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Hello Orchestra Families,

We are looking forward to a great start to the new school year! There are many wonderful things happening at Lafayette and we are very proud to be involved with such a positive learning community. The staff and administration share a vision to help all students achieve a high level of academic and behavioral expectations.

Community, friendships, and outreach are three words that represent our vision for the program. Students in the Lafayette Orchestra Program have a rich tradition of musical excellence and pride through performing from the heart. We seek to share our talents and passions with the community.

As we begin a new year, we are filled with excitement and energy as many goals are discussed and shared among the classes. It's always a fun experience playing and listening to the new ensembles as they take the first steps to ownership in their groups.

We will keep our families informed of all the orchestra activities through emails, information on our website, phone calls and text messages to share positive notes, and sending informative letters home. The website is a great tool that includes a link to our calendar where you can find dates and times of most our activities. Another thing that you can do to ensure that all our correspondence is getting home we ask that you update your email addresses through your CHARMS account.

First Day of Orchestra Class

Students will not need to bring their instrument to class until the second meeting. Bass and cello students will be able to use a school instrument while we are encouraging the violin and viola student to bring their own. If a student does not own an instrument, we will be working to assign rental instruments for each student. The orchestra room is occupied in the morning by other classes so the doors will be unlocked prior to the first bell so that students can drop off their instrument. There are no assigned places for your instrument so pick vacant spot on the racks.

We are using Google Classroom this year so we are asking the students with smartphone access, please download the app and sign in using the following codes. We will go over the process the first day of class. If students do not have access to a smartphone, they may use a classroom computer or a home computer to sign in after school. We will be e-mailing out invitations to all students using their schools email account (@stu.fayette.kyschools.us).

Orchestra Handbook

All policies, procedures, and course requirements are found in the orchestra handbook. This document provides students with the behavior and academic expectations to ensure a successful year. We have a downloadable version available on our website so that each family can read over the handbook. All freshman students and new students will be given a hard copy to review during class this first week of school.

Parent Forms

In the parent signature packet found on our website, we have included a number of forms to be reviewed, filled out, and signed by **August 22**. This is a lot of information, so please do not hesitate to email the directors if you have any questions. All forms will be passed out to all students and they can also be found online on our orchestra website at www.lafayetteorchestra.org

New Parents and Booster Members Meeting Tuesday, August 26 6:00 pm Orchestra Room

We would like to encourage all of our parent booster members along with our new freshman parents to attend our informational meeting. Please join us for a chance to hear the vision and goals of the Lafayette Orchestra Program and meet the Orchestra Booster Officers and Directors. We will be discussing and voting to approve this year's budget along with an overview of our program and activities for the year. You will also get a chance to meet our new associate director, Mr. Aaron Breeck. This is also a great time to bring in signed forms, make payments, register for Kroger Rewards, update contact info, and ask questions about the program.

All the best,

Phil Kent and Aaron Breeck

Lafayette High School Orchestra Directors