

# HMS 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORCHESTRA

## Teresa Hoebeke, Director



Dear Parent and Students:

Welcome to the HMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra! I am very excited to have your child in my class this year! Students will need to have the following orchestra supplies to begin class:

1. Properly sized instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass)
2. Electronic tuner w/pick-up clip (Snark, Korg, Intelli-Touch) OR tuner app (Chroma, gStrings, Tonal Energy, etc.)
3. Rosin (specific for your instrument)
4. Shoulder Rest (Violins and Violas ONLY)
5. Endpin Stop (Cellos and Basses ONLY)
6. Soft cleaning cloth

**Optional supplies include:** wire music stand (great for practicing at home), complete set of strings (violin, viola, and cello), and a metronome or metronome app (helps the student keep a steady beat when practicing)

**Your child will also need a method book: ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS BOOK 1.** Please be sure that your child has the correct music book for his/her instrument. Due to the high number of beginning students in orchestra, some music stores may run out of music books and other supplies quickly.

Make sure that you also purchase the correct rosin for your instrument. Violins, violas, and cellos may all use the same type of rosin. Basses should specifically ask for bass rosin (“Pops” brand bass rosin in the red container is preferred.)

Your child will need the above equipment and supplies for class by **Monday, August 31**. A list of local music stores and rental flyers can be found in your student’s Microsoft Teams for orchestra. You may also check the HMS Orchestra website <http://www.hopewellorchestra.weebly.com> for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 470-254-8479. You may also contact me via email at: [hoebeket@fultonschools.org](mailto:hoebeket@fultonschools.org).

Thank you for your support of the HMS Orchestra. I look forward to meeting you and working with your child this school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Teresa Hoebeke  
Orchestra Director