

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

January 8, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Shrewsbury Performing Arts Department would like to extend an invitation for all 4th grade students who play a string instrument (violin, viola or cello) throughout the Shrewsbury Public School District to participate in a combined orchestra ensemble. Students will meet together for one hour per week to prepare music for a brief concert presentation.

Meg Dagon, the Sherwood Middle School and Shrewsbury High School orchestra teacher will lead this ensemble.

The 4th Grade Orchestra is free to all students who are currently enrolled in the Shrewsbury Instrumental Lesson Program. The fee for all other interested fourth grade students is \$40. **Please contact Tom O'Toole for payment details.*

Rehearsals will take place on **Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 PM in the Orchestra Room at Sherwood Middle School.** (Please note: the final rehearsal on the day of the performance, 5/6, will most likely be from 6:15-7:00.)

*To relieve parent transportation duties, I recommend setting up a carpool with one or more friends from the same elementary school to Sherwood between 4 and 4:30 pm.

Rehearsal Dates:

Wednesdays: 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/27, 5/4

Concert Presentation Date:

Wednesday, 5/4 (7:00 Sherwood Band Room)

R.S.V.P. to Meg Dagon (mdagon@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) before Friday, February 12 to guarantee your spot in the ensemble.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom O'Toole

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