



Taylor High School Orchestra

James E. Taylor High School
20700 Kingsland Boulevard
Katy, Texas 77450

Monday, March 8, 2010

Reminders:

- 1) **Chamber & Philharmonic Orchestra members** will be receiving a copy of the itinerary. Full Orchestra students must provide a completed **“Request for Post-Activity Student Release Form”** if you are going to ride home with your parents. Only your own parents may drive you home from this contest. You may not ride home with another student’s parents. You will need to check out with Mr. Engelmann or Mrs. Rauscher with your parents.

- 2) **Chicago participants** will be receiving a copy of the **2010 THS Orchestra Chicago Trip Itinerary** today in class. Please read through the itinerary carefully.
The following items will be required on or before Thursday, March 4, 2010:
 - a. **Completed Code of Conduct agreement** signed by you and your parents.
 - b. You will need to put all of your **medications in a zip lock clear plastic bag** with your name printed neatly on the bag in permanent marker. Please include a required **KISD Student Medication Administration during Off Campus Activities** form within the plastic bag with the medications, which clearly states when or if, medications should be administered. *You may want to include Tylenol medicine or any as needed medications for headaches, pains, colds and allergies. Please make sure you check the expiration date of any medication you give us so that we will be able to dispense it to you as need on our trip.*

- 3) **Cellists and Bassists:** **Bring your roc stops to school on Tuesday (UIL) and Wednesday (Chicago Trip).**

Calendar Update:

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010:

Chamber Orchestra

3:00PM-3:20PM

October – Eric Whitacre
Serenata Notturna – Mozart

Symphony Strings

3:20PM-3:30PM

Fantasia on Greensleeves – Vaughan Williams
St. Paul Suite – Jig – Gustav Holst

Full Orchestra Rehearsal

3:30PM – 5:30PM

Sightreading

Euryanthe Overture – von Weber
New World Symphony – Dvorak
Comedian Suite - Kabalevsky

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010:

UIL FULL ORCHESTRA CONTEST AT SEVEN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

Location: Seven Lakes High School
9251 South Fry Road
Katy, TX 77494
P: 281-237-2800

What to bring: 1) Instrument, 2) contest music 3) full contest uniform.

UIL Contest Time Line:

Taylor High School Orchestra Symphony Orchestra (Full Orchestra)

12:10p.m. Load equipment truck with percussion, basses, cellos, tuba, trombone, & bassoon.

12:30p.m. Change into contest uniform immediately and then bring your instrument, music, and supplies to the bus.

1:00p.m **Buses #1, 2, 3,** and the equipment truck depart for Seven Lakes High School

1:30p.m. Arrive at Seven Lakes High School and unload instrument and accessories.

2:10p.m. Cue up for warm-up area

2:20p.m. Warm-up

3:05p.m. Leave warm-up for the PAC stage

3:15p.m. Performance

3:45 p.m. Sight-reading

4:15p.m Load the bus while Mr. Engelmann picks up our ratings.

4:50p.m. **Buses 1 & 2** (bus three is not needed because parents will take some of the students home from contest) return to Seven Lakes High School and we depart for Taylor High School

5:15p.m. Arrive back at Taylor HS

FULL ORCHESTRA STUDENTS: YOU MUST PROVIDE A COMPLETED STUDENT POST ACTIVITY TRAVEL RELEASE FORM, IF YOU ARE GOING TO RIDE HOME WITH YOUR PARENTS AFTER THE CONTEST IS COMPLETED. THANK YOU!!! ☺

REMINDERS:

1) No student is allowed to leave the campus at anytime unless directed to do so by Mr. Engelmann.

2) **PERCUSSIONISTS AND OTHER LARGE INSTRUMENT**

PERFORMERS: Percussionists are responsible for loading and unloading percussion equipment on and off the Equipment truck at Taylor HS And at the performance site. Do not leave the group to go change clothes or go home, until the truck is completely loaded or unloaded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010

CHECKED LUGGAGE CHECK IN TIME

7:00AM-7:30AM or 2:35PM-4:00PM

You will be required to fit your uniform garment bag within in your one checked bag. NO EXCEPTIONS! ☺ Be sure that you reserve space in checked luggage suitcase to fit your garment bag that will hold all of your uniform parts including your hanger and shoes. Be sure to bring your luggage in Wednesday so that you may pack your garment bag into your checked luggage suitcase immediately after it has been inspected by one of the uniform moms.

All participating students must bring in their luggage for inspection from

7:00AM-7:30AM or 3:00PM – 4:00PM

We will be looking for the following items in your one checked luggage suitcase:

- 1) All cellists bring in their **personal cellos** to be bubble wrapped.
- 2) Cellists borrowing hard shell cello cases: need to put their cellos in their borrowed cases that you will be borrowing to be bubble wrapped.
- 3) Bring one **nice dressy outfit** (i.e. **suit and ties for boys and nice dresses for the girls**) for our **Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert**.
- 4) Bring one **smart, casual outfit** for you to wear to the **audience portion of our Circle of Honor Orchestra Festival on Saturday at Symphony Hall and for the rest of our Saturday Itinerary.**

SMART CASUAL ATTIRE:

Boys: Polo or dress shirt; dress or khaki slacks, top-siders or dress shoes;

Girls: Polo or dress blouse, skirt or dress, flats or dress shoes

- 5) **REMINDER:** *If you bring an instrument on the plane (violins & violas only), you will only be permitted to bring a purse size bag with you.*

After your check-in luggage has been inspected it will be locked in one of the practice rooms until Thursday, March 11th.

BUBBLE WRAP: Please do not tear up or throw away your bubble wrap (i.e. popping the air pockets) until you have returned home to Taylor on Monday, March 15, 2010. We will not have additional bubble wrap to re-wrap your instrument when we leave Chicago.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

Chicago Departure day! ☺

1:15PM - ARRIVE IN THE ORCHESTRA ROOM

Pick up your check-in luggage from the orchestra room and immediately load your gear on your assigned bus which will be parked on Withington Drive which is the street directly behind Nottingham County Elementary School:

- 1) One check-in piece of luggage
- 2) One carry-on item
- 3) One small purse sized item
- 4) Your instrument with accessories (i.e. rosin, strings, shoulder rests, roc stops, stool, and mallets)
- 5) Your personal copy of your performance music (Do not rely on your stand partner for music)
- 6) Be sure you have your current photo identification card that was copied so that it matches your airline ticket.

Do not leave any of your personal items unattended at any time!!! Be sure that you load each of your personal items on your assigned bus before you take your seat on the bus.

1:30 PM Buses arrive at our bus loading location on Withington Drive behind Nottingham Elementary. Students and chaperones load luggage and instruments. All students and chaperones load their checked luggage and instruments in the storage area below and put their carry-on purse size item onto the bus to identify their seat.

Attention students chaperoned by Connie and Emil Stavinoha: You will check in with Mr. Engelmann for each of your check-ins until we arrive at our hotel in Chicago.

BE SURE THAT YOUR INSTRUMENT, ACCESSORIES, AND LUGGAGE ARE LOADED ON THE BUS. DO NOT RELY ON OTHERS TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR LOADING RESPONSIBILITIES! ☺

2:00 PM Depart for Bush Intercontinental Airport, Terminal E.

Sincerely,

George Engelmann
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Orchestra Director
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