



Helena Middle School Orchestra

2023 - 2024

CONCERT DATES

Great Beginnings - 6th Grade ONLY – Tuesday, September 26 at 6 pm in HMS Auditorium

- This is not a traditional performance, so concert attire is not required; this is an opportunity for parents and students from HMS and C.R. Anderson to learn together about instrument set up, playing technique, and practice expectations. This evening is designed so your parent/guardian knows what they should see and hear when you practice at home, therefore, students must attend with their personal instrument and at least one parent or guardian.

Winter Performance - Thursday, November 30 at HMS Auditorium

- 6th, 7th and 8th Grades @ 6:30 pm (arrive 30 minutes early)

8th/9th Grade Festival - Tuesday, March 14 at HMS Auditorium

- 8th Grade Only @ 6:00 pm (arrive 30 minutes early)
 - With 8th Grade students from C.R. Anderson and members of HHS and CHS orchestras

6th/7th Grade Solo & Ensemble Festival - Friday, April 26 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

- 6th Grade - 8:30 am - 10:30 am
- 7th Grade - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - With 6th and 7th Grade Students from C.R. Anderson

Spring Performance – Wednesday, May 15 at HMS Auditorium

- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades @ 6:30 pm (arrive 30 minutes early)

Parents/Guardians and Students:

For your student's first graded assignment, please sign this page by Wednesday, September 6 (A Day) or Thursday, September 7 (B Day) showing that you have read through the handbook. This handbook will remain on Teams for the year.

Orchestra Contract

For the 2023 - 2024 School Year

I have read and understand all of the policies stated within this handbook and agree to uphold them as a contributing member of the HMS Orchestra Program.

_____ Grade _____ Class Period _____ A Day **or** B Day

Printed Students Name

_____ Date _____

Student's Signature

_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Concert Attire

- Orchestra concerts are worth 100 points each. Because orchestra concerts are a time for all musicians to shine, students should “dress-their-best” to receive full credit for the dress-code portion of their concert grade. Dress pants (*very dark* denim is ok), or long skirt, shirts with sleeves, and dress shoes (or dark tennis shoes) are encouraged. If students wish to wear a shorter dress, students should wear tights or leggings in addition to the dress. Please communicate with Mrs. Nelson if extenuating circumstances are creating a hardship for your family/student with regard to concert attire.

Concert Absences

- It is each student’s responsibility to plan for concerts during the year, but it is also understood that conflicts sometimes arise. If you have a family conflict, you must turn in a note (signed by a parent or guardian) to Mrs. Nelson two weeks prior to the concert and consult with her about your make-up assignment in order to receive full credit. Missing a concert because of illness will be similarly excused, but the parent-signed note will be turned in following the concert. Deviations from this policy may result in complete or partial loss of credit for the concert.

- Please email Mrs. Nelson (knelson5@helenaschools.org) with questions!

