Shakopee Public Schools is pleased to offer a Youth Orchestra. Offered through Shakopee Community Education, this 12 week session will be a great introductory orchestra experience for 5th and 6th graders. Students meet on Saturday mornings for a 1.5 hour rehearsal, and the first rehearsal begins on January 24. No experience is required. Books are included, but families will need to rent an instrument (music store rental information available at our Orchestra Information Night).

Our experienced orchestra director Kyrsten Darby guides and teaches the students in large group rehearsal each week. There will be a spring "concert" on May 2 in the high school auditorium at 10:30 am.

Our goal is to grow this orchestra program in age, instruments and size over the next few years.

## Want more information? Please attend Orchestra Information Night!

Monday, January 12 at 6:30 pm Pearson cafeteria

Orchestra Director Kyrsten Darby will present information at 6:30 in the Pearson Music Room and representatives from local music stores will be there with information on instrument rental/purchase be available this evening.

RSVP preferred but not required for this event. Please contact Jenny at <a href="mailto:james@shakopee.k12.mn.us">james@shakopee.k12.mn.us</a> or 952-496-5027 for more information or if you know you will attend Orchestra Information Night. Indicate how many will attend and if known, your child's instrument.

Online registration for the orchestra program is available at:

https://isd720.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/costoption/class\_id/4994/public/1/

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Thank you for helping us get the word out. Please let us know if you have any questions on the program or other ideas for promoting it.

Thank you!

Jenny Ames, Shakopee Community Ed

Sean VanderVeen, Music Department