "in person" students will complete during class. Please sign up for one Google Classroom:

Google Classroom for "in building" learning code: uqh6slm

Google Classroom for "remote" learning code: mqbw7o5

All students should have an instrument rented by September 14, 2020. Your child will need to be measured (arm length) by the music shop for the correct instrument size.

Instrument rentals from an area music shop are highly encouraged. *Although it is possible to purchase an instrument to avoid monthly rental fees, there is a high risk the instrument may be poor quality. Poor quality instruments are usually difficult to play and will therefore be frustrating for your child. When families rent from a shop, instrument size changes are free of charge.*

Where to Rent: (Contact the shop directly for new instrument prices.)

Antonio Violins:(513) 234- 0555

Hauer Music: (937) 222-2815.

McCutcheon Music: (937) 435-2900.

That Music Place: (937) 748-3501.

Thank you,

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