



## Interlake High School Chamber Orchestra, Sinfonia & Concert Orchestra

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**Integrity** All members of the Interlake community are principled; we operate in an environment that supports truth, respect, and honor. Members of the Interlake community take ownership of their work and for their actions, even when it is inconvenient to do so.

**Humanity** All members of the Interlake community treat others as they would like to be treated. Students and staff inspire each other through selfless actions, empathy, compassion, and kindness. Students and staff remain focused on developing into caring, balanced, and open-minded global citizens.

**Scholarship** All members of the Interlake community believe that scholarship is an internal desire to know more developed through collaborative and independent learning. Interlake students show perseverance when challenged with rigorous coursework appropriate to their unique abilities. All Interlake programs empower students to be life-long learners.

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Dear Orchestra Families,

Welcome to the new school year! I am looking forward to an exciting year filled with musical growth, community building, and musical enjoyment.

Orchestra is an ensemble class. Students develop their ensemble skills by improving their individual technique and working with others collaboratively. Our orchestra goals are to further develop technical skills such as intonation, shifting, tone production, bow placement and articulation; to grow musically through expressiveness and the awareness of the relationship of theory and history to music; to learn proper orchestra performance skills and concert etiquette; and to contribute as an individual to the large ensemble, in small group work, and to our classroom community.

Included in this syllabus is a calendar of events, grading policies, concert attire, and other important information.

Please save the date for our first concert, Thursday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [katsmans@bsd405.org](mailto:katsmans@bsd405.org).

Sincerely,

*Dr. Shira Katsman*

*Director of Orchestras, Interlake High School*

## 2021-2022 Interlake High School Orchestra Events Calendar

<u>Performances</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Groups</u>
Orchestra Ice Cream Meet & Greet (packaged ice cream sandwiches & popsicles)	Tuesday	August 31, 2021	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Interlake Parking Lot or Orchestra Room	All Orchestra students, alumni, and their families
Interlake Music Parents Association Meeting	Tuesday	Sept. 14, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Interlake Commons	All Orch/Band/Choir Parents
Open House-Curriculum Night	Thursday	Sept. 30, 2021	TBA	Virtual	
A Taste of Music - Orchestra Concert & Fundraiser*	Thursday	Nov. 18, 2021	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (4:30 p.m. set-up in Commons)	Commons/IHS Theater	All Orchestras
Winter Orchestra & Choir Concert*	Tuesday	Dec. 14, 2021	7:00 p.m.	IHS Theater/Commons	All Orch/Choir
8th Grade Open House	TBA	December	6:00 p.m.	Commons	Orchestra helpers and musicians needed
Chamber Music Recital for Sinfonia & Concert Orchestra*	Thursday	Jan. 20, 2022	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	IHS Theater/Commons	Sinfonia & Concert Orchestra
Eastshore Instrumental Solo & Ensemble Festival	Saturday	Jan. 22, 2022	All Day	Mount Si High School	optional
Chamber Music Recital for Chamber Orchestra Students*	Wednesday	Jan. 26, 2022	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	IHS Theater/Commons	Chamber Orchestra and HL IB Music Students
UW Orchestra Festival*	Thursday	Feb. 10, 2022	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	UW - Meany Hall	Chamber Orchestra
North Zone Orchestra Concert*	Tuesday	Feb. 15, 2022	7:00 p.m. (set-up at 5:00 p.m.)	Interlake Main Gym	All Interlake Orchestras and Highland, Odle, elementary orchestras
WMEA All-State Honors Festival	Friday-Sunday	Feb. 18-20, 2022	Overnight	Yakima, WA	All-State student honorees
Eastshore Orchestra I Festival* - hosted by Interlake Orchestra at Interlake	Tuesday	March 8, 2022	During School	Interlake High School - <i>need parent volunteers</i>	Chamber Orchestra
CWU Orchestra Festival*	Thursday	March 10, 2022	7:30 am-6:30 pm	Central Washington Univ.	Sinfonia & Concert Orchestra
Eastshore Orchestra II Festival*	Tuesday	March 22, 2022	During School	Newport High School	Sinfonia & Concert Orchestra
Spring Orchestra Concert*	Thursday	March 24, 2022	7:30 p.m.	IHS Theater/Commons	All Orchestras
End of Year Orchestra Concert & Reception*	Thursday	June 9, 2022	7:30 p.m.	IHS Theater/Commons	All Orchestras
Music Awards Night	Monday	June 13, 2022	6:00 p.m.	IHS Theater/Commons	All Orch/Band/Choir
Graduation*	TBA	TBA	TBA	University of Washington Alaska Airlines Arena	Chamber Orch/ Wind Ensemble /Jazz Choir
<i>All activities marked with an * are MANDATORY.</i>					

## **I. GRADING POLICY**

### 34% Rehearsal

Musical ensembles require a commitment from every member. Individual preparation and dedication are essential to the success of the group. Students are graded on evidence of home practice, classroom conduct, and positive contributions to the class through group discussions, rehearsals, sectionals, and individual performance.

Students are expected to come to class on time prepared with the required materials. Each rehearsal is worth 5 points. Absence, lateness, lack of preparation, being disrespectful, and disruptive behavior will have a negative impact on your grade for participation. To make up a missed class due to an excused absence, you will need to practice for 30 minutes and complete a practice log (goal and self-assessment). All practice logs must be completed and turned in to Dr. Katsman within one week of the missed class.

### 33% Performance

Attendance and participation at all scheduled performances, with proper attire and all necessary materials, is required. Students are graded on each performance. Points will be deducted for tardiness, lack of preparation, and/or inappropriate attire.

The only acceptable excuses for missing a performance are personal illness, a family emergency, or a religious holiday. It is your responsibility to notify Dr. Katsman of your absence. Notes from parents or doctors will be required for excused absences from a performance. *Concerts, by their very nature, cannot be made up. Therefore, if you have an excused absence from a performance, then an extra project will be assigned to make up lost points.* An unexcused absence will automatically be entered as a zero (0) and cannot be made up.

### 33% Assessments

Playing tests performed individually and/or in small groups will be evaluated according to individual progress and performance rubrics. There will also be written assignments and exams.

## **II. FEEDBACK**

Feedback is an essential part of our growth as learners. In the orchestra class feedback can be verbal, written, or demonstrated by example (i.e. a student plays a passage one way and another student suggests a different interpretation). It is important to keep an open mind when receiving feedback.

## **III. CLASSROOM RULES**

- You are expected to have your instrument out and ready to play with your music and pencil on the stand at the beginning of class. Students will be marked tardy or absent according to school guidelines.
- You will behave in a respectful and responsible manner in all circumstances.
- Food is not allowed during class time.
- Put away all cell phones and electronic devices prior to the start of class.

## **IV. REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS**

In order to have productive classes and ultimately reach a high level of musicianship, you are expected to:

- Give Dr. Katsman your full attention and effort at all times.
- Practice your music outside of class.
- Be prepared with all necessary materials (instrument in good repair, music in order, pencil on stand).
- Maintain an attitude and behavior conducive to learning and teamwork.

## **V. CONTRIBUTION**

Every student will contribute to the success of themselves and their colleagues by:

- Demonstrating individual growth through concentration, self-evaluation, and home practice.
- Enhancing group achievement through personal effort, analytical listening, and attendance at all rehearsals and concerts.

## **VI. CONCERT ATTIRE**

Please see the attached page regarding required concert attire. Points will be deducted for students who are not dressed appropriately for an orchestra concert.

## **VII. REQUIRED MATERIALS**

- Folder or binder for orchestra music
- Sharpened pencil with eraser
- Instrument in good working condition
- Shoulder rest for violin/viola; rock stop for cello/bass (let me know if you need to borrow one)
- Rosin and cleaning cloth
- Extra set of strings (optional but recommended)

## **VIII. FEES, EXPENSES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

We have a few fees required of music students every year. The district will begin assessing fees to student accounts by the end of September. If you need financial assistance for any of the above fees, please speak with your counselor, the school accountant, or Dr. Katsman.

- **\$30 Transportation Fee**
- **\$75 ASB Card**
- **\$75 Equipment Usage Fee** (This fee is only for students using a school instrument. The fee will be assessed to your student account by the end of September).
  - ❖ Please note that ANYONE who uses a school instrument (even if you only use it at school) is required to pay the full \$75 equipment usage fee.
  - ❖ If an instrument becomes damaged, you must report this immediately to Dr. Katsman so she can assess the damage and determine if it can be repaired at Interlake or if it should be sent out for repair.

# Interlake High School Orchestras

## Concert Attire Requirements

### Chamber Orchestra

#### **Males:**

Black tuxedo, long sleeve white dress shirt, black cummerbund, black dress shoes, black socks, and black bow tie.

#### **Females:**

Skirt: Long black skirt (**miniskirts are not acceptable**). If wearing a skirt, dark or black hose are required.

Dress Pants: Nice black dress pants are acceptable, jean-like pants are not acceptable.

Blouse: Neatly pressed black, 3/4 to long sleeved blouse; no sweaters.

Shoes: Black dress shoes, no sandals, or tennis shoes. If wearing an open-toed shoe, black hose are REQUIRED.

Jewelry: Please make all jewelry selections and hair adornments unobtrusive.

### Sinfonia Orchestra

#### **Males:**

Long sleeve white tuxedo shirt, black cummerbund, black dress shoes, black socks, and black bow tie.

#### **Females:**

Skirt: Long black skirt (**miniskirts are not acceptable**). If wearing a skirt, dark or black hose are required.

Dress Pants: Nice black dress pants are acceptable, jean-like pants are not acceptable.

Blouse: black shirt or blouse 3/4 to long sleeved; no sweaters

Shoes: Black dress shoes, no sandals, or tennis shoes. If wearing an open-toed shoe, black hose are REQUIRED.

Jewelry: Please make all jewelry selections and hair adornments unobtrusive.

### Concert Orchestra

#### **Males:**

Black dress slacks, black dress shoes, black socks, long sleeve white dress shirt, plain black tie (no bow ties). Tennis shoes and jeans (or jean-like trousers) are not acceptable.

#### **Females:**

Skirt: Long black skirt (**miniskirts are not acceptable**). If wearing a skirt, dark or black hose are required.

Dress Pants: Nice black dress pants are acceptable, jean-like pants are not acceptable.

Blouse: black shirt or blouse 3/4 to long sleeved; no sweaters

Shoes: Black dress shoes, no sandals, or tennis shoes. If wearing an open-toed shoe, black hose are REQUIRED.

Jewelry: Please make all jewelry selections and hair adornments unobtrusive.