



UGHS Orchestra Parents/Guardians,

My name is Michael Wright, and I am the orchestra director at Union Grove High School. Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! This year will be expanding our live performance events, developing relationships with the elementary schools, and continuing to build on the skills of our wonderful UGHS string musicians.

Besides this letter, you should receive a syllabus and uniform letter. Please read the syllabus completely and fill out the information sheet so that I have a means of contacting you and addressing issues as they may arise. You may contact me at michael.wright@henry.k12.ga.us. I use Remind text messages to let students know of upcoming events; please join the list by texting your student's class code (see syllabus) to 81010. Be in contact with your students in case they have new information from me, and feel free to send me questions at ANY time.

In order to maintain our instruments and music library, the UGHS Orchestra requests a fee of **\$60** at the beginning of the year. We use this money to make necessary repairs, purchase music, and cover contest fees that may arise. There will be fundraisers later in the year to support our classroom necessities as well. Should there be fundraising prizes, students will be expected to meet the \$60 fee FIRST, before counting their amount towards prizes.

Our concert dates are listed below; other opportunities may be added as they arise throughout the school year. These are REQUIRED events! Please see the syllabus regarding missed concert events:

September 28th Thursday – 7:00 PM – Orchestra / Chorus Opening Concert – Fairview PAC

December 4th Monday– 5:00 PM – Symphonic Choral Concert with Rehearsal (Chamber) - Fairview PAC

December 12th Monday – 6:30 PM – Winter Concert (Phil/Symph/UGMS) – Bethany Baptist Church (SENT HOME LIKE THIS, SHOULD HAVE BEEN 11TH)

February 12th Monday – 6:30 PM – Pre-LGPE Concert – UGHS Main Gym

March 11-12th – Time TBA – Large Group Performance Evaluation – Jonesboro FBC

May 6nd Monday – 7:00 PM – Spring Concert – Fairview PAC

And finally... Congratulations! You have just joined the **Union Grove High School Orchestra Boosters!** This is a dues-free organization that we will use to facilitate fundraising, spread important information, and allow you to have regular involvement with your student's orchestra. I hope to meet each of you at our first meeting, which will be **August 7th at 7:00 PM** in the orchestra room. Thank you in advance for your support, and for the privilege of working with your student at Union Grove High School!

Many thanks,

Union Grove High School Orchestra Information Sheet

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ **Instrument:** _____

T-shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

School instrument needed for performances? (circle one) Cello Bass None

If you circle an instrument above, make sure to check the Maintenance Fee below

Parent / Guardian Name(s)

Name _____ Name _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Email _____

Which do you prefer (circle one)? Phone E-mail

\$60 Fee Included (please check) _____

\$50 Cello/Bass Maintenance included (please check) _____ : this is required of students who use school cellos or school bass bows in concert performances

I am willing to volunteer in the following ways (check all that apply):

___ chaperoning ___ publicity ___ special projects
___ school day volunteer ___ concert night volunteer

*I have read and understand all of the objectives, requirements, and expectations for the course
___Orchestra___ taught by ___Michael Wright_____.*

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____