

Concert Strings 2019-2020

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

Performances:

Monday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Winter Concert: Beginning & Concert Strings, Beginning & Concert Band, Beginning Choir. The concert will take place at Trinity Heights Methodist Church at 3600 N Fourth St. Admission: \$5. NPA students and faculty will get in free.

Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Spring Concert: Beginning & Concert Strings, Beginning & Concert Band, Beginning Choir. The concert will take place at Trinity Heights Methodist Church at 3600 N Fourth St. Admission: \$5. NPA students and faculty will get in free.

FYI, Chamber Strings will be performing at the Peaks Living Center during 5th-7th period on Tuesday, November 12 (tentative). Chamber Strings will also be performing at the ABODA Area Concert Festival on Friday, February 21 at Sinagua Middle School at some point during the school day.

Concert Attire for 2019-2020:

All gentlemen will wear:

white **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

Wednesday, January 8 (tentative)

Payment deadline for MS Region Audition (\$20.00)

Please make checks payable to "NPA"

Saturday, February 22 (tentative)

Middle School Region Auditions & Solo & Ensemble

NOTE: These auditions are at Prescott Mile High MS

Friday-Saturday, May 1-2 (tentative)

Middle School Region Festival. Location: TBD

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, I will send an email to the class.

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:

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

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" (Apprentice Level) to mark your progress!

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!

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

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 first. Thank you!

Always strive for excellence inside and outside the classroom.

I have the right to change any of the above information at any time during the year. If anything is changed, I will be sure to immediately inform students of the changes made.

Questions? Email me at: kahern@northlandprep.org