

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:

Private lessons start	September 16
Mike Ruhl's Concert (HS Gym)	September 20, 7pm
No lessons (Michaelmas)	September 26
Student Recitals	November 16, 3pm
No lessons	November 25-29
Craft Show Tea Room Musical Offerings	December 6, 6-9pm; December 7, 10 am-3 pm
Candlelight Sing	December 14, 7pm (Grades 5-12 participation required)
No lessons	December 23- January 5
High School Musical	March 5, 6, 7
Music Faculty & Student Recital	February 1, 7pm (February 2, 7pm is snow date)
Spring Concert – Grades 7-12	April 30, 7pm (Grades 7-12 participation required)
Student Recitals	May 16, 3pm
Spring Concert – Grades 4-6	May 29, 7pm (Grades 4-6 participation required)
All lessons end	May 18

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:

1 st & 2 nd Grade General Music	Veronika Roemer
2 nd Grade-	Esther Walsh, Kerry Lee
3 rd Grade General Music	Esther Walsh
4 th Grade General Music	Esther Walsh
4 th Grade Orchestra	Esther Walsh & Hsiao-Ming Chen
5 th /6 th Grade General Music	Esther Walsh
5 th /6 th Chorus	Esther Walsh
5 th /6 th Orchestra	Esther Walsh, Hsiao-Ming Chen, Erin Sweetsir-Mills
7 th /8 th Chorus	Esther Walsh
7 th /8 th 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

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