

2022 MUSIC & MUNCHIES CONCERT

In Honor of Music In Our Schools Month
AKRON MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS PRESENT A

Upcoming Music Department Events

April 2 – Cabaret Concerts, MS 2:00/HS 7:00

May 17 – Elementary Concert, 7:00

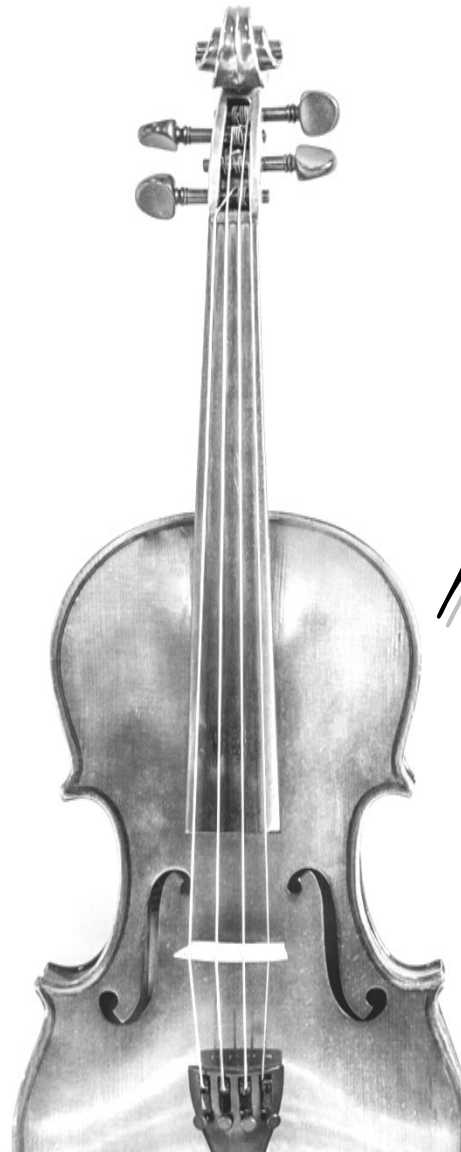
May 20-22 Music Department HS Trip to Cleveland/Cedar Point

June 1 – MS Awards Concert, 7:00

June 3 – MS Darien Lake Festival Trip

June 4 – NYSSMA Solo Festival at West Seneca HS

June 7 – HS Awards Concert, 7:00



*String
Pops
Night*



MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH®

MARCH 23, 2022

7:00PM

Edward Allen Auditorium

Akron Middle School Orchestra

Directed by Mrs. Courtney Sanville

(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction	Jagger & Richards arr. Michael Story
Can't Help Falling In Love	Weiss, Peretti & Creatore, arr. Longfield
The Lion Sleeps Tonight	Weiss, Peretti & Creatore, arr. Bob Cerulli
Feel It Still	Portugal. The Man, arr. Michael Story
Handclap	Fitz and the Tantrums, arr. Larry Moore

Akron High School Orchestra

Directed by Mrs. Courtney Sanville

Bitter Sweet Symphony	Jagger & Richards, arr. Todd Parrish
A Thousand Years	Hodges & Perri, arr. Larry Moore
I Will Follow Him	Stole & DelRoma, arr. Larry Moore
Hey Jude	Lennon & McCartney, arr. Larry Moore
Just Give Me a Reason	Pink & Nate Ruess, arr. Michael Story
The Lord of the Dance	Hardiman, arr. Larry Moore
Radioactive	Imagine Dragons, arr. Larry Moore

Akron Music Faculty

Mr. Brendon Bardo – 7-12 Band
Mrs. Debra Komosinski – 4-6 Band
Mrs. Meghan Pitts – 6-12 Chorus, General Music
Mrs. Courtney Sanville – 4-12 Strings
Mrs. Kim Stachowski – Elementary General Music and Chorus

The Music Department would like to thank Mr. McCabe, Mr. Caprio, Mr. Dimitroff, Mrs. Fial, and the Board of Education for their leadership and unending support; the Custodial Staff for preparing our performance space; Mrs. Windnagle for the program; Mrs. Catalano & Mr. Chaffee and the AV Department for their assistance; the Clerical Staff and Teachers for their understanding during our concert season; and most importantly the families and friends of these young musicians for their continuous support and help throughout the year!

You Are Invited

The Orchestra students and families have put together some baked goods for purchase in the foyer on your way home tonight. All of the proceeds will go directly to our Orchestra Program and Akron Music Parents. We appreciate all the support we are given from our wonderful community.

A Note From Mrs. Sanville

I've been reflecting recently about how proud I am of the music students and their progress this year and thought you should know! I hope you are hearing their musical growth too, in concerts at school and in your child's practice sessions at home. It's a big part of my job to be focused on your child's musical growth as I work each day to deliver the curriculum. But there is another unwritten curriculum that I think is just as important — one that you won't see published by the Board of Education, but is still part of what happens in our classroom.

- When we help students to manage their pre-performance jitters we are helping them understand and manage their own emotions.
- When we guide students through feelings of disappointment when a performance or playing test doesn't go as well as they expected, we are helping them to develop coping skills, perseverance and grit.
- When we help students to be gracious when they experience success, we are teaching humility, while reinforcing empathy for others who may not have done as well.
- When we have students study, discuss and perform music from a variety of cultures, backgrounds and influences, we are showing them how to celebrate and appreciate diversity.
- When we make the rehearsal room a safe place to make mistakes, we teach students to take on new challenges without fear.
- When we prepare performances, students learn how to set and work toward goals, see a task through to completion, and to understand that the biggest and best rewards are rarely instantaneous, but come as a result of dedication, focus and sustained effort. We teach them that the process is just as important as the product.

You see, music is more than just learning to play an instrument. The group dynamic and the social and emotional skills that students develop in the classroom are just as important. So as you marvel at your child's musical growth, I encourage you to notice other ways in which they are growing too!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Courtney Sanville

Middle School Orchestra

1st Violin

Ava Lombard*^ '26
Dylan Whiting-Popielski* '26
Emma Leonard* '26
Grace Caprio '26
Rilyn Snyder
Kelsey McIntyre^
Ashley Koziej
Mariah McPhall
Stephanie Amirian

2nd Violin

Kristen Cocco '26
Naomi Romesser
Evan Winter
Ella Fiegl '26
Leah Furmanek
Brynn Jendresky
Sahpur Grijalva

Viola

Kylie Mangione
Leah Smith
Riley Oberlander

Cello

Landon Polkowski ^ '26
Alyssa Jago
Carly Hoffman '26
Annabella Rodriguez
Muir Kreher '26
Isis Whitmarsh
Aaden Cholnik
Eva Sage '26

Bass

Sam Reagan^
Evan Iversen

Percussion

Whitley Koopman* '26

*NYSSMA Area All State Musician 2022

^All County Orchestra 2022

High School Orchestra

1st Violin

Megan Schweigert '22
Ashley Morehouse
Tiffany Judge '22
Hailey Reigle
Nevada Bergman
Dylan Whiting-Popielski* '26
Ava Lombard*^ '26
Emma Leonard* '26

2nd Violin

Emily Cummings '22
Devin Rodriguez+
Lilly Pietrowski
Simon Blueye '22

Viola

Isabella Smith*^+ '22
Sarah Orr*^+ '22
Morgan Towlson+
Gary Baehr+
Elexis Mitten

Cello

GiGi Wicks
Jonathan Meunier
Landon Polkowski^ '26
Carly Hoffman '26

Bass

Sam Reagan^
Evan Iversen

Percussion

Caleb Suckow

*NYSSMA Area All State Musician 2022

^All County Orchestra 2022

+ Also playing Bass

2022 Orchestra Seniors

Simon Blueye is a senior at Akron High School and has been in the orchestra at Akron for nine years. He is also part of the football and lacrosse teams. In his free time he likes to play sports and hang out with friends. Simon would like to thank his family and teachers for helping and supporting him through orchestra.



Emily Cummings is a senior this year at Akron High School. She has been playing her violin for nine years, starting in elementary to middle and then finishing in the high school orchestra. She has taken part in a range of outside musical activities such as her summer orchestra group, and varying levels of competitions while traveling through her violin career. She loves to play a wide range of classical orchestra pieces when she can. When she's not playing her violin she loves to spend time with family and her dog Sparkles, and enjoys being an active member in her Girl Scout Troop.

Sarah Orr is a senior in the Akron High School orchestra. She has been performing on viola since the fourth grade and has participated in a multitude of All County and All State solo competitions and festivals. In addition to viola, she performs bass in the High School Orchestra, assists with the Elementary Orchestra, and is branching out her variety of string instruments to guitar. Outside of school, Sarah plays softball and is a black belt in the Krav Maga martial arts. She aims to earn a degree in aerospace engineering in college; however, Sarah will still pursue music after high school through clubs and college orchestras. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her in her endeavors.



Megan Schweigert is a senior at Akron High School and has attended Akron Central Schools K-12. She has been playing the violin for nine years and music has come to be one of her greatest passions. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Wellness Club, the Scholastic Bowl team, and she does peer tutoring for geometry. In the fall, she is going to attend NCCC and wishes to pursue a career in accounting.

Tiffany Judge is a senior at Akron High School who has been involved in orchestra for ten years, joining early when she was in 3rd grade. Tiffany has been playing violin for twelve years. Along with the orchestra, Tiffany has been involved in chorus for the past ten years and has done the musical for six years. Tiffany has also participated in the Lancaster Summer Orchestra. After high school, Tiffany is planning on going to Niagara County Community College to study radiology and then continue on to the University At Buffalo to become a certified Spanish and sign language interpreter. Tiffany wants to give a special thank you to her aunt, Holly Meides, for helping her discover her love for the violin at a young age and always pushing her to practice and to do her best.



Isabella Smith is a senior and has been playing the viola since 4th grade. She has also recently begun playing the trumpet and bass. In addition to the orchestras here at Akron, Isabella has played with the Genesee Symphony Orchestra, Lancaster Summer Orchestra, All-County and All-State Orchestras. She spends her free time volunteering with the Elementary Orchestra, spending time outdoors, and playing with her dog. Isabella plans to go to college to pursue music therapy and continue playing the viola.

