

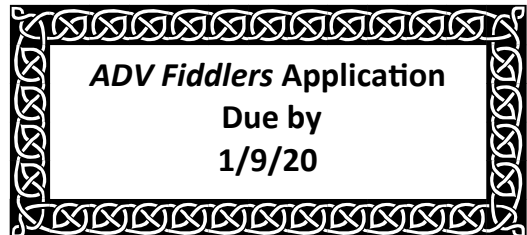
Dear Fiddler Parent,

Dec. 5th, 2019

Advanced Fiddlers is an auditioned group formed from members of the *The Fiddlers* from TMS & SMS. These advanced students perform the majority of the shows throughout the school year. The Semester 2 audition date is scheduled for **Thursday, January 16th from 4-5pm in TMS Rm. 423**. Advanced Fiddlers passing audition will begin rehearsals on **Thursday, Jan. 30th** from 4-4:45pm and continue to meet on Thursdays unless otherwise marked on the online Fiddler calendar.

**NEW ADV Fiddler Audition Requirements:**

- Member of The Fiddlers
- Strong rehearsal and performance attendance for both Fiddlers and ADV Fiddlers
- Positive attitude
- Capable of playing ALL tunes from Packets 1 and 2 by memory listed on back of sheet
- Demonstrate correct bowings, key signature and intonation of Fiddle tunes
- Minimum of one solo memorized from approved list
- Willingness to learn fiddle tunes by ear
- Continuing ADV Fiddlers are not required to pass an additional audition for Sem.2*



**Audition Expectations:**

Each student will have a 5 minute playing audition with Ms Howard. The audition will consist of various selections from packets 1 & 2 and the performance of a solo of your choice. In addition to the musical aspects of the tunes (tempo, intonation, bowing, style, rhythm, etc....), students should work on eye contact, smiling and overall performance rapport. Each category is worth 10 points. Auditioning Fiddler must achieve 87% in order to become an Advanced Fiddler. *Please use the list of the back of this letter as a checklist while preparing for your audition. In addition, the score sheet used during audition is posted on the Fiddler Page of my website!*

**Point System:**

- 0 points: No effort made
- 1-3 points: Poor demonstration
- 4-6 points: Moderate presentation
- 7-8 points: Good performance (minimal flaws)
- 9-10 points: Superior performance

An Advanced Fiddler is recognized as a top musician within the school and community. Their ability and showmanship is known throughout the South County area. Rehearsals will contain the “new”, the “old” and the “unusual”! Audition times will be posted by Jan. 14th and audition results will be posted by Fri. Jan. 17th in the TMS & SMS Orchestra Rooms. All score sheets will be returned to individual Fiddlers. I am looking forward to continuing a fantastic year!!!

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## Packet I– ALL

Turkey and the Straw  
Rake's of Mallow **AND** Triple  
Amazing Grace (melody or harmony)  
Circle (melody or harmony)  
Soldier's Joy I **AND** II  
Flop Eared Mule  
Shenandoah (melody or harmony)

## Packet II– ALL

Arkansas Trav  
Fisher's Hornpipe  
Golden Slippers (melody AND harmony)  
Red Wing (melody or harmony)  
Beaumont Rag  
Ashokan Farewell (short vers for new members)  
***Liberty (for extra points!)***  
***Ned Kendall's (for extra points!)***

## Solos- Pick ONE

*Solos not on list must be approved by Ms Howard*  
Beaumont Rag 1,2,3 or 4 (**trio NOT accepted**)  
Turkey (1 or 3)  
Circle (1st solo only)  
Red Wing (1 or 2)

## Additional tunes– ALL

Tell Me Ma  
Over the Waterfall  
Shoes and Stockings  
Devil Eat a Groundhog

# ADV Audition checklist

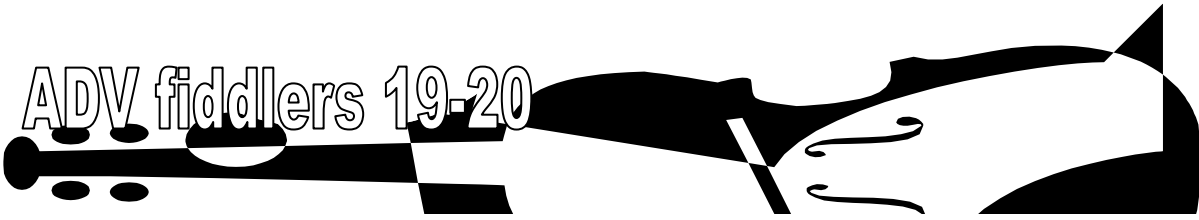


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ADV fiddlers 19-20



# Audition 2 Sign-up

Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Previous member of Adv. Fiddlers? \_\_\_\_\_

# of semesters previous experience as a Fiddler: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle answer below- (Audition 1/16/20, TMS 4-5pm)**

(This will help with scheduling. If you do not have a preference, leave blank)

Early Middle Late Can Audition after 5:00pm if needed

I, \_\_\_\_\_, intend to participate in ALL Fiddler and ADV rehearsals and performances. I understand that my reliability is of the utmost importance. **If a conflict arises, I will submit a note at least one week prior.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature (required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature (required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# Due by THURSDAY, Jan. 9th, '20