

# Elementary Honors Orchestra

Grade 5 String Parents,

Dec. 9, 2022

The extracurricular performing group, The Elementary Honors Orchestra (also known as EHO) will hold auditions for NEW MEMBERS on **Wednesday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**. at Truman M.S., room 423 (This is the TMS Orchestra Room) from 4:15- 5pm.

## **Step one- Students must register for the audition by Friday, Jan. 13th**

There are TWO options to register for the audition. PLEASE SELECT ONE

- Option 1- Complete the [ONLINE EHO Registration](#) by Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Option 2- Complete paper registration and return to your Strings teacher by Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>

## **Step two- Prepare for audition (practice)**

Begin practicing the required audition music. Music will be distributed during your string class AND can be downloaded from the elementary page of [MY WEBSITE](#). An additional list of important 'areas of understanding' for the audition is listed on page 2.

## **Step three- Registration confirmation email & Audition Group assignment (1/16/23)**

Students will receive an email from Ms Howard on Monday, Jan. 16th confirming their audition registration. This email will outline what students will do during the audition process.

## **Step four- Audition Day (1/18/23) When & Where**

On the date of the audition, students should enter Truman Middle School through the back, side door near ECE West 5-10 minutes before the audition block (4:15-5pm) and proceed forward toward the Orchestra Room. Students will need to be picked up **at the conclusion of the block** in the same location.

## **Step five- Audition Results emailed by Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Students will be notified if they passed their auditions by email. Students that are awarded membership into the *Elementary Honors Orchestra* will begin meeting/rehearsing two weeks after their Audition: Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:15-5:15pm in the Truman Orchestra Room. Please note that our rehearsals are listed on the calendar page of [MY WEBSITE](#). *Students that are not quite ready for EHO may re-audition (or wait to audition) until second semester. (The next audition date is January 18, 2023.)*

## **Step six- EHO member expectations**

- An outstanding ensemble is a team. Weekly rehearsal attendance is very important to form this outstanding team. **Attendance and punctuality to ALL rehearsals is necessary in order to maintain membership in the EHO.** Please notify me via voice mail or email if your student cannot attend a rehearsal due to conflict or illness. Please understand that students may lose their membership to EHO if there are excessive unexcused absences.
- EHO members will be asked to purchase a special EHO t-shirt (\$12). More details will be distributed about EHO t-shirt on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- EHO will be featured on the Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert.
- EHO members are expected to practice (keep up with) their EHO concert music and class music.

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## Audition – Students should understand the following:

1. The required audition music in C Major (all naturals)
2. How to sight read a simple piece in D Major.
3. Key signatures of C Major, G Major and D Major.
4. Time signatures of  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{4}{4}$
5. Musical symbols of  $\Pi$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $\natural$ ,  $\sharp$  and  $\flat$
6. Note and Rest values. (Whole, half, quarter and eighth.)
7. Subdivision of eighth notes. (1 and, 2 and, etc)
8. Recognize musical notation for all four strings. (Be able to read notes on staff!)

Questions and/or comments can be directed to email or voice mail below.

I hope many students (that like to practice & enjoy musical challenges) register to audition by Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023! ☺

Sincerely,

L. Michelle Howard

TMS Orchestras & Long Elementary Strings

Fiddlers, ADV Fiddlers, Colonial Fiddlers & EHO

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## Important Dates

**\*Fri. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**- Registration for EHO Audition closes [ONLINE EHO Registration](#)

**Mon. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**- Students/families receive confirmation of registration

**Wed. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**- Audition 2 in the Truman Middle School Orchestra Room (423, near

**Thurs. Sept 19<sup>th</sup>** - Results of audition announced.

## Rehearsals

[Please visit my Website calendar for complete list of Wednesday rehearsals.](#)

**Wed. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**- Rehearsals begin

Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15pm, Truman Middle School Orchestra Room

## Concert *Save the Date!*

**Thurs. May 18<sup>th</sup> Elementary Gr5 Spring Concert- Lindbergh HS Auditorium**

*Concerts will be in the early evening. Details will be shared closer to event.*

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## Semester 2, 2022-23

### **AUDITION APPLICATION**

Form may also be completed **ONLINE**: [Online Registration LINK](#)

Print Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade: \_\_)

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

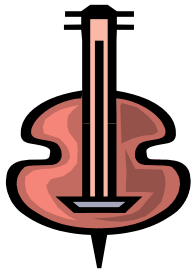
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ (additional #'s- \_\_\_\_\_)

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes! My elementary string student would like to audition for the Elementary Honors Orchestra on Wed. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Truman Middle School (Orchestra Room, Rm. 423)
- I understand that my string student will need to prepare **the required audition music.**
- **I understand that my student will need to arrive 5-10 minutes BEFORE their Audition.**
- If my child is accepted into the Elementary Honors Orchestra, I understand that there will be a T-shirt fee of \$12. Do NOT send money at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Registration for EHO Semester 2  
Audition CLOSES ON Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**

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