



## BECKENDORFF ORCHESTRAS

“Excellence Lives Here”

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### SEPTEMBER MUSIC NOTES

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**CONGRATULATIONS! The Beckendorff Honor Orchestra won FIRST PLACE in the 2019 Houston Cup Orchestra Competition! The Houston Cup is a local competition celebrating and recognizing excellent teaching in the middle school orchestra level in the Houston area. Way to go! Excellence Lives Here!**

#### **DID YOU UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ON CHARMS?**

Please make sure to log into your child’s account and update your information. Charms will be used for communication and recorded playing tests. Need help? Go to our website and click on the “Charms” link to read how to access your online account: [www.beckendorfforchestras.org](http://www.beckendorfforchestras.org)

#### **GOT PRIVATE LESSONS?**

Private lessons offer one-on-one assistance for your child outside of the regular school day. Lessons enhance your child’s music education. Quality lesson teachers meet weekly to cover scales, etudes, technique, and solo repertoire—items that cannot be covered in an orchestra rehearsal. This is the number one way to ensure that your child is receiving individualized instruction and to also help your child progress faster. Lessons do not replace school orchestra involvement, but they allow students to come to rehearsals with better technique which, in turn, allows our orchestras to play more advanced literature and continue to do very well. Please email Mr. Butz for the Recommended Private Lesson Teacher List: [kareltbutz@katyisd.org](mailto:kareltbutz@katyisd.org)

#### **ORCHESTRA PATRON PROGRAM**

Please consider donating to our Beckendorff Orchestra Patron Program. These funds allow us to purchase orchestra equipment, music, books, materials, and to bring in several guest artists and sectional coaches to work with our outstanding orchestra musicians throughout the year. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 this year. 100% of donations go directly to our orchestra program. Go to [www.beckendorfforchestras.org](http://www.beckendorfforchestras.org) to download, print, and return your donation. Please make checks payable to ‘BDJH Orchestra’. Cash is also accepted. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our amazing musicians.

**DEMONSTRATION “INFORMANCE” – Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

The First Year Orchestra Demonstration “Informance” is **Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. in the Beckendorff Cafeteria**. Students will demonstrate what they have learned in class thus far. Parents should attend as Mr. Butz and Ms. Clement will provide important information about the orchestral program and how to practice with your child.

**All FYO students should arrive at 5:45 p.m. for tuning. This is a required graded event for FYO students.** Please bring your home cello and bass rental instruments to this event. Students should wear normal school attire (no need to wear formal uniform or “dress up”). We look forward to seeing you there!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Beckendorff Orchestra Ice Cream Social is **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:55-4:30 p.m.** This social is only for currently enrolled BDJH orchestra students.

**Permission Form & What to Bring:** [www.beckendorfforchestras.org](http://www.beckendorfforchestras.org) Download, print, sign, and return to school. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders drop off ice cream before school on the day of the social. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders please drop off toppings and supplies in the orchestra room on the day of the social. **Please bring ice cream and materials to the orchestra room before school on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Chaperones are needed:** Go to [www.beckendorfforchestras.org](http://www.beckendorfforchestras.org) to sign-up online for your chaperone spot.

**FALL CONCERT – Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., Seven Lakes HS PAC**

Our Fall Concert is **Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. in the Seven Lakes High School Performing Arts Center. Students must arrive by 6:00 p.m. for tuning and warm-up.** More details will be announced soon. As always, parents, friends, and family are highly encouraged to attend this event.

**This is a required event and a major grade event.** Please refer to our student handbook regarding concert and grading policies: [www.beckendorfforchestras.org](http://www.beckendorfforchestras.org)

**REGION AUDITIONS – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m., Seven Lakes JH**

**Region audition material was distributed August 27<sup>th</sup>. The entry fee is \$20. Check payable to ‘BDJH Orchestra’. The Region registration form and money is due AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** The Region audition is required only for Honor Orchestra members. Sinfonia Orchestra members are expected and encouraged to go for Region audition as well. Other orchestra students may learn the audition etude and take the audition only if they are musically ready for this experience and given permission by Mr. Butz (**The region experience is not yet musically appropriate for students in the FYO or Camerata orchestras.** However, next year, students in these orchestras are strongly encouraged to pursue the audition.) **Please work on the region packets with your private teacher as class time will not be utilized to learn this music.**

Region Honor Orchestra is comprised of the top string students from Katy, Houston, and Alief school districts. The orchestras rehearse and perform in November.

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