

# ORCHESTRA NEWSLETTER

December 2022

## Director's Note

Happy December Orchestra Families!

Your students and I are thrilled to share beautiful music with you and your families this week! The concert will feature all Longfellow grades and four East ensembles. So that's 6th, 7th, and 8th grades as well as East Concert, Symphony String, Chamber, and our fiddle ensemble. And as an added bonus, East Full Symphony will return this year to perform holiday favorites *Sleigh Ride* and *Christmas Festival*. This is a performance not to be missed!

With the close to 315 orchestra students the audience will be packed! We suggest you arrive early to claim your favorite seat. Doors will be open at 6:30 pm. Finally, if you haven't already, please consider signing up to share holiday treats at our post concert reception. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

As the semester winds down, we have also wrapped on our special guest for 2022 and look forward to 2023. So far we've hosted Addison Teng (DePaul), Amy Hess (Chicago Lyric), Paul Hauer (Milwaukee Symphony), Barry Clark (Festival City, Field Report), Nathan Hackett (Milwaukee Symphony), Thea Vorass (ACA), and Arthur Johnson (Lawrence). Can't wait to bring them all back again starting in January.

Looking forward to an incredible performance! See you all soon!

Mike

## Upcoming Events

### December 21st,

### Winter Orchestra Concert

w/ Longfellow Middle School  
7:00pm, Dale K. Hidde Theatre

### Winter Orchestra Concert

**When:** December 21st, 2022  
Concert will begin at 7:00pm with Longfellow Middle School, followed by all East High School Ensembles.

**Where:** Dale K. Hidde Theatre  
Entrances: Enter from 74th street or the theatre doors on Milwaukee Avenue.

**What to expect:** Enjoy beautiful music from all 6-12 grade orchestras. 6th graders are playing their first middle school concert! And all middle schools have their first combined Longfellow/East concert tonight. How special!

### [STREAMING HERE](#)

#### Student attire

Students are asked to dress nice, and in all black. Pants or skirts should be floor length (or close to), shirts should be at least ½ sleeve and full length (no crops or sleeveless). Dress shoes and black socks or tights are also required. Students are very aware of the concert attire already, however, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

### Pretzel Fundraiser

We've launched into another orchestra fundraiser! Milwaukee Pretzel Company. You should have received a separate email from Mr. Hayden, however, you can see the important details/dates below.

**What:** Milwaukee Pretzels  
**Profit:** Students get 50% profit

**Due:** January 18th

**Payment:** ONE full payment due same day

**Pickup:** Friday, February 10th

**Shipping:** Yes, you can ship for \$10 per order

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details

### WSMA 2023

The WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival will be held at West Allis Central High School on February 25th. Festival participation is highly encouraged but not required this year. Each orchestra student will continue to learn and solo and play in a small ensemble during our 2 month long chamber music unit.

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