



## STRINGS PROGRAM - SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

### SPRING CONCERT— WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH 2019

Our spring concert will take place at Nora Frances Henderson S.S., 75 Palmer Road, Hamilton. Parking is available at the back of the school. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm. We will be selling snacks as well as roses that can be purchased at our concession table in the cafeteria; purchasing one for your child is a lovely way to show your appreciation for the musicians hard work and all proceeds go back to the program for instrument repairs and supplies!

#### **6:00 p.m. - Arrival**

All students are asked to arrive at Henderson and go directly to their designated room / location for tuning. Once a student's instrument is tuned, he/she is welcome to join their parents and enjoy some snacks from the concession table in the cafeteria - ***if your child leaves the tuning room please stay with them and ensure that they return to the tuning room to line up by 6:45 pm.***

**TUNING ROOMS:** Junior Orchestra and Cello: Room 129

Senior Orchestra: Room 127

All weekly lesson students: Gym

#### **6:45 p.m. - Lining up and preparation for start of concert**

All students **must** be in their original designated location to begin the transition to the auditorium for the concert.

#### **ATTIRE:**

All students are asked to wear all black for the concert. Strings t-shirts are acceptable attire and may be worn with black pants / skirts.

#### **TICKETS:**

Tickets are \$5.00 each for adults. Children 14 and under are free! We will be selling tickets in advance on rehearsal night. Hopefully this will help minimize congestion at the ticket table on the night of the concert. Please note that purchasing tickets in advance does not provide reserved seating.

#### **INTERMISSION:**

During intermission, all students will proceed to the gym for a snack. Please note, bottled water will not be provided to students. Please consider sending your child with a reusable water bottle. Parents, family members and friends are invited and encouraged to go to the cafeteria to purchase refreshments and mingle. All proceeds from concession sales directly benefit the Strings program.

***We respectfully request that all guests remain in the auditorium until the concert has ended. This will ensure that students performing after the intermission will have a full audience for the duration of the event. We fully expect the concert will end prior to 9 p.m.***

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of volunteers for both the rehearsal evening **and** the concert evening. We work very hard to keep the event as organized as possible but extra hands make that task much easier. Please consider volunteering your time for either evening or both! Please contact Tammy Ayre, Strings Administrator at 905-561-2190 ext. 4770 or [strings@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:strings@hwdsb.on.ca). All volunteers will be given an assigned location and role in advance. Please remember that volunteers **will not miss** any of the performances whatsoever!

## **DRESS REHEARSAL INFORMATION:**

Wednesday, May 29th @ Nora Frances Henderson S.S., 75 Palmer Road, Hamilton, ON.

Some important details regarding dress rehearsal:

- \* **6:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Beginner Cello and Violin in the Auditorium**
- \* **7:00 - 7:45 p.m. - Weekly Students Advanced Cello and Violin 1, 2, 3 in the Auditorium**
- \* **7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Junior Orchestra in Room 129**
- \* **7:45 - 8:45 p.m. - Senior Orchestra in the Auditorium**
- \* **Student Lessons will happen as usual from 4:45 - 6:15 p.m.**

We encourage all Strings participants to attend the Dress Rehearsal as it not only provides an opportunity for musicians to practice their pieces together but also to practice line ups and transitions and to feel more comfortable with the facility prior to the concert.

All parents and family members are requested to wait in the cafeteria while dress rehearsals are in progress. Parent Volunteers are the only exceptions. This allows the students to focus on the rehearsal process.

## **2019 - 2020 REGISTRATIONS**

The new 2019 - 2020 registration form, program information flyer and payment plan option forms are now available! Everything that you need to get started can be found on our website at: [www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/strings](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/strings) After completing and submitting your information, please print a copy of the payment plan form and send (with payment) to: Hill Park Learning Centre, 465 East 16th Street, Hamilton, ON L9A 4K6 Attn: Strings Program. You may also drop by the office and pay in person if you choose to pay by cash, cheque or debit. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept credit cards or e-transfers.

## **EVENING OPTIONS**

Our program is designed to provide a unique opportunity for student to learn a string instrument as part of the daily instructional program. Where there are not enough students enrolled at a school or the school does not have available space to accommodate the program, there is the option of taking lessons in the evening at a local school. Locations to be announced soon! Orchestra and Cello lessons will continue to be available Wednesday nights only at the Hill Park Learning Centre.

## **NOTE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS!**

Is your child headed to secondary school? We welcome back students who would like to volunteer with our program. The hours will count toward the volunteer hours required for graduation.

All instruments will need to be returned to the Hill Park Learning Centre between **Friday June 14th and Thursday June 26th**. Please **DO NOT** leave instruments at your child's school.

## **RETURNING STUDENTS**

Returning strings students are welcome to keep their instruments over the Summer!

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE STRINGS PROGRAM!***