

February 6th, 2026

Dear Orchestra parents and Students:

A wonderful event is coming up and I wanted to make everyone aware of another opportunity to perform!

Solo and Ensemble Festival: This event is open to all orchestra students! It will take place this year on Saturday, April 18th at Sterling School/Charles Town Center in Greenville.

Students can sign up to play a solo or perform as a member of an ensemble (a small group of 2-4 players). At the Festival, students play for a judge and receive a rating. The ratings are as follows: Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair & Poor. Students earning a Superior rating receive a medal and a certificate. Students who earn an Excellent or a Good rating receive a certificate.

This festival is an excellent chance for students to show off their talent, gain confidence in their playing and receive feedback from another orchestra teacher (the judge)! :)

The cost for the festival is very small: \$10 for a solo or \$5 for each ensemble member if you choose to learn a group song. Students may sign up for a solo or an ensemble or one of each. Students may not participate in more than 1 ensemble. If this fee poses a hardship, please talk with Mrs. Anderson - she has access to funds to help make this event a reality for all students!

All Solo and Ensemble registration forms & money – must be turned in by Monday, February 23rd. No late money or forms will be accepted! If you are playing in an ensemble, each member of the group must turn their form & money in on time!

I will work with the students to help them choose music that is good fit for their current playing ability. Students who take private lessons should ask their teacher which piece they would like for them to perform. Students in ensembles should be aware that the bulk of your rehearsals will be on your own time in morning practice or with your own location arrangement.

If you have any questions about Solo and Ensemble Festival, please don't hesitate to call or email!

Musically,

Mrs. Anderson

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SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 18th

Location: Sterling School/Charles Town Center

Solo & Ensemble festival will be on Saturday morning. Students will be assigned a time to perform for the judge. You will be notified of your performance time about 2 weeks before the event. Students should plan to dress up for the event (normal orchestra concert clothes or nice church-type clothes).

Parents are responsible for taking their child to the event, waiting while they play and then taking them home, but Mrs. Anderson will be there to help tune, give pep-talks, and assist wherever I am needed.

Parents are not allowed in the room with the judge while your child is playing.

Please check your family calendar BEFORE you sign up for this event. When you cancel or no-show, it hurts the other students in your group and/or wastes the judge's time.

SOLO: \$10

ENSEMBLE: \$5 (per member)

***Your child can sign up for a Solo or Ensemble – or both.**

**** All checks should be made out to *BRMS*.**

Please cut off and return this form and \$ to Mrs. Anderson.

ALL FORMS AND MONEY ARE DUE BY Monday February 23rd!

Student's NAME: _____

My child would like to perform a:

_____ Solo- \$10

_____ Ensemble- \$5 per member

I want to be in an ensemble with: (make sure you've talked to these people BEFORE you turn this in!)

_____ I will provide transportation to Sterling School/Charles Town Center. I will wait while my child performs and take them home.

Parent Signature