

2017 - 2018 Beloit Orchestras

Performance Schedule and Handbook

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Orchestra Students and Parents,

Beloit High School Orchestra Concert Uniforms

Concert uniforms will be checked out to each student during the first 9 weeks of school. The concert uniform consists of a tux coat, shirt, pants for boys and skirt for girls, cummerbund, and bow tie. **Students need to have black dress shoes and black socks.** Students are to take care of the uniforms. Keep them clean and hung up on hangers at all times. Students will keep the uniforms in the Band/Orchestra Room so they will need to plan to arrive early enough to change into the concert uniform before performances and have something to change into after the performance. **25% of the students performance grade for each performance will be assigned for wearing the school owned uniform properly (no tennis shoes or white shoes), returning the uniform to the rack in the proper place, care of the uniform, hanging it up properly.** Students will also need to remember to bring **black shoes and black socks** to each performance *and* school picture day. You will be expected to return all uniforms in good shape on hangers (the hanger that we check out to you please) with right numbers on them. You will pay 1/2 the replacement cost of lost items. These uniforms are very expensive, for example a concert coat replacement cost the school \$125.00. Take care of what is checked out to you. **DO NOT CHANGE ANY PART OF YOUR UNIFORM WITH ANOTHER PERSON BEFORE TELLING THE DIRECTOR. EACH ITEM IS CHECKED OUT BY NUMBER AND YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT ITEM NUMBER.**

Beloit Junior Orchestra Concert Dress

The Beloit Junior Orchestra performance uniform will consist of black pants for boys with white shirt and black skirts for girls with white shirt (not black and white patterns or white pants and black shirts). Boys should not wear jeans, t-shirts, or tennis shoes if you have something better. Girls should wear long or medium skirts or dresses; *never* wear short skirts to a performance.

Music Department Lettering

Students have the opportunity to earn Letters, and other Service Awards thru the Beloit High School Music Department. The letter is a music department letter but not award system specific to the Orchestra, Band, or Choir. Students are encouraged to join many music ensembles and to build their own performance ability thru enhancement opportunities.

Beloit Music Department Letter	500 points
Bronze Pin	1500 points
Silver Pin	2500 points
Gold Pin	3500 points
Senior Title Guard Pin	3000 points

Mr. Harbaugh will post an application in the Orchestra or Music Department window listing points that may be earned. Points are awarded for large group membership, ensemble

membership, participation in solo opportunities, achievement of the large group, achievement of the ensemble, achievement of solos at contest, participation in Beloit Community Orchestra, WKOF, district and state groups, and music camps.

Performance Schedule

An Orchestra cannot perform or rehearse well with members missing. Therefore, Students are required to participate in all rehearsals and performances. These dates will be announced as far in advance of the event as possible. Although all dates for the year cannot be given at this time, as many dates as possible are listed below. *It is the student's responsibility to notify employers of your performance schedule. A missed performance will result in zero points for the performance with a minimum penalty of one letter grade reduction for the current nine weeks grading period and a permanent grading comment noting the missed performance.*

August 17 Thur. First rehearsal for Senior Orchestra with instruments. 9:42 - 10:19 AM
August 18 Friday First rehearsal for 7th and 8th grade string students. 7:25 AM
August 23 Wed. First Jr. Orchestra rehearsal for 6th grade strings at BJSHS 7:25
Sept. 1 Friday First Jr. Orchestra rehearsal for 5th grade strings at BJSHS. 7:25

September

KMEA District Festival Orchestra and KMEA State-Wide Festival Orchestra audition selections will be distributed at the student's request. Audition selections are available from Mr. Harbaugh and are now available on-line at <http://www.ksmea.org/hsorchestra/excerpts/>
Audition music with fingerings will be included in the music that each High School student will receive on August 17.

September 20

Kansas Wesleyan University KMEA State and District Music Learning Workshop. 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM receive sectional help with the music that will be used for KMEA district, state and WKOF audition. This workshop is free and lunch will be provided.

October 13, Tue

KMEA Bi-District Festival Orchestra Registration Deadline.
No registrations will be accepted after deadline.

November 1

Senior Orchestra students should have their **uniform checked out by this date.**

November 2, Thur

KMEA District Festival Orchestra Audition upload deadline .
Mr. Harbaugh will upload recordings of your performance to **KMEA**. Digital recordings should be completed with Mr. Harbaugh by Fri, Oct 27. A group of judges will listen to the recordings and select the **2017 NW/SW KMEA Bi-District Orchestra.** Students will qualify to

participate

and perform in the Bi-District Orchestra on December 2, 2017 at Fort Hays State University and have the option of auditioning for the 2018 KMEA All-State Orchestra by being selected to and performing the entire KMEA Bi-District Orchestra Concert this year. A portion of the KMEA Audition Music will be used in **seating auditions at WKOF** for High School Orchestras again this year.

- November 14 Tue **Fall Orchestra Concert** in the commons of BJSHS. Junior Orchestra students are to be in the band room for tuning by 6:30, the concert will begin at **7:00 PM**. This concert includes all Orchestra members of Junior Orchestra (grades 5 through 8) & Sr. Orchestra. Senior Orchestra in uniform (see [Beloit High School Orchestra Concert Uniforms](#)). (Jr. Orchestra students refer to [Beloit Junior Orchestra Concert Dress](#) paragraph above.)
- November 17-18 **Western Kansas Orchestra Festival in Hutchinson.** Parents are needed to help sponsor the students at the motel. High School students selected to audition for seating should be practicing all WKOF music and the KMEA live instrumental audition material found at <http://www.ksmea.org/hsorchestra/excerpts/> and your folders. Excerpts will not be announced in advance this year. Scales and audition material from the KMEA live instrumental auditions will also be required.
- December 2 **KMEA NW/SW Bi-District Orchestra at Fort Hays State University.** Students selected by audition on November 8 will participate in this event! The location of this event will rotate each year with the event scheduled for Dodge City in 2018.
- December 16 **December 16** stamped.
- December 17 **KMEA State-Wide Festival Orchestra** applications must be time-stamped.
- December 17 **Beloit Community Christmas.** A concert sponsored by the Beloit Community Orchestra and the Beloit Ministerial Alliance. The Concert features the Community Orchestra and groups from the BMA Churches of Beloit. 3:00 PM.
- December 21 **Beloit Elementary School Assembly** at 8:30 AM. Junior Orchestra (5-8) will perform.
- January 7 Thu KSHSAA Piano Students *deadline* to notify Mr. Harbaugh they intend to participate.
- January 9 Sat Senior Orchestra students in grades 10 through 12 to audition live for **KMEA State-Wide Festival Orchestra.** Live auditions at Salina Central High School.
Audition materials for the 2016 Festival Orchestra will include literature, excerpts and scales. Selections for the 2016 Orchestra are available.
http://www.ksmea.org/hsorch/excerpts/2016/2016_strings_excerpts.pdf
*Application deadline for string auditions will be Friday, **December 18, 2015.***
The weather contingency date for auditions is January 16, 2016.
Students should begin preparing the music at the beginning of the school year if interested in this opportunity
Students must be selected to and participate in the KMEA NW/SW District Orchestra to be eligible to audition.
Orchestra scholarships at many colleges and summer music camps are automatic for students who have
perform
with the State-Wide Orchestra.
- Jan 13 & 14, Sat/Sun **"String Fling" at Kansas State University in Manhattan** for 7th and 8th grade string students. Parents are needed to help sponsor the students at the motel.
- February 3, Sat **KSHSAA Regional Piano Festival**
- February 4, Sunday **Beloit High School Orchestra and Beloit Community Orchestra Concert**

(Any BHS Student interested in piano solo must notify Mr. Harbaugh by January 7, 2011, January 11 (TBA) is the deadline for Mr. Harbaugh to complete the entry form)

perform at 3 PM. BJSHS Commons. The Beloit High School Orchestra will first and then the Beloit Community Orchestra.

February 5, Mon **Allegro Music Club**. A few select Junior Orchestra solos or ensembles *may* be invited to perform at this meeting. Mr. Harbaugh will contact the student concerning this performance.

February 17, Sat **KSHSAA State Piano Festival** for students receiving a "I" at Regional Music Festival on February 5.

February 22-24 **Kansas Music Educator's Association (KMEA) State-Wide Festival Orchestra** for students selected by live auditions (Jan 5).

February 14, Wed. **Kansas Wesleyan University Music Festival** at KWU Salina. A "contest" for Junior Orchestra (all members grades 5 through 8) Large Group and String Instrument Solos. All Orchestra students will ride the bus to this event. Parents are encouraged to attend the Festival. Students may return to Beloit with their parents with a note to Mr. Harbaugh by Friday, Feb. 9. All Junior Orchestra members are required to participate in this event. *BTW – 2017 was the last Hays City Music Festival as the Hays Public School Middle School Music students will participate in their league festival. Preparing For the KWU festival in mid February will present interesting challenges!*

April 10, Tue **BHS Solo and Ensemble Recital** in the commons of BJSHS for select solos. The Orchestra, Band, and Choir are each limited to presenting 4 selections at this recital. The recital is to begin at 7:00 PM.

April 14, Sat **KSHSAA Regional Music Festival for Solo and Ensemble** at Barton County Community College. Events receiving a "I" rating will qualify for State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

April 18 Wed **KSHSAA State Music Festival for Large Groups** at **Concordia HS**. Beloit will be hosting the festival again in 2019 and 2020!
Parents: Many adult workers will be needed to make this event successful in 2019. Please contact Mr. Harbaugh if you are willing to help!

April 21, Sat **Kansas State-Wide Junior High Orchestra** in Hutchinson for 5 selected 8th grade Junior Orchestra members.

April 20, Thursday **Summer Music Camp Scholarship Applications** due. The Allegro Music Club will offer scholarships to encourage students to participate in Summer Music Camps like the High Plains Music Camp at FHSU. Think ahead if you would like to participate this summer! Junior and HS Orchestra available.

April 23, Mon **Spring Orchestra Concert** in the commons of BJSHS. Junior Orchestra students are to be in the band room for tuning by 6:30, the concert will begin at **7:00 PM**. This concert includes all Orchestra members of Junior Orchestra (grades 5 through 8) & Sr. Orchestra.

April 28, Sat **KSHSAA State Music Festival for Solo and Ensembles** for events receiving a "I" at Regional Music Festival on April 13. Class 3A State Music Festival is held at Southeast of Saline HS. Receiving a "I" rating for a solo and participating in the KMEA State-Wide Orchestra is the highest honors for a high school musician! **String solos will not be required to memorize this year.**

Orchestra scholarships at many colleges are automatic for students who have received a "I" rating at "State". ** In the event that Beloit High School is assigned to class 4A by the KSHSAA then the State Solo and Ensemble Music Festival will be held at Andover HS.

1744 N Andover Rd, Andover

May 3, Thur
May 6, Fri

BHS Trojan Tribute at 7:00 PM. Acts will audition in mid April.
Beloit High School Orchestra will perform in the Basement of the Elementary School for the 4th Grade Orchestra Class.

The purpose for this concert is to encourage retention of these important members.

May 11, Fri

NCK Tech College Graduation at 7:00 PM in the Beloit High School Gymnasium. All high school orchestra students grades will participate in the Graduation Orchestra. Students will tune in the band room at 6:30 and be dismissed following the processional at about 7:15 PM.

May 19, Sat.

BHS Commencement at 2:00 PM, tune at 1:30 in the band room. The orchestra will play processional and recessional. The BHS String Orchestra will also perform. All orchestra students grades 6 through 11 will participate in the Commencement Orchestra.

July 10-16, Sun/Fri

71st annual High Plains Music Camp at FHSU (these are only the corresponding dates).

Students attending each summer speak highly of the new Orchestra Camp! Students who have attended the camp from our Orchestra have returned for the following camp every year!

Mr. Harbaugh directed one of the Junior High Orchestras last two summers and is looking

forward to returning to camp this summer. See the April 17 deadline for local Music Club

Scholarships and see the camp website for other scholarship and application deadline and other information.

www.fhsu.edu/bandcamp. This is the 8th year that Orchestra has been included in this popular event! Please consider this!!

Chair Challenges

All 7th and 8th grade string students will take two "performance exams" during the school year. These exams are intended to encourage the students to practice the parts of the music that need extra attention for the Orchestra to perform best and *as evaluative criteria of our Fine Arts General Program Objectives*. The exams will be graded on a small number of specific skills (usually note reading and counting) with bonus points for those keeping excellent practice records up to date. The practice record must be initialed by the parents to receive any credit, please help the students keep accurate records up to date. ***Since the exams are graded on specific skills and not the overall performance they should not be considered by the student, parent, or teacher as an overall performance indication.*** The criteria and length of the tests will be increased with tests given less often as we progress. Students will be seated in their Orchestra sections using this performance material. I will attempt to offer constructive criticism of the performance and hope that this "game" will be a fun way to progress. In music we do not compete with each other as much as we are on a quest for success! Please keep in mind that music is an art form although we do have measurable goals that help us master the fundamentals of a sound performance.

Orchestral Activity Code

Any student found guilty by law or school officials of having been involved with tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs will not be allowed to participate in the next performance or trip of the school orchestra, community orchestra, solo or ensemble event for up to 14 days following the violation. The BJSHS administration will advise Mr. Harbaugh when a violation of the **Beloit Junior-Senior High School Activities Code** has occurred.

Please read the **Orchestral Activity Code** and return this form to Mr. Harbaugh. All activities are required to have this on file.

Please return any Orchestra parts that you may have at home. Several items were not returned last year.