

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings Special / Beginning Strings 2014-2015**

### **Tentative Performance plans:**

Tuesday, December 9	6:30 p.m.	Winter Concert
Tuesday, March 10	6:30 p.m.	Third Quarter Concert, Chamber Strings + Choir
Tuesday, May 19	6:30 p.m.	Spring Concert

[FYI, Symphonic Strings may also play for the Barnes & Noble Book Fair (Sunday, November 23 @ 2:00), and may compete in the ABODA Area Concert Festival (Friday, February 27, during school time).]

### **Concert attire for 2013-14:**

All gentlemen will wear:

plain white shirt (polo or dress shirt; no white t-shirts) with no tie  
black slacks (no black jeans!)  
black shoes (no sneakers!) and black socks

All ladies will wear:

plain white shirt (polo, dress shirt, or blouse; no white t-shirts)  
black slacks (no jeggings, nothing that looks "painted on", no capri-length)  
black shoes with black hose, trouser socks, or socks

### **Other Deadlines and Dates:**

Friday, February 6	Payment deadline for MS Region Audition (\$20.00) Please make checks payable to "NPA"
Saturday, February 28	Middle School Region Auditions & Solo & Ensemble NOTE: These auditions will be at Prescott Mile High MS
May 1-2	Middle School Region Festival at Page HS (\$20.00 participation fee; plus \$ for meals and hotel)

### ***What's this all about??***

Middle School Region Honor Festival is an optional event for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. There may be extra (free) "Fun Strings Hour" classes after school one day a week to help you prepare for the auditions.

The auditions involve a Saturday trip to Prescott, where you will play (by yourself) music you have prepared, in front of a very nice person who will judge your playing.

If you do well at the auditions, you will be invited to participate in the Northwest Arizona Middle School Region Honor Festival. This is around the first weekend in May. Sometimes it's in Flagstaff, sometimes other cities around the region. There are rehearsals on Friday and Saturday, and a concert on Saturday that's open to the public, so your family and friends can come watch.

We'll may "Fun Strings Hour" leading up to the Festival to help you learn the music and be ready!

### **Flagstaff Symphony Info:**

September 26 (Friday) at Ardrey Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. – “Symphonic Synthesis”, music of Bach, Cindy McTee, Saint-Saens (Carnival of the Animals) & Schumann (Symphony#3).

October 24 (Friday) at Ardrey Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. – “Fantastic FSO”: music of Dvorak, Liszt, and Berlioz (Symphonie Fantastique) – costume contest & student art display.

December 4 & 5 (Friday & Saturday) at Ardrey, 7:30 p.m. - Holiday Concert, featuring "The Nutcracker" - a part of this concert will be repeated (and free!) on Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m. - get your tickets early for this one!

January 28 (Friday) at Ardrey, 7:30 p.m. – “Breaking Boundaries”: music of William Grant Still, Bruce Reiprich (from NAU), and Beethoven (Symphony #6)

March 6 (Friday) at Ardrey, 7:30 p.m. – “British Invasion”: music of the Beatles, featuring “Jeans ‘n Classics”

April 17 (Friday) at Ardrey, 7:30 p.m. – “Carmina Burana”: with the Master Chorale of Flagstaff

### **Grading:**

Grading for this year will be based on the same scale for all quarters. Only the content of the Playing Quizzes will change. These are the approximate values:

Concert preparation	30%	(includes playing quizzes)
Concert performance	40%	
Listening Logs	15%	
Attention/attitude	15%	

Quarter 1:	Playing Quizzes	(Essential Elements)
Quarter 2:	Playing Quizzes	(Essential Elements + concert pieces)
Quarter 3:	Playing Quizzes	(Region excerpts + concert pieces)
Quarter 4:	Playing Quizzes	(concert pieces + as assigned)

We will also do Karate Strings “belts” (Novice Level) to mark your progress!

### **Other:**

Keep track of specifics, including all the dates shown above, on my web page, which you can find from the NPA homepage.

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