

Dear third-grade parents and guardians,

I'm looking forward to another exciting year at Stony Brook! Before summer begins, I wanted to bring attention to the great opportunity your child(ren) has as they go into fourth grade. All fourth graders are welcome to register and join our orchestra program where they can learn violin, viola, or cello through lessons at school and perform in our school concerts. This letter is filled with information on our program and how you can sign your child up for lessons that will start in late September/early October. **This is an early registration for next year.** If you or your child(ren) are not sure about signing up, there will be another signup form coming out at the beginning of the school year in September.

LESSONS:

- Students in orchestra will have small group lessons once a week during the school day. We will work with any accommodations the students may need. Students will be responsible for making up any work they missed during the lesson.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Students should attend all lessons, rehearsals, and other activities.
- **Practice** your instrument! Daily practice is encouraged.

INSTRUMENTS:

- It is essential that your child has a good, quality instrument that functions properly and is easy to play. This year we are working with National Educational Music Company (NEMC) to create a customized HVRSD rental process.
- **Please do not rent or purchase an instrument until you've been contacted by the music teacher.**
- In the event that renting or borrowing an instrument is not possible, some instruments may be available from the school district on a first-come, first-served basis. Instruments are very limited.

SIGN UP:

Please complete this [REGISTRATION FORM](#) to register your child for the 2023-2024 HVRSD instrumental music program.

Thank you for your anticipated interest and support of our program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

I look forward to sharing the joy of music with your child!

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