

Chamber Strings 2019-2020

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Location: Room 306 (5th, 6th and 7th periods)

Performances:

Tuesday, November 12 (tentative) - 5th-7th periods Service Project Concert @ The Peaks
Note: We'll need 2-3 van drivers to make this happen

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30pm Winter Concert – Chamber Strings, Honor Band and Concert Choir/Glee
The Winter Concert will take place at Trinity Heights Methodist Church at 3600 N Fourth St. Admission: \$5. NPA students and faculty will get in for free.

Friday, February 21 (during school) ABODA Area Concert Festival at Sinagua Middle School
Note: We'll need 1 van driver to make this happen

Last week of February (tentative) Arizona NPA Music Tour – Chamber Strings trip with Honor Band and Choir (possibly). Three day trip approximately.

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30pm Spring Concert – Chamber Strings, Honor Band and Concert Choir/Glee
The Spring Concert will take place at Trinity Heights Methodist Church at 3600 N Fourth St. Admission: \$5. NPA students and faculty will get in for free.

Concert attire for 2019-2020

All gentlemen will wear:

- black **long-sleeved** dress shirts
- tie (same as last year - \$11 to buy or \$5 each time to borrow)
- black slacks (no black jeans!)
- black shoes (no sneakers!) and black socks

All ladies will wear:

- 3/4-sleeve jewel neck black top (cost: \$35, includes shipping); I will order on 9/16
[if you would like to see this top, go to #M9783AA in black at:
<https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/26-style-m9783aa.html>]
- black slacks (no leggings, no jeggings, nothing that looks "painted on", no capri-length)
- black shoes with black hose, trouser socks, or socks

Other Deadlines and Dates:

- Tuesday, September 10 Parent Night. Room 306. Time: TBD
- Friday, November 15 Payment deadline to audition for High School Regional Festival [and/or HS Solo & Ensemble]. Tier 1 (live).
\$20.00 for each event, payable to "NPA." Event is: January 18.
- Friday, November 29 Payment deadline to audition for High School Regional Festival [and/or HS Solo & Ensemble].
\$20.00 for each event, payable to "NPA." Event is: January 25.
- Saturday, January 18 AMEA HS Solo & Ensemble auditions, Tier 1 (Live). Location: TBA
- Saturday, January 25 AMEA HS Region auditions. Location: TBA
- Friday, February 7 Payment deadline for AMEA HS Region Participation (\$20.00).

Event is: February 14-15.

- Fri-Sat, Feb. 14-15 High School Region Festival – details: TBA
- Friday, February 21 ABODA Area Concert Festival Concert, Sinagua Middle School.
Deadline, All-State Audition Registration.
- Saturday, February 22 (tentative) Middle School Region Auditions & Solo & Ensemble
NOTE: These auditions are at Prescott Mile High MS
- Saturday, March 14 ABODA/ACE HS All-State audition. Location: TBA (Possibly Gilbert HS)
- Thursday, March 27 Payment deadline for All-State Participation. \$25.00 made payable to
"NPA."
- Thurs.-Sat., April 16-18 HS All-State Festival, at ASU
- Friday-Saturday, May 1-2 (tentative) Middle School Region Festival. Location: TBA

Note: The 2020 dates for Middle School Region are not confirmed yet. I am using last year's dates to estimate when these deadlines, auditions, and the festival will take place. If these dates change, send an email to the class.

Grading:

Grading for this year will be based on these approximate measures for fall and spring:

Playing Quizzes	20%	Written Final Assignment	15%
Concert Preparation	20%	Other Assignments	10%
Concert Performance	25%	Attention/attitude	10%

Quarter 1:	Playing Quizzes	(2-octave scales & arpeggios)
Quarter 2:	Playing Quizzes	(2- or 3-octave scales & arpeggios)
Quarter 3:	Playing Quizzes	(Region excerpts + contest pieces)
Quarter 4:	Playing Quizzes	(concert pieces + as assigned)

Part of your responsibility as a student at NPA is to come to each class every day with all materials you need. In this class, that means your instrument (and accessories), music, and a pencil. There may be a penalty in students' grades for any class member who routinely "forgets" their instrument, music, or pencil!

Classroom Rules:

Students are not allowed to be on their phones during school hours at NPA. This will be the rule during all String classes, too. As musicians, we are expected to be fully present in all rehearsals, taking notes, listening to directions, and maintaining a level of professionalism as would be expected in a professional orchestra setting. If I find a student to be on their phone during class, I will consider he/she is not fully present in rehearsal and the phone will be taken away for the remaining class period. Repeated occurrences will result in detention.

In an attempt to keep our classroom piano in the best condition possible, please refrain from playing the piano unless you ask for permission first. Thank you!

Fundraising:

To help raise money for the Arizona NPA Music Tour Trip, we will be fund-raising, beginning in September. Please plan now to give this special attention: every dollar we earn through fundraising cuts down the amount your family will have to pay for the middle school or high school region AND the Arizona NPA Music Tour trip. Questions? Email me at: kahern@northlandprep.org