



The Rock Hill ORCHESTRA NEWS

AUGUST 23, 2021

Good evening parents,

For those of you who could not attend the meeting last Wednesday, August 18, I wanted to share my [slide presentation](#) and provide some explanation of the slides below:

The newly elected POBC Executive Board:

- Michelle Miller, President
- Sharron Christian, V. President
- Randall Reid, Treasurer
- Rebecca Compton, Secretary

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED:

- My ext. 469.219.2300 ext. 81204
- Website: www.rockhillorchestra.org
- Google Classroom - Become a guardian so that you may receive summaries of student assignments, class activities, etc.
- Twitter: @RockHillOrch
- Instagram: @RockHillOrchestra
- Skyward - The official mode of communication for the district, so please be sure to read your emails.
- CHARMS - this online resource used by all of our fine arts departments in Prosper is primarily used for inventory, but it is an excellent way for our booster officers to stay in contact with all of the parents. Please click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to access your child's account in Charms.

HANDBOOK

- Attendance: We will follow the school policy on attendance; however, I would like to request that parents do everything possible to ensure that their child can attend the concerts. When your child can't perform with the orchestra, the entire team feels it.

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- Grading Policy: We will follow the district's policy of Formative (daily grades, rehearsal attendance, homework) = 40% and Summative performances and tests) = 60%.
- Performances & Travel: All campus and group UIL performances are mandatory, while spring group trips are not. This year for our Spring Trip, the Rock Hill Orchestra will be spending a weekend at a Dude Ranch in Bandera, TX in March. More information is coming soon.
- Equipment & Uniforms: The district no longer charges a fee for the cello and bass players to use one of the district-owned instruments. However, it does state in the handbook that a student may be required to cover a portion of the repair cost if the student was negligent and caused damage to the instrument. Informal wear - You may view this year's t-shirt options in the slide presentation. Formal Wear - Volunteers will be needed to help check out uniforms to students during class time, so please email me if you are interested in helping. **IMPORTANT: Per district policy, there is no cutting of fabric or alterations allowed. To adjust the length of dresses and tuxedo pants, using hem tape is acceptable. Again, no cutting of material because the uniforms need to be used for many years.**
- Supplies: The list of supplies needed for orchestra can be found in the handbook.
- Fundraising: If there is a need for fundraising, our Booster Club will be in touch. If this is an area where you would like to assist, please get in touch with me or Michelle Miller at mchllmlr17@gmail.com
- Locks & Lockers: each student received a combination lock and locker that they may use to secure their instrument and belongings while on campus. The school district and school personnel are not responsible for lost or stolen items a student does not lock up in their locker.
- Private Lessons - Please see the attached [LIST](#) of district-approved private instructors
- Letterman Requirements: An orchestra student may qualify to receive a letterman jacket (paid for by the parent or student) by earning 150 participation

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points. Please click [HERE](#) to see how orchestra members can become a RHHS Orchestra Letterman.

- Orchestra Member & POBC Membership Fee: The fee is \$175 and will be due by September 17, 2021. Please continue to make checks payable to POBC until further notice.

You may access the handbook, events & rehearsal calendar, and pay your orchestra fee by completing the required forms at <https://www.rockhillorchestra.org/forms>

UPCOMING DATES - (Events & Rehearsal Calendar [HERE](#))

9/7-9/10 - Uniform Checkout (During your orchestra class)

9/7 - ADO Registration/Contract due (only for participating students, info in Google Classroom)

9/10 - All-Region Entry Fees Due (Optional, Checks made payable to POBC)

9/17 - Orchestra Forms & Fees Due

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you can assist with uniform fitting in two weeks during the orchestra class times, please sign up [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at rplanks@prosper-isd.net.

Thank you,
Ron Planks

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