



Welcome to Orchestra!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations on enrolling your child in the orchestra! Orchestra is one of the most rewarding and exciting educational opportunities offered by the Avon Community School Corporation. Your investment will pay tremendous dividends in your child's life for many years to come.

Music provides students with a wealth of benefits. In addition to obtaining the musical skills needed to become a performer, a child learns skills that can be used in every facet of life. Teamwork, dedication self-discipline and responsibility prepare a child for successful future in any profession they may choose. A variety of research shows that music students are among the academically strongest in their schools and score higher on standardized testing. Higher Education now looks for more than good grades on a child's transcript. They look for well-rounded students that have been able to accomplish more than textbook knowledge.

Over the next few pages you will find important information to help you get associated with the orchestra program. There are a few items that need to **be completed by Friday August 11, 2017**, or sooner. If your student does not have an instrument yet, the third page is extremely important to you. Instruments are required to be in hand or proof of rental/purchase by August 11, 2017. If it is not possible, please contact me as soon as possible and I will try to help you with the situation. Those parents who are interested in private lessons, please see page 4 for more information! We are so very, very fortunate to have a private lesson program at Avon. Please take full advantage of it!

You do not have to know anything about orchestra to assist your child in this new endeavor. Arrange a time and place where practice can be done without interruptions. This practice must become a part of each child's daily routine. The goal of practicing is to always be improving, and just not putting in the required time. Music should be placed on a music stand at eye level. Remember practice doesn't make perfect, BUT perfect practice does!

Again, I welcome you to the Avon Orchestra Program and congratulate you on enrolling your child in the orchestra. I want to encourage ALL adults involved with their students musical instrument to bookmark www.avonorchestra.com. This site will contain the most up to date information including concert dates, concert attire, and many more electronic copies of important things! As the year progresses, I hope you will feel free to contact me whenever necessary.

Sincerely,

Angela Roamer

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Action Items - Due Friday, August 11, 2017

1. Read and Fully Understand the “6th Grade Orchestra Information Handbook”

- Go to www.avonorchestra.com
- Click on “AIS Documents” under the Intermediate Schools Menu
- Click on the PDF File “AIS Information Handbook”

2. **Student Information Form (On-Line)**

Please complete the following steps to submit student contact information. **By submitting this form you agree to the 6th Grade Orchestra Information Handbook.**

- Go to www.avonorchestra.com
- Click on “AIS Student Information Form” under the Intermediate Schools Menu
- Fill out all blanks as needed
- Click “Submit” at the end of the form.

3. **Rent an Instrument.** If you have not rented an instrument, please follow the direction below to complete the process.

- Please call Paige’s Music at 1-[800-382-1099](tel:800-382-1099) or visit www.paigesmusic.com to rent online.
- Ask to talk to a rental specialist.
- Give them your information (Name, Student Name, Address, School, Instrument, Size).
- Paige’s will take payment information and answer any questions.
- Your students rented instrument will be delivered for free on Thursday.
- Please allow one to two weeks, it can come sooner if you drive to the store.

4. **Optional: Submit Lesson Request Form (On-Line)** (More Info on Page 4) If you are interested in Private Lessons for your student, please follow the directions to submit a request. (Please do this, even if you already have a private teacher so we can keep record.) **If you have already done this you do not need to do it again.**

- Go to www.avonorchestra.com
- Click on “AIS Private Lessons” under the Intermediate Schools Menu
- Fill out all blanks as needed.
- Click “Submit” at the end of the form.
- You will be contacted by a private instructor.

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Paige's Music Information

To order your students instrument please call [1-800-382-1099](tel:1-800-382-1099) or visit www.paigesmusic.com. The Paige's Music Staff will be happy to assist you.

Your order comes with the following:

Instrument

Sound Innovations Book 1

Rosin and Cleaning Cloth

Music Stand

Care Package

Violin/Viola Only – Viva Shoulder Rest (Required for class)

Free delivery, pick-up, repair, and string replacement.

Private Lesson Program

The Avon Community Schools Music Department is very interested in having as many of our musicians take private lessons as possible. In order to provide this service, we have set up a program at the school to teach your child during their music class once a week for a twenty minutes lesson. They will be taught by local professional musicians/teachers. These teachers are of the highest caliber, our background checked, and will gear the private lesson towards the progress of your students. The lesson will be twenty minutes, one time per week. Final details will be worked out with each private instructor and not Ms. Roamer

Please return this form ONLY if you do not have access to the Internet Based Form (See page 2)

YES!!! I am interested in my child being involved in the private lesson program at Avon Community Schools.

(Please print Clearly)

School: East or West

Name of Student: _____

Instrument:_____

Parent Name:_____

Parent Signature: _____

Telephone:_____

Email: _____