

BALDWIN STRING PROGRAM

Introduction

Hello! Welcome to Baldwin's String Program! We are so glad you are here; it is going to be an awesome year! My name is Laura Walters, and I am the new string teacher! Some of you might remember me from last year, I held the band director position here at Baldwin. Before coming to this school I taught three years of high school orchestra at George Washington Carver in Birmingham, AL. I am a University of Alabama alumni, class of 2013, and hold a bachelor's degree in instrumental music education. I have played string bass for over twenty years, which is my primary instrument, and am trained to play all the instruments in the orchestral family. My husband and I just welcomed our first son this spring, Paul, who is almost four months old! I look forward to meeting each of you personally and working with your children!

Orchestra Supply List 2017-2018

Each student in the BAAMS Orchestra Program is responsible for providing the following supplies:

Beginning String Students - Level I

- *Essential Elements 2000 for Strings Book I* – (violin, viola, cello or bass)
- *Essential Elements 2000 for Strings Book II* – (violin, viola, cello or bass)
- *All for Strings Book Theory Workbook I*
- *Rhythm and Dictation* by Jeremy Woolstenhulme
- If not renting from school, the following accessories:

Violin/Viola: Shoulder Rest, Rosin, Cleaning Cloth

Cello/Bass: Rock Stop, Rosin, Cleaning Cloth

-Pencils (mechanical or No. 2, enough to have a pencil every day in class)

-Two pocket folder (see color assignments below)

-Lysol item (canister or wipes or disinfectant spray)

Intermediate Strings - Level II

- *Essential Elements 2000 for Strings Book II* – (violin, viola, cello or bass)
- *Essential Technique for Strings {Essential Elements Book III}* – (violin, viola, cello or bass)
- *All for Strings Book Theory Workbook II*
- *Rhythm and Dictation* by Jeremy Woolstenhulme
- If not renting from school, the following accessories:

Violin/Viola: Shoulder Rest, Rosin, Cleaning Cloth

Cello/Bass: Rock Stop, Rosin, Cleaning Cloth

-Pencils (mechanical or No. 2, enough to have a pencil every day in class)

-Two pocket folder (see color assignments below)

-Lysol item (canister or wipes or disinfectant spray)

Advanced Strings - Level III

- *Essential Elements 2000 for Strings Book II* – (violin, viola, cello or bass)

- *Essential Technique for Strings {Essential Elements Book III}* – (violin, viola, cello or bass)
 - *All for Strings Book Theory Workbook II*
 - If not renting from school, the following accessories:
 Violin/Viola: Mute, Shoulder Rest, Rosin, Cleaning Cloth
 Cello/Bass: Mute, Rock Stop, Rosin, Cleaning Cloth
- Pencils (mechanical or No. 2, enough to have a pencil every day in class)
 -Two pocket folder (see color assignments below)
 -Lysol item (canister or wipes or disinfectant spray)

ALL students need a two pocket folder in the following colors:

1 st Period – Red	2 nd Period – Orange	3 rd Period – Yellow
5 th Period – Green	6 th Period – Blue	7 th Period – Purple

**ALL Orchestra method books can be purchased at local music stores (Art’s Music Shop has Baldwin’s supply list); however, to insure all method books are available at the same time, I recommend ordering from Amazon, SHAR music or JWpepper online.*

Volunteer Request

Throughout the school year we will need a few orchestra parents to volunteer for various events for our students. For example, we will need a couple volunteers the night of the winter and spring concert to help sell tickets at the door before the show. We will also need parents to volunteer to chaperone any field trips that we might take. Please contact me personally if you are interested in helping our students thrive this year!

More Information

_____Your students will be receiving an orchestra syllabus on the first day of school. Please make sure you read through it with your students! There is tons of information in there that you will want to know, I will read over it with students in each class. Important dates, uniform guidelines, google classroom, remind 101 text messaging services, all of these details can be found in the orchestra syllabus.

It’s Going To Be A Great Year!

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