

November 2025

Director's Note

Seasons Greetings Orchestra families!

As I start this note, I am reminded of how lucky we are at Tosa East to have such an incredible string program, made possible by the hard work of our student musicians as well as the unwavering support of our parents and community stakeholders!

Students this month have been preparing music for the winter concert, which will feature music from all orchestras, traditional holiday pops, and the East fiddle ensemble. And as a special treat, Symphony and Chamber orchestras will combine with wind players for holiday favorites!

November has brought a slightly slower pace in the orchestra, especially compared to the sprint of the first quarter. Concert Orchestra has focused on bow holds for the month and centered on articulations/style for their winter concert music. Symphony Orchestra has enjoyed learning the music for *Christmas Festival* and *Sleigh Ride*, many of whom are learning their parts for the first time. And the Chamber Orchestra is learning new music from Felix Mendelssohn. Finally, East fiddle has been busy preparing for their premier at our upcoming winter concert.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the December Orchestra concert!

~Michael Hayden

Upcoming Events

December 17th, 2025

Winter Orchestra Concert

Dale K Hidde Theatre

*combined with 8th grade orchestra

7:00 pm, Reception to follow

February 7th, 2026

Tosa East Kidz Jam

1:00pm Crafts

2:30 pm Perform

**Symphony Orchestra Only

April 12th, 2026

**** NEW DATE/LOCATION****

All City Strings Festival

Brookfield East High School Field House

1:45pm Perform

Violins of Hope

On November 21st, East Orchestra students had the opportunity to hear from two presenters with Violins of Hope, which was made possible by the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, in partnership with the Holocaust Education Resource Center.

This hour-long presentation discussed music and Jewish identity and shared the stories of Pavel Haas. Finally, we were treated to a small performance featuring the Montgomery-Drori Violin, which was played by a MYSO musician.

To learn more about the Violins of Hope Wisconsin Residency, please visit <https://violinsofhopewisconsin.org/>

East Orchestra to Norway

BIG NEWS! Tosa East Orchestra has the unique opportunity to perform in Norway. Our tour is scheduled for October 15th-22nd, 2027 and student registration is open NOW. For more details regarding the tour and registration, deposits, and payments, [CLICK HERE](#).

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