MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2019-2020

Dear KWS Parents, Grades 4-12,

The Music Department is excited about this coming school year. Below is a list of important dates for your reference:

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<td>Mike Ruhl’s Concert (HS Gym)</td>
<td>September 20, 7pm</td>
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<td>No lessons (Michaelmas)</td>
<td>September 26</td>
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<td>Student Recitals</td>
<td>November 16, 3pm</td>
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<td>Craft Show Tea Room Musical Offerings</td>
<td>December 6, 6-9pm; December 7, 10 am-3 pm</td>
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<td><strong>Candlelight Sing</strong></td>
<td>December 14, 7pm (Grades 5-12 participation required)</td>
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<td>High School Musical</td>
<td>March 5, 6, 7</td>
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<td>Music Faculty &amp; Student Recital</td>
<td>February 1, 7pm (February 2, 7pm is snow date)</td>
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<td><strong>Spring Concert – Grades 7-12</strong></td>
<td>April 30, 7pm (Grades 7-12 participation required)</td>
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<td>Student Recitals</td>
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<td><strong>Spring Concert – Grades 4-6</strong></td>
<td>May 29, 7pm (Grades 4-6 participation required)</td>
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<td>All lessons end</td>
<td>May 18</td>
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**Information to be aware of:**

1. All students will store their instruments in the Lower School Theater in the space designated for this purpose.

2. Private lessons for grades 4-8 are required and are paid for by tuition. Also 7th-12th Percussion lessons are paid for by tuition. There will be a total of 26 lessons.

3. High School Orchestra and Jazz Band is required for students who play an orchestral instrument. For those who don’t, the other option is Beginning Guitar Ensemble.
4. Most students participate in at least one student recital during the year. Students perform a piece they learned during their private lesson. More info about recitals to come later in the school year.

KWS Music Director: Esther Walsh (ewalsh@kimberton.org)
Music Lesson Scheduling: Jodi Carnes (jcarnes@kimberton.org)

Teachers of General Music, Chorus and Orchestra classes:

1st & 2nd Grade General Music       Veronika Roemer
2nd Grade-                          Esther Walsh, Kerry Lee
3rd Grade General Music             Esther Walsh
4th Grade General Music             Esther Walsh
4th Grade Orchestra                 Esther Walsh & Hsiao-Ming Chen
5th/6th Grade General Music         Esther Walsh
5th/6th Chorus                      Esther Walsh
5th/6th Orchestra                   Esther Walsh, Hsiao-Ming Chen, Erin Sweetsir-Mills
7th/8th Chorus                      Esther Walsh
7th/8th Orchestra                   Esther Walsh, Chip Breaux, Ryan Leaver
High School Chorus                  Esther Walsh & Raymonde van der Stok-Fried
High School Morning Sing            Esther Walsh & Dan Smith
High School Orchestra and Jazz Band Esther Walsh, Hsiao-Ming Chen, Ryan Leaver
High School Beginning Guitar Ensemble Dan Smith

Accompanists & Musical Instruments

Dorothy Allyn                      Violin/Viola
Collette Anderson                  High School Musical Director
Kathleen Bahena                    Violin/Viola
Joel Bartlett                     Oboe
Charles Breaux                     Bass/Percussion
Mary Elisabeth Campbell           Accompanist
Hsiao-Ming Chen                    Accompanist, Cello
Robert Diener                     Brass
Margo Ketchum                     Oboe
Ryan Leaver                       Percussion/Guitar
Kerry Lee                         Lyre
Veronika Roemer                   Violin/Viola
Mike Ruhl                         Accompanist
Robert Schwanger                  Clarinet/Saxophone
John Sergovic                     Violin/Viola
Dan Smith                         Guitar
Erin Sweetsir-Mills               French Horn
Esther Walsh                      Flute
Christine Watts                   Cello
PRIVATE MUSIC LESSON POLICIES FOR 2019-2020

The private instrumental lessons are the backbone of our orchestras at KWS. Every student in grades 4-8 and each percussion student in the High School is required to take a 30-minute weekly lesson. We strongly encourage weekly lessons for all other students involved in the orchestral program at KWS. We expect that students will practice regularly at home for their individual lessons and orchestra classes. A beginning student should practice starting 15 minutes daily, and an intermediate to advanced student should practice 30 to 60 minutes daily. Frequency is the key to developing fine instrumental skills. Thus, if your child practices 15 minutes a day for five days, he/she will have a better lesson than if he/she practices two hours the night before the private lesson. Students are also expected to remember their instruments and music on both the orchestra day and the lesson day; reminders from parents are helpful.

Payment Policies

Lower School:
- All students in grades 4-8 are required to take a 30-minute weekly lesson, which is $25 per half-hour.
- A 45-minute private lesson is $37.50; occasionally students have group lessons at $18 per student.
- The cost of these lessons for grades 4-8 is included in the tuition for the year.
- Any additional instrument lessons (or time) beyond the requirement must be arranged outside regular school hours and be paid for separately by the parents.

High School:
- Music lessons in grades 9-12 are strongly encouraged, but are not required (except for percussion students), and must be paid for separately from tuition monies (the school covers the cost of percussion lessons).
- Lessons are $25 per half-hour.
- The school will arrange for weekly lessons and will act as a billing intermediary.
- Please contact Jodi Carnes or Esther Walsh if you want your child to take lessons through the school (jcarnes@kimberton.org; ewalsh@kimberton.org).

If you choose to have your child take lessons from a teacher other than the one provided by KWS, please inform Esther Walsh in writing of the schedule of lessons and the name of the alternate teacher. The school will not provide a credit for taking lessons outside of the school.

MUSIC LESSON NO-SHOW POLICY

Students will be charged if they simply do not go to their lesson, even though they are in school for the day.

CHANGING TEACHERS OR INSTRUMENTS

If your child is changing instruments or wishes to change private teachers, we request that you first discuss the anticipated change with Esther Walsh, then the private teacher, and lastly the Business Office.

ROTATING SCHEDULES

Most students take their lessons on the same day throughout the school year. Every week, schedules within a given day are rotated. For example, a 10:00am lesson one week will be at 10:30 the following week. There may be some skips if there is a class trip or an assembly. The High School schedule is announced during morning announcements. In the Lower/Middle School, all class teachers will have the new schedule by Monday morning of the new week, and will post the schedule and inform the students. Depending upon the grade, the teacher may remind the student that it is time for their lesson, or it may be up to the student to be responsible to leave for their lesson on time. If students have questions they can ask their class teacher or the Music Lesson Scheduler. It is each student’s responsibility to make up the work that was missed in class. If you do not want your child missing classes during the day, some of our teachers do teach after school, or you can select your own private teacher.
Music lessons will begin the week of September 16, 2019. Please direct questions to the Music Lesson Scheduler: Jodi Carnes, jcarnes@kimberton.org; or to Esther Walsh, ewalsh@kimberton.org.

Music Instrument Rentals

Kot’s Violins
kotviolin@gmail.com
610-225-1870

Music and Arts Center
181 West Lincoln Highway
Exton, PA 19341
484-875-0101
www.musicarts.com

Scrolls and Strings Violin House
608 Penn Avenue
West Reading, PA 19611
610-374-3350

Taylor’s Music Store and Studios
116 West Gay Street
West Chester, PA 19380
610-696-1812
www.taylormusic.com

Timothy Watts
String Instrument Repairs and Sales
1086 W. King Rd.
Apt. P 212
Malvern, PA 19355
610-993-2105
timothy.watts@gmail.com

Zeswitz Music/Rayburn Music
Phil Neiswender
Sr. Sales Associate
100 Gibraltar Rd
Reading, PA 19606
ph 610-406-4300
fax 610-898-8032