



Dodgen Duets



Starting Monday, August 12th!

Playing chamber music is lots of fun and is the best way to develop your musical skills! Stop by the Orchestra room in the morning to get a duet to play with a friend- any instrument combination is possible! You may choose to sign up to participate in the duet concert on October 28 at our new outdoor classroom(weather permitting), and/or the official Georgia Music Educators Association Performance Evaluation on November 2nd. Your directors are available to help you every MONDAY and FRIDAY morning at 8:15 a.m. until November 2nd. Students who are not in Chamber Orchestra may practice their duet on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings but may not have any teacher assistance.

September 10th - **DEADLINE** to sign up for the GMEA Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation- see attached letter- due to Mrs. Champion BEFORE SCHOOL

October 24th - **DEADLINE** to sign up for the Duet Concert



October 28th - **Dodgen Duet Concert** in the new outdoor classroom at 6:00 pm (weather permitting). Students may stay after school to put finishing touches on their duets. We will serve pizza for dinner. Students do NOT have to dress up for this performance- we will all wear the new Dodgen Orchestra spirit shirt with jeans (and a jacket if necessary). All parents should bring a folding chair to be comfortable outside.

November 2nd - official GMEA Performance Evaluation at Osborne High School- see attached letter

If you have any questions about these events, please contact Mrs. Champion:
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District 12 Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation **Saturday, November 2nd, 2024** **Osborne High School**

GMEA Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation is an adjudicated event for students to learn chamber music or a solo to earn numerical ratings and receive written comments from a certified judge. This is valuable learning opportunity as well as a lot of fun to prepare. This year, [Osborne High School](#) will host GMEA District 12 Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation. Please check your schedule and map this location before you commit- it is off of Austell Road just south of Windy Hill Rd near the Jim R. Miller Park & Event Center.

All Dodgen MS Orchestra students are allowed to perform in ONE DUET and/or ONE solo only. Any combination of orchestra instruments/grade levels is possible, but students should try to match skill level. Students who take private lessons may also choose to play a solo, but solos must be performed with piano accompaniment (the accompaniment can be live, on CD, or from SmartMusic) unless it is solo Bach. *Soloists are responsible for their own accompaniment on the performance day and must have original music for the judge- no copies (SmartMusic is sometimes an exception).* Soloists must have their piece approved by Mrs. Champion at least two weeks before the event.

There are many requirements for music selection, so I will help each pair of students choose and prepare their duet. At the event in November, a judge will rate the performance and make comments and suggestions for improvement. Participants will be recognized with a certificate and a pin at the Orchestra Spring Concert.

This event requires extra practice with your duet partner outside of orchestra class. I can help students choose music and practice before school at 8:15 a.m. daily. No orchestra class time will be used for preparation unless we happen to have extra time, so please do not ask to miss orchestra rehearsal for ensemble or solo practice. If you commit to play with a partner, you must follow through by coming to all scheduled practices and making sure you have a ride to the event on Saturday, November 2nd. Students who prepare adequately will find this a rewarding learning experience. Students who are not prepared might feel stressed and unable to performance successfully at the event.

Exact performance times will be assigned a couple of weeks before the event. They are generally in the first half of the day. The event will take each group up to an hour to complete. You should not have any conflicts during the entire morning and early afternoon of November 2nd in order to participate in the event. *If your child or family is involved in Saturday activities and a conflict may arise before this event, please do not sign up to participate.*

Students will not have access to DMS on the day of the event (Saturday) so all instruments must go home on Friday. Students must wear their *complete* orchestra uniform for this performance. Parents/family are welcome to come into the performance room as long as there is space and the judge allows. We will meet in the warmup area at Osborne HS and I will bring the music for the judges.

The cost for a duet is \$6 per person, and a solo is \$12. This will be posted in MyPaymentsPlus after signups are complete. *After the deadline, the official permission form will be posted in ParentVue, and the payment link will be posted in My Payments Plus. **To sign up to participate, please return the second page of the form by Wednesday, September 10th BEFORE SCHOOL.***

Please keep this page at home for your records and contact me at any time with questions.

Mrs. Champion

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Saturday, November 2nd, 2024
Osborne High School

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Class Period _____

I will play a duet and my partner's name is _____.

I will play a solo. My private teacher is _____.

Parent Info: My child has my permission to participate in the GMEA District 12 Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 at Osborne High School. I understand that my child...

- ♪ must wear their ***complete and correct orchestra uniform (NO JEANS)***
- ♪ ***must secure their instrument from DMS the day before***
- ♪ must learn their music and practice with their partner **BEFORE SCHOOL at 8:15 a.m.** so they are prepared for the event.
- ♪ I will make the payment on MyPaymentsPlus shortly after it is posted
- ♪ I will complete the permission form in ParentVue
- ♪ I have read the entire letter of details about this event
- ♪ I understand the attendance expectation after I commit my child to this event and their partner

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

RATING SYSTEM

Superior (I): Outstanding performance. Worthy of distinction of being recognized as among the very best.

Excellent (II): Unusually good performance in many respects, but not worthy of the highest rating due to minor defects. A performance of distinctive quality.

Good (III): A good performance, but not one that is outstanding. Shows accomplishment and marked promise but lacks one or more essential qualities.

Fair (IV): A performance that shows some obvious weaknesses, generally weak and uncertain.

Poor (V): A performance which reveals much room for improvement. The students reveal almost a complete lack of preparedness and understanding.