

**Virginia Music Educators Association
Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association
4th Annual District IV Junior Orchestra**

Dear Orchestra Students and Parents,

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the 4th Annual Junior District Orchestra. The event will be held on Friday, January 13th at Western Branch High School. Registration will begin on Friday at 9:30 a.m. The event will conclude with a concert on Friday at 7:00 p.m. Students should come dressed in their concert attire on Friday morning. Concert attire will be black pants or skirt, white shirt or blouse, black socks and shoes.

Your child's orchestra director will inform you of transportation arrangements. Please sign and return (to your child's orchestra teacher) the attached registration form and enclose the \$16 registration fee. The fee can be paid in cash or check made payable to your child's school. If your child cannot participate in the entire event, please let your child's teacher know so the first alternate may participate in your child's place.

Please review the following information with your child. Failure to adhere to it may result in dismissal from the District Orchestra Event.

- ♪ Students and teachers must attend all rehearsals in their entirety.
- ♪ Nametags will be issued to students at the event and should be worn at all times.
- ♪ Students should bring a bag lunch with them. Dinner will be provided.
- ♪ Students should not bring valuables (jewelry, electronic devices, etc.) to the event. Chesapeake Public Schools cannot assume the responsibility for lost or stolen items.
- ♪ Excellent behavior is expected at all times. Students should be attentive and courteous to the guest conductor and follow his or her instructions as well as the teachers and other adults present. All school rules and regulations apply while on Chesapeake Public Schools property.
- ♪ Students should come prepared with their own set of music, two sharpened pencils, extra strings, and rosin. Violinist and Violists should have their shoulder rest, while cello and bass players should bring a rock stop. Bass players should bring their own stool.
- ♪ Each student, prior to the first rehearsal on January 13th, should learn his or her music. Guest conductors will have the opportunity to perfect and polish the ensemble's performance. It is the responsibility of your child's teacher to prepare the music with your child before the event.

The orchestra directors of the district look forward to sharing this exciting honor with your child. We express our gratitude to all the parents, directors, and students participating in the 2012 District IV Junior Orchestra and look forward to working with you in January.

Sincerely,
Angela Sorce & Alice Glasco
Event Co-Chairs