



Sebastian Middle School Guitar and String Orchestra Update

4-9-18

Parents and Guardians,

The advanced guitar and string orchestra students did a great job at the School Board performance in March. I am proud of them and very pleased with their dedication. We have several performances scheduled for the spring. **Please see the performance dates below.**

This week on Tuesday, 4/10/18 and Thursday 4/12/18, we are pleased to have Mr. Jorge Pena work with our music students. Mr. Pena is a violist with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and Artistic Director with the St Augustine Music Festival. He will be visiting the String Orchestra classes during 1st and 3rd period. On Tuesday, he will perform with a string trio and on Thursday, he will conduct the string orchestra classes. Parents are invited to attend. Please check in at the office first before coming to the music room.

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with various tasks during upcoming performances. If you are able to assist, please email me and let me know.

A very big thank you to the family that recently purchased guitar tuners and footstools for the music department. We are grateful for their support of the music program at Sebastian Middle School! I would still like to encourage students to purchase their own clip-on tuner. This will help keep instruments in tune during performances and save time in class. The Snark tuner is a good unit. However, there are many good brands to choose from when looking for a clip-on tuner.

Please consider joining the **Eagle Music Boosters Organization**. This organization will give parents and guardians an opportunity to assist with future events, as well as help raise money for the music program. For more information, please contact Amanda Southerland at eaglesmusicboosters@gmail.com

Some music students paid \$25 in the fall, which is one-half of the fair share payment. The full amount is \$50. Thank you to the students and families who have sent in the remaining \$25 for the spring payment.

Thank you,
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Important performance dates and information for the guitar and string orchestra classes.

5/15/18 Spring Concert – String Orchestra I, II (with Band students)

6:00 PM

SMS Auditorium

All string orchestra students will perform various musical selections for the spring concert. Students will need to be in the auditorium at 5:30 PM to tune and set up for the program.

5/17/18 Spring Concert – Guitar

6:00 PM

SMS Auditorium

All guitar students will perform various musical selections for the spring concert. Students will need to be in the auditorium at 5:30 PM to tune and set up for the program.