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MONROE MS EAGLE ORCHESTRAS

Kelsey Dewar, Director

ABOUT ME



- 7th Year in D200
 - BME in Music Education from Wheaton College
 - Grew up in the Detroit Area and started playing the violin at age 8
 - Passion for teaching students & creating an orchestra family
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BE A SUCCESSFUL ORCHESTRA STUDENT

PREPARED

- All materials
- Space to practice & rehearse

ORGANIZED

- Keep track of music, important dates & our sectional schedule

PARTICIPATE

- Be prepared with your part and play along during class sessions

PRACTICE

- Goal is 4-5 times/week for 20-30 minutes

ORCHESTRA OVERVIEW

CLASS SESSIONS

- Synchronous (live) session every day
- Sectional once per week during asynchronous time (8:00-9:00 AM)
 - 7th Grade: Monday
 - 8th Grade: Tuesday
 - 6th Grade: Wednesday/Friday

CURRICULUM

- Performances (solo & group)
- Music Theory
- Sight Reading & Technique
- Watching concerts

PERFORMANCES

In a year unlike any other, students will still perform! May include...

- Virtual Recitals/Concerts
- Solo Portfolios
- Recorded Performances
- Outdoor Concerts

PARENT & STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

PARENTS:

- Encourage practicing at home!
- Give positive feedback and ask students to perform for you
- Make sure your child has the materials needed to be successful

STUDENTS:

- Chamber Orchestra (3:15-4:00 on Wednesdays)
- ILMEA Jr. Festival Orchestra
- Private lessons
- Form a small ensemble with classmates
- 8th grade: Orchestra Board (11:00-11:15 on Wednesdays)

EXTRA INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Are you receiving my emails? If not, please send an email to kelsey.dewar@cusd200.org

Orchestra Facebook Page: "Monroe Middle School Orchestra"

DATES TO KNOW:

ILMEA Audition Deadline: Oct. 15th

Solo & Ensemble Registration Deadline: Nov. 6th