

## West Pine Middle Orchestra Information

Welcome to WPM Orchestra! This year, students will play a varied repertoire of music on stringed instruments alone and in a group setting. They will also explore different styles of music from classical to fiddling to world music. In addition to music theory, history, composition activities and improvisation, they will be learning advanced techniques such as shifting, scale studies, and vibrato.

### Supplies

- Instrument and bow in working condition
- 6th grade - String Basics Book 1
- 7th/8th grade - String Basics Book 2
- Pencil
- Encore fee (payable with school fees)



### Instruments

School instruments are available for those students who are unable to rent or purchase an instrument. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child will need to use one. Students will be expected to take instruments home to practice weekly. I will be happy to work through any problems this presents for students with larger instruments on an individual basis.

### Expectations

In my classroom, I have 3 general expectations of all students: respect their right to learn, my right to teach, and each others' instruments and personal belongings. I expect and reward student effort and hard work. Rewards for appropriate behavior include classroom award/free time, contact with parents, grading period award. Consequences for inappropriate behavior include teacher interventions (verbal warning, change seat), written action plan, contact with parents, and referral to administration. Students will be expected to correctly wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth at all times in the classroom.. Students will NOT share instruments during the 2021-2022 school year. Because orchestra is a team effort and everyone plays an important role in the success of the group, students are expected to abide by the WPM R.O.A.R. motto.

- Respect
- Own it
- Attitude
- Responsibility

**Grading** Orchestra grades are based on the following:

- ★ Participation - 50 points weekly using following rubric:

50	Exhibits exceptional behavior, providing a model for others. Attention does not waver from rehearsal.
48	Listens attentively much of the time. Needs few teacher reminders to refrain from talking/interrupting and consistently follows the rules for appropriate participation.
44	Needs occasional teacher reminders to listen attentively and/or refrain from talking. Leaves seat and/or plays instrument at inappropriate times.
35	Needs frequent teacher reminders for appropriate rehearsal participation. Often talks/plays out of turn, making it difficult for other students to listen attentively.

- ★ Classwork - 10 points per classroom activity
- ★ Homework practice - 5 points per week
  - Assigned Monday, due the following Monday

## **Fruit Fundraiser**

We will be kicking off our Fruit Fundraiser on October 23. Students can take orders online and in person. All money and orders will be due November 13. Fruit will be delivered the week of December 11.

## **Canvas**

This year, all West Pine Middle classrooms will be using the Canvas online learning platform. Please see the front office or the school website for help in accessing your student's information.

## **Instrument Support**

Edwards Music can be contacted at 910-425-8809 or [accounts@edwardsmusic.com](mailto:accounts@edwardsmusic.com). Music & Arts customer service can be contacted at 888-731-5396. Shar Music ([www.sharmusic.com](http://www.sharmusic.com)) is also an excellent online resource for string players. Let me know if you need information regarding accessories or supplies for your child's instrument. I am happy to change and put strings on instruments and can order new strings if needed. Please contact me if your instrument is in need of repair.

## **Performances** Performances in bold are **required** and make up the student's **final grade**.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
All County Orchestra auditions	Oct. 3	4:00 pm	West Pine Middle
All County Orchestra clinic	Nov. 2	all day, 5:30 pm concert	North Moore High School
<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>West Pine Middle</b>
Eastern Region Orchestra auditions	March 2	10:00 am	TBA
Carowinds Festival of Music	April 19	all day	Charlotte
Eastern Region Orchestra clinic	May 4	all day, 5 pm concert	White Oak High (Jacksonville, NC)
<b>Spring Concert</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>West Pine Middle</b>

All information, including any updates, is available on the WPM Orchestra website:

**[wpmorchestra.weebly.com](http://wpmorchestra.weebly.com)**

I look forward to a great year with lots of music-making! Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Emily Braun

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We have read the information pertaining to WPM Orchestra, have reviewed the grading policy and expectations, and made note of supply needs and concert dates.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone: \_\_\_\_\_