

# McKinney Boyd Orchestra Notes

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## Important Updates

Mr. Lyle and Mr. Needham are both doing well and are anxious to get back to school and make music with our students! Mr. Needham will be back on Tuesday and Mr. Lyle on Wednesday of this week. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this unforeseen absence.

We have several important updates:

### Back to School Party

This party was scheduled for this Thursday evening. Because of multiple health issues and the directors being out, this party has been **postponed**. As soon as we have a make-up date, we will try again.

### **Directors Return!**

Please be prepared to play in each class this week.

**Tuesday - Mr. Needham returns**

**Wednesday - Mr. Lyle returns**

### **Booster Club**

Please get your car washed and support our Boyd Orchestra Booster Club!


**All through  
September, get any  
car wash at Parkway  
Auto Spa and  
Orchestra gets 20%  
back!**

Use the code below when you  
check out and it automatically  
scans to Boyd Orchestra



BoydOrchestra

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## **Previously on Orchestra Notes...**

**Instruments/Lockers** - All students should now have a locker and will need to have instruments at school on Monday.

**Black Binders** - We are asking each student to have a black binder specifically for orchestra. Most students have these from previous years. If you do not have one, please go get one over the weekend.

### **CALENDAR UPDATE**

The Winter concert has been permanently moved to Thursday, December 9. This is a change from what was previously reported. All calendars have been updated to reflect this change.

[All Region Orchestra Audition Music](#) - For those choosing to audition for All Region Orchestra

All forms for the current school year will be completed online. There are two separate links on the orchestra website under the "Parents" tab where forms will need to be completed. The district is requiring some forms to be completed on the Rank One website. All other forms are completed through our google form.

Please visit our website [www.boydorchestra.com](http://www.boydorchestra.com) to complete all current school year forms.

### **Orchestra Fees**

All students will be charged a \$70 program operation fee for the current school year. Anyone using a school instrument will also be charged a district required \$50 instrument rental fee. Both of these fees can be paid online on our orchestra website through a site called Ludus. There is a 5% fee charged for using Ludus. Checks may also be brought to the orchestra room safe. All checks should be made out to McKinney ISD. No cash will be accepted.

### **Orchestra Handbook**

The Orchestra handbook can be found on our website. For an overview of our classroom procedures and grading policies, please watch this four minute video.

#### **Procedures and Grades**



#### **Program Goals:**

- **Community**
- **Character**
- **Excellence**

*Foster a positive and safe environment where every student feels valued and every student is challenged.*

#### **Boyd Orchestra Website**

Stay up to date by visiting our website at <http://www.boydorchestra.com>

All calendar updates will be posted on this site and you can find links to forms as well and other pertinent information about our program. You may also view the directors "Intro" Videos on the home panel

## **Masks and Orchestra seating**

Masks and social distancing are no longer required in Texas public schools. We will be seating students in a traditional orchestra set-up with two students sharing one stand and not socially distanced. Students are encouraged to make whatever decision they need to feel safe regarding the use of masks. ALL student decisions will be supported and negative student peer pressure towards others will not be tolerated. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available at the entrance of the room.

## **Boyd Orchestra Class Schedule**

- 1st Period Conference (7:30-8:20)
- 2nd Period Concert Orchestra (Mr. Lyle, 8:26-9:16)
- 3rd Period Divertimento Orchestra (Mr. Needham, 9:22-10:15)
- A Lunch (10:15-10:45)
- 4th Period Honors Consortium Orchestra (Mr. Needham, 10:50-11:45)
- 5th Period Honors Chamber Orchestra (Mr. Needham, 11:51-12:45)
- 6th Period Chamber Orchestra (Mr. Lyle, 12:51-1:41)
- 7th Period Concert Orchestra (Mr. Lyle, 1:47-2:37)

**Both Concert Orchestra classes (2nd/7th) will combine for concerts and will be playing the same music. Honors Consortium and Honors Chamber will combine for Full Orchestra for the December Concert and for UIL in February.**

## **Join Remind!**

Please use these codes to join your class or group.

Send a Text to 81010 with the correct class code or click on the link (class name).

[Concert Orchestra 2nd Period](#) - @ffdh8e4

[Concert Orchestra 7th Period](#) - @khe6dk8

[Divertimento Orchestra](#) - @24k32h

[Chamber Orchestra](#) - @d5d7d

[Honors Chamber Orchestra](#) - @c8ccgb

[Honors Consortium Orchestra](#) - @6h7a94

[Ambassadors](#) - @hddf44

[Boyd Orchestra Parents](#) - @ea3ckc

## **Ambassadors**

We will be continuing the Ambassadors program at Boyd HS. While our main priorities will be developing individual and group playing skill in each of our 6 Orchestras, we value the contributions of the Boyd Ambassadors. Students in all 6 Orchestra classes will be given the chance to apply for this program. Our focus will be on quality of performance level and quality performance opportunities. We ask for patience as the new directors get assimilated into the McKinney ISD and Boyd HS environments and develop our philosophy for the Boyd Ambassadors. As soon as we are able, we will begin this program for the current school year.

## **Calendar Events**



- **POSTPONED** - Back to School Social - Thursday, August 26, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Stadium Community Event Center
- Boyd HS Parent Meeting - Monday, August 30, 7:00 p.m.
- Fall Graduation - Honors Consortium only, Wednesday, September 15, Boyd Auditorium
- Activity Fee and Instrument Rental Fee due - Tuesday, September 21
- Region Auditions - Saturday, October 2
- **Fall Concert** - Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. Boyd Auditorium
- Full Orchestra rehearsals (Consortium and Honors Chamber only) - Wednesday's in November 10,17, Dec. 1 - 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- **\*\*\*Winter Concert** - Thursday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. Boyd Auditorium

## Coming soon...

Information on Spring trip, Private lessons, Ambassadors, Uniforms

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