**Smitha Middle School**

**6-8th Orchestra**

**678-594-8267 ext 039**

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**2021-2022**

*Our Mission is to Reach, Teach, and Empower ALL Students*

**Instructor:** **Sade Bryant** email address: sade.bryant@cobbk12.org Instagram: @smithaorchestra

**COURSE SUMMARY:**

The orchestra classes are open to students who desire to learn to play an offered instrument. In all classes the student will receive guidance in techniques for producing proper tone, pitch, rhythm, posture, dynamics, and performance at different levels. Orchestra is also a class designed to help build self-esteem (achievement), cooperation (playing in an ensemble), and life skills (practice, study, commitment) through the discipline in learning to play an instrument. This is a performance-based class. Participation in concert performances outside of regular class hours is required.

**TEXTS AND RESOURCES:** **Essential Elements For strings 2000 Books 1 and 2**

Method books

**CLASSROOM MATERIALS: Specific information regarding instrument materials will be provided separately.**

Pencils

1 inch 3 ring binder – Black

Sheet protectors

Dark Rosin

**TUNING APP on your device-**

PANO TUNER

Bandmate Chromatic Tuner

DA tuner

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:**

1. **Respect yourself, and others**
2. **Maintain discipline and focus throughout class time**
3. **Come to class prepared**

**UNITS OF STUDY**

musical fundamentals

Major key signatures C -F major

Minor Key Signature b-d minor

Tone development

**METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:** Playing Assessments using Essential Elements Online, Written Quizzes, Peer Critiques and practice logs

**GRADING AND REPORTING: 40% Formative 60% Summative**

Formative Grades: Rehearsal Assessments, Written Quizzes, Playing Tests

Summative Grades: Unit assessments



**MAKE-UP WORK POLICY**

Students can complete or makeup any playing test and submit no later than 1 week from the original due date.

## CONDUCT

You are responsible for your own behavior. We treat you as young adults and have high expectations in your musical progress and maturity. As a public Performance-based class, orchestra rehearsals require a more disciplined approach, which may be different than other classrooms. Talking during rehearsals, even a little, is disruptive to our music making. Removal from rehearsal is an extremely serious problem and will be dealt with in a serious manner. The Orchestra program will follow the school-wide discipline plan.

**PARENT TIPS**

Show an interest in the music study of your child

Arrange a regular time for your student to practice. Help him/her find a place free from distraction such as computers, radios, T.V.’s, and siblings.

Provide a safe place in which to keep their instrument. Instrument repairs are very costly.

**Make your faithful attendance at all activities a priority.**

See that your student brings their instrument and music to school daily

Attend all concerts and parent meetings

*This plan may be changed to reflect the needs of the students.*

Students and parents please sign and return the syllabus. It will be kept in the front of your orchestra binder for reference.

**Student Name (print) Date Parent/Guardian Signature Date**

**Parent/Guardian Contact Number(s) Parent/Guardian Email Address**

**Smitha Orchestra Calendar Fall 2021**

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**Concert Uniform:**

**Red Orchestra Polo**

**Black Dress Pants- No skinny jeans, Capris, shorts or leggings**

**Black dress shoes and Socks**

**This Uniform will be worn at every performance.**

**Date Event Time and Place**

**08/19/21 Open House 7:00pm Smitha**

 **8th grade orchestra**

**10/4-10/15 Cheesecake fundraiser Smitha**

**10/07/19 7th/8th Orchestra 7:00pm Smitha**

 **Fall Concert**

**10/09/21 District 12 Solo and Ensemble Simpson Middle School**

 **7/8 Orchestra**

**10/29/21 Hispanic Heritage Program 7:00pm Smitha**

**\*12/13/21 6th grade orchestra 7:00pm Smitha Theatre**

 **Winter Concert**

**\*12/14/21 7th / 8th grade orchestra 7:00pm Smitha Middle**

 **Winter Concert**

 **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*SEMESTER BREAK\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

 **12/27-01/04**

 **1/19-01/22 8th Grade Disney Trip Orlando, Florida**

**This Calendar is subject to Change**

**The Orchestra Uniform will be worn at every performance.**

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**Or Via CTLS Parent**