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ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENTS

Instrument Rentals: \$45.00 for the 2012-2013 school year (NO SEMESTER PAYMENTS and NO REFUNDS). Waiver forms are available for those who may have economic hardship. The waivers can be obtained from our business officer, Ms. Maria Mesta. ALL RENTAL PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TO MS. MESTA. She will issue you a receipt that you submit with rental cards (see next paragraph).

To rent an instrument from the El Paso ISD, the parent(s) will be issued a blue and yellow rental agreement card. On the front side of the cards ONLY fill in the name of school and student. Ms. Ellis will fill out the instrument information.

On the back of the card, student must sign on the line labeled PUPIL. Parent/Guardian must fill out the rest of the back of the card and sign. Return BOTH cards to Ms. Ellis with a receipt of rental payment or copy of the waiver form.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OR RENTALS: Any orchestra student is allowed to own their own instrument or to rent one from any music store. If you decided to rent from a music store, please be sure to ask for instrumental insurance to cover any damages that may occur (this is middle school). If you decide to purchase an instrument, please avoid pawn shops and/or online auctions unless you have some expertise in the instrument. Many students have purchased instruments from those institutions only to be disappointed in the workmanship and sound production.

*****WHETHER YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT:** It is the student's responsibility to maintain and care for their instrument. Any instrument will be issued to the student in good, working order with a functional bow. If the student pops a string, it is the student's responsibility to purchase a replacement string within two days of the day it pops. Strings can be purchased at any local music store. A STUDENT GRADE MAY BE AFFECTED IF THE STUDENT IS WITHOUT A STRING OR A WORKING INSTRUMENT FOR MORE THAN TWO DAYS SINCE ORCHESTRA PARTICIPATION REQUIRES AN INSTRUMENT. IF THE STUDENT, FOR WHATEVER REASON DOES NOT HAVE A WORKING INSTRUMENT IN CLASS FOR MORE THAN TWO DAYS, THEY WILL BE REFERRED TO THE PRINCIPALS OFFICE AND HAVE TO SERVE DETENTION.

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ORCHESTRA CONCERT ATTIRE

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE):

LADIES:

- BLACK SEMI FORMAL DRESS or BLACK SKIRT (KNEE LENGTH OR LONGER) or BLACK SLACKS
- BLACK/OFF BLACK STOCKINGS (for dresses or skirts) OR KNEE HIGHS STOCKING OR TROUSER SOCKS (for slacks)
- BLACK DRESS SHOES OR BOOTS – NO TENNIS OR ATHLETIC SHOES, CONVERSE OR VANS
- BLACK BUTTON UP BLOUSE, NO LOGOS OR DESIGNS
- NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS, MINI'S, CAPRIS, SKINNIES, OR DENIM OR ANY KIND

GENTLEMEN:

- BLACK SUIT with a WHITE or BLACK COLLARED BUTTON DOWN SHIRT – LONG OR SHORT SLEEVED or TURTLE NECK.
- BLACK DRESS SOCKS
- BLACK DRESS SHOES OR BOOTS - NO TENNIS OR ATHLETIC SHOES, CONVERSE OR VANS
- TIE OF ANY COLOR– NO INAPPROPRIATE DESIGNS ON THE TIES

ALL OTHER ORCHESTRA MEMBERS (SEMI-FORMAL):

LADIES:

- BLACK SEMI FORMAL DRESS or BLACK SKIRT (KNEE LENGTH OR LONGER) or BLACK SLACKS
- BLACK/OFF BLACK STOCKINGS (for dresses or skirts) OR KNEE HIGHS STOCKING OR TROUSER SOCKS (for slacks)
- BLACK DRESS SHOES OR BOOTS – NO TENNIES, VANS, OR SPORTS SHOES
- **WHITE** BUTTON UP BLOUSE, NO LOGOS OR DESIGNS
- NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS, MINI'S, CAPRIS, SKINNIES, OR DENIM OR ANY KIND

GENTLEMEN: SAME AS ADVANCED ORCHESTRA except no jackets or ties required.

******Please do not procrastinate on purchasing the necessary concert attire.** If there is a problem finding or funding any of the clothing, please contact Ms. Barron or Ms. Harper at 231-2120, for assistance. Make sure you contact them at least two weeks before the deadline so they have some time to adequately assist you.

*****STUDENTS WHO COME TO CONCERTS NOT WEARING THE PROPER ATTIRE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM, WHICH WILL DETRIMENTALLY AFFECT THEIR ORCHESTRA GRADE.**

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REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCES/GRADES

EXTRA-REHEARSALS: Throughout the course of the school year, the orchestra director WILL schedule extra-rehearsals to help prepare for any upcoming orchestra performance/competition. THESE EXTRA REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY AND GRADED. Students who miss extra rehearsals must have a parent contact me by phone or email and also send in a signed written statement why the rehearsal was missed. After 2 missed rehearsals (excused or unexcused) the student will not be allowed to perform. Extra rehearsals in the morning are held in the orchestra room. The room is opened at 6:15 a.m. and the rehearsal begins at 6:30 a.m. sharp, this means the student must be in their seat ready to play by 6:30 a.m. and not walking in the door at that time. Extra rehearsals after school begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. There is no activity bus, so please arrange transportation for your child to get home if he/she must stay after school for rehearsal.

ELIGIBILITY: The state of Texas requires by law that all students must have a passing grade of a 70% or above at each grading period and on the report card to be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities. If your student becomes ineligible, he/she WILL NOT be allowed to perform with the orchestra for concerts/competition. Please be attentive to your child's grade and ensure the child contacts their teacher to schedule tutoring for any class he/she may be struggling in. **Ineligibility is not an excuse for missing performances.** If your child becomes ineligible, it is his/her responsibility to attend tutoring or work the teacher to make up the grade and bring in either a tutoring log that is signed by the teacher or a teacher note that states that the child is working diligently to make up the grade. If Ms. Ellis does not receive this necessary documentation, the student will receive a grade of "0" for the performance grade which will be a great detriment to their orchestra grade.

PERFORMANCES AND/OR COMPETITIONS: Orchestra students are required to attend mandatory performances and/or competitions during the course of the school year. These performances may be during school hours, after hours on a school night, or on the weekends. Some performances may require that the parent provide their child transportation to and from the performance. All performances are MANDATORY and GRADED, so please make arrangements to make sure your child is at the performance on time, and has a ride home at the end of the event. Ms. Ellis usually informs the student and posts the performance information in the orchestra room about a month before each scheduled performance or activity. Please be sure to communicate with your child to assure you receive information in a timely manner.

PARENT PORTAL: If you haven't already, please take the opportunity to establish an account through the EPISD Parent Portal to be able to monitor your child's attendance and grades, as well as email his/her teachers with any questions or concerns.

STUDENT PORTAL: Students please take the opportunity to establish an account through the EPISD Student Portal to be able to monitor your attendance and grades, as well as email your teachers with any questions or concerns.

EDMODO: Please make sure you and your student register for EDMODO. Ms. Ellis will send out messages throughout the year through this site. Parent(s) and student both need to register.

ORCHESTRA WEBSITE:

<http://thmsmightytrojanorchestra.weebly.com>

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PLEASE FILL OUT, SIGN and RETURN THIS PORTION TO MS. ELLIS BY AUGUST 30, 2013 AS PROOF OF RECEIPT OF THE ORCHESTRA /ATTIRE/GRADES/REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCES INFORMATION LETTER.

*****I have read and understand the information provided in this orchestra information packet.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

NUMBER and/or EMAIL WHERE YOU MAY BE REACHED:

DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME:

STUDENT ID#:

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