

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA VIOLIN/ VIOLA PROGRAM

Dear OLSS families,

I am very pleased to announce that we will be offering violin and viola lessons at OLSS beginning this spring. Our teacher will be Ms. Elizabeth Feist. Ms. Feist has been playing for some of our school masses and our Christmas program, and has also visited some of our music classes to play for the students and show them her instruments. This program is offered as an addition to our music program for students who wish to have private violin or viola lessons during the school day. If you are interested, please read below for more information. If you would like to register for lessons, please email smedleym@verizon.net.

OPEN TO: OLSS students in grades K-8.

LESSON SCHEDULE: Lessons are weekly, with one 30 minute private lesson each week on Wednesdays. The lesson time for each student is arranged with the student's classroom teacher.

COST: \$10 per lesson, payable by the month the first week of each month. The payment will be determined based on the number of lessons scheduled for that month, deducted for field trips and school vacation days. If your child misses a lesson during the month due to illness or school closing due to weather, the amount for that lesson will be deducted from the next payment.

STUDENT/PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Please note that your child will need to have an instrument for home practice. Violins and violas come in different sizes and can be purchased or rented from a music store or purchased on line. It is very important that your child be measured to determine the proper instrument size before you get an instrument. This can be done either at school or at a music store. Before signing up for lessons, please talk with your child about the importance of regular practice at home. About 10 minutes each day, at least 5 days a week, is appropriate for young beginners, with practice time increasing for older or more advanced students. Families should think about their other activities and schoolwork demands to help decide if they are able to commit to the time needed for music lessons. Your child will also need to remember to bring his/her instrument and lesson materials to school on lesson day.

ABOUT Ms. Feist: Elizabeth Feist received her violin and viola training in the Suzuki method. She was selected as a member of the Maryland All-State Orchestra all four years of high school and was also chosen through a very competitive audition process for a month-long national student orchestra music camp following high school where she worked with members of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington D.C. In addition to experience as a solo performer, she has been affiliated with the COSMIC Symphony, the Cornell University Symphony, and St. Mary's County Summerstock orchestra.

VIOLIN/VIOLA PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Please register my child for violin/viola (circle one) lessons. I have read and agree to the attached policies and information.

Parent Signature: _____