

ORCHESTRA NEWSLETTER

March 2025

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 8th. Students performing at the WMSA festival all did very well with numerous student groups qualifying for the State Solo & Ensemble Festival, held on April 26th at UW-Milwaukee.

We have two large concerts and a recital coming up in the next two months. All City String Festival, our Spring Orchestra concert, and a new Spring recital. Please share these events with your friends, families, and neighbors. All three 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 13th, 16th, and May 14th. And have a wonderful Spring Break!

Upcoming Events

NEWApril 13th, 2025***

Spring Gathering & Recital

Celtic MKE, 2:00pm
1532 Wauwatosa Ave

April 16th, 2025

All City String Festival
6:15 pm arrive, 6:45pm perform
West Allis Central Field House
8516 W. Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI

May 14th, 2025

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 West Allis Central Field House. Tosa East Orchestra will perform at the 2nd of the two separate concerts, alongside Longfellow middle school, and five additional elementary schools. East students will perform the hit favorites *Hoe Down* by Aaron Copland, Themes from Dvorak's *American Quartet*, and end with Music from the hit Broadway music/movie *Wicked*. 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.

Spring Gathering & Recital

We have a NEW event this year!! Join us on April 13th for light refreshments, spend time with friends, family, and neighbors, all while enjoying beautiful music from Tosa East students. The Spring Gathering & Recital will showcase several small ensembles and orchestra soloists. This inaugural event for orchestra will be held at the Milwaukee Celtic Center on Wauwatosa Ave, starting at 2:00pm with music to begin shortly thereafter. To help offset the cost of the facility rental, we kindly ask for a \$10 suggested donation. More or less is also just fine. All are welcome!

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