

PCNO Update 9-18-23

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Good morning PCNO!

Our orchestra program has been fantastic so far this year! Musically, things are going mostly quite well. Both orchestras have grown immensely in just one month, but this is where the tough and most important work begins. Students may start feeling like they are doing "good enough" on their music and that they don't need to practice as much or even at all. This is most definitely not the case. We will never reach that point....all year long. If it were up to me, I would have every student practicing with a routine just like this every day:

1. Scales- 5-10 minutes
2. Technical Work (Shifting, Etudes, etc.)- 20 minutes
3. Orchestra Pieces- 30 minutes
4. Solo Work- 30 minutes

My most successful students will devote at least an hour to solo work and and 30-40 minutes of technical work.

Now, if you legitimately do not have that in your schedule, dial back the amount of time spent on each, but still try to work on all of these, if possible, to get the best results.

I would be willing to guess that only 25 out of 100 of our students actually practice every day. Most will practice sporadically.

If all of our students committed to practicing with the above routine every day, we would become the one of, if not, the best program in the state.

Parents, that part is up to you. I would find out how to motivate your child to work hard on their craft everyday!

Events Approaching:

S&B Burger Fundraiser TOMORROW from 5:00-9:00 PM

Tomorrow is our 2nd S&B Burger Fundraiser! Our 1st was a great success!

The ensemble (specific symphony members) will perform @ 7:00 PM. Please come out to support them and drop your receipt in the box so our program gets 20%! Invite friends and family!! S&B Burger Joint at 7640 NW Expressway

Required London Meeting WEDNESDAY, Sep. 20 @ 6:00 PM in the Little Theater

This meeting is required for ALL people going to London. We will be, hopefully, handing out jackets, everyone signing permission forms and medication forms, scanning passports (or giving Mr. Scott an ETA on your passport), 1st preview and walk through of the itinerary and you will meet with the people in your chaperone groups. SO MUCH happening in this meeting!!

OCU String Clinic on Friday, Sep. 29th for NCHO/ALL STATE Auditioners

I will bus students out to OCU and will excuse all those auditioning for NCHO/All State from 10:50 to the end of the day. The clinic will go until 4:30. Students will need to click [HERE](#) to fill out the form to go.

If your child needs to drive for any reason, I will need direct permission from the parent for the student to drive to OCU and that Putnam City will not be responsible for them. Parents will need to check the child out of school if this is the case.

NCHO Auditions on October 7th @ Edmond Santa Fe High School**OCU String Faculty Visit---October 13th (for Symphony)**

Maestro Grogran and the OCU String Faculty will be coming on October 13th to work with our Symphony from 1:20-3:10 that day. I will excuse all symphony students from 7th hour.

Working on getting Maestro Micklethwate from the OKC Philharmonic to come out and work with our groups as soon as we can nail down a good date for him to come.

BINGO NIGHT HAS BEEN CHANGED to Saturday, October 28th—Doors open at 5:30 and the event starts at 6:00 PM

This is a required performance for all students, but no one is required to "play." This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year so let's invite EVERYONE to come play! It's a cheap entry and you could win a big screen TV or even a playstation 5!!! Amazing prizes will be given out all evening and in the past, those who bid on the silent auction baskets get a steal of a deal!!!

Students 1st deadline to acquire prizes for the silent auction is September 25th. After this deadline we will revisit assigning vendors. The FINAL deadline is October 16th. THINK BIG!!

The student who brings in the highest \$\$ amount of donations will receive \$100 cash!!

That's all for now!

Have a great week!

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