

Reynolds String Ensemble 2024-25

Director: Ms. Kerr



Welcome to the Reynolds String Ensemble! We have another exciting year planned for our strings ensemble with great new music that is both challenging and fun! Students are expected to arrive on time and with everything they need to be successful for our rehearsals and performances. Practice and participation is mandatory in order to be successful in this class.

Rehearsal times:

Wednesday: 7:30-8:30am in the Theatre

Thursday: @ lunch 11:27-12:15 in the Theatre

***our first rehearsal with instruments will be Wednesday, Sept 18 at 7:30 AM**

Cellos will be stored in the theatre on our Cello rack- this space remains locked when not in use. Violins and violas can be stored in the band room-any open slot in the instrument cupboards is fine. It is the responsibility of the student to purchase or rent a strings instrument as our school does not own any, however the district has a stock of string instruments if you wish to rent from them - please talk to Ms. Kerr if you would like a district rental form. *No student will be denied access to the music program due to financial hardship (email Ms. Kerr at kkerr@sd61.bc.ca for assistance).

Contact:

The best way to stay informed is through our **Strings Google Classroom**. Please join and fill out the Strings Student Information form to ensure your contact information is up to date for any upcoming events, information, tours or schedule changes.

-Google Classroom class code is fl5gv3g

-If you can't find what you need there or you need to alert me to an absence then please email me at kkerr@sd61.bc.ca

-Instagram: reynolds.music.ensemble for updates and fun!

Uniforms:

The Strings Ensemble wears a uniform of all black dress clothes. **Students are responsible for providing their own uniform** and ensuring they look professional and polished. Please no jeans or yoga pants. Skirts and dresses are fine if worn with black leggings. Students who fail to be in full uniform before a concert will not be able to participate.

Evaluation:

Evaluation will be based upon home practice, class participation, and performance.

- performance, by memory, of required scale exercises (looked at in daily warm ups)
- Daily oral work (checking rhythms, terms, key signatures, etc.)
- Regular at home practice
- Participation in class and group performance activities (Music Concerts), most of which occur outside of regular class time. **Participation in Concerts is mandatory for all members**, unless arrangements have been made with the director AHEAD OF TIME. EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT!
- Short playing tests per semester, which can be done in class or submitted by video

I'm looking forward to another great year of strings music!