

# All District Orchestra Festival

## Informational Bulletin

**Who:** Performers include all students involved in the MBUSD strings program, grades 5–12.

**What:** The All District Orchestra Festival is a concert that showcases the high-quality strings program available to students in the Manhattan Beach Unified School District. The program will feature selections by the elementary, middle, and high school level orchestras, culminating with a combined selection performed by all student musicians.

**Where:** Both the performance and rehearsal location will be in the **Mira Costa High School auditorium**. The auditorium and lower parking lot is located at the corner of South Peck Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. Please see the Mira Costa High School campus map on the reverse side of this bulletin.

**When:** The performance will take place on **Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM**. Elementary students must arrive no later than **6:00 PM** to find their seats, have their instruments tuned, and warm up. A mandatory rehearsal will take place on *Wednesday, February 5*. Please see details below.

**Why:** The All District Orchestra Festival is a special experience for students and families alike. It will provide you and your child with the opportunity to see what lies ahead for those who decide to continue their musical studies in the district. It will also give the students the opportunity to share with one another the hard work they have been achieving in their practice at school and at home.

**Concert Requirements:** Students need to bring their *instrument and music folder* to the rehearsal and concert. Students should plan to wear nice school clothes for the Thursday evening performance, no jeans or athletic clothing please. We want the students to look as good as they will sound! There is no need to dress up for the Wednesday rehearsal.

### Mandatory Rehearsal

There will be a mandatory rehearsal on **Wednesday, February 5, from 2:15 until 4:00 PM in the Mira Costa High School auditorium**. This rehearsal is crucial to the success of the festival! In order to adequately prepare, students need the opportunity to practice playing in a space that is unfamiliar to them, as well as playing in combination with students they do not practice with on a regular basis. This rehearsal will be the *only* time for all 5th graders from throughout the district to practice together. Please note, students will not miss school for this rehearsal. All elementary schools have minimum day schedules on Wednesdays.



**\*\*The All District Orchestra Festival and Rehearsal are required events for all string students. If your child has a conflict with the dates that cannot be rescheduled, please notify Ms. Cavallaro as soon as possible.**