

Director's Note

Happy Spring everyone,

We have had quite the March. The month marked small ensemble work days, sectionals, string festival music, and music for the end of the year concert. WOW!

Our main focus for the first half of the month has been chamber music. For our chamber music unit, students work in small groups, typically 2-5 musicians, 2-3 days per week. The culmination of this unit was last week, where all students performed for their peers, turning the orchestra room into a very small theatre. Additionally many students chose to participate in the WSMA Solo & Ensemble festival, held at Longfellow on March 14th. Students performing at the WSMA festival all did very well with numerous student groups qualifying for the State Solo & Ensemble Festival, held on April 25th at UW-Milwaukee.

We have two large concerts coming up in the next two months. All City String Festival and our Spring Orchestra concert. Please share these events with your friends, families, and neighbors. Both are great ways to continue to support the orchestra in Wauwatosa and share in the success of our student musicians.

We look forward to seeing you on April 12th and May 20th. And have a wonderful Spring Break!

~ Michael Hayden

Upcoming Events

April 12th, 2026

All City String Festival
1:15 pm arrive, 1:45pm perform
Brookfield East High School
3305 N. Lilly Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

April 25th, 2026

WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival
UW-Milwaukee, 8am - 4:00pm
For qualifying events

May 20th, 2026

Spring Orchestra Concert
7:00pm Perform, 6:30 pm Arrive
Dale K. Hidde Theatre

All City String Festival

This year's All City String Festival will return to Brookfield East Field House. Tosa East Orchestra will perform at the first of the two separate concerts, alongside Longfellow middle school, and five additional elementary schools. East students will perform the hit favorites *Jazz Rhythmico*, *Rhythmos*, and end with the global smash hit, *Golden*, as heard on K-Pop Demon Hunters. The entire concert should last 45 minutes and of course end with Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*. We look forward to seeing you at this treasured Wauwatosa orchestra event. Performance begins at 1:45pm and will last 45 minutes.

Norway 2027

Plans continue to progress for our October 2027 Tour of Norway.

Our Spring fundraiser starts TODAY. We have partnered with Idyll Coffee Roasters on North Avenue and are able to offer a handful of their locally roasted coffees. Full details were emailed to families via the Gateway messenger. You can also find electronic copies [HERE](#). Forms / Payments due April 17th

Not going to Norway but love orchestra (and coffee)? You can still participate. All funds generated will go to a general orchestra fund to further support our guest artists and coaches.

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