



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 and our Beginning Violin program! We successfully integrated this new course into our schedule last year and had great success with it. I look forward to you helping to continue the musical development of this young program.

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.

The mainline orchestra classes generally provide a \$60 fee to the orchestra in order to help cover materials and relieve costs of repairs. Because this is an exploratory class, I am not requesting that fee from Beginning Violin students. However, I do ask that students bring **\$15** to cover their Essential Elements book; this is the text we will work with to learn the fundamentals of reading, instrument maintenance, and other important concepts. These can be purchased from me directly, and I already have them ready to go. If you wish to purchase one on your own, please verify with me first so I can make sure you have the correct text. Also, mainline orchestra students receive a t-shirt from their dues which Beginning students will NOT receive; however, the UGHS Orchestra merch store will be open to all orchestra families at the beginning of the year and I hope you will consider purchasing items to show support throughout the school!

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:

December 5th Tuesday - Beginning Violin Demonstration - UGHS Main Gym

May 6th Monday – 7:00 PM – Spring Concert (with full UGHS Orchestra department) – 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,

Michael Wright – Union Grove HS Orchestra Director – michael.wright@henry.k12.ga.us

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) _____

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: _____