



PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION meeting

Welcome to the 2023 – 2024 Season!

- **The PVYO Team**
 - o Music Director and Philharmonia Conductor: William Hollin
 - o Philharmonia Assistant: Dr. Brandon Carbonari
 - o Wind Ensemble: Terry Alvey
 - o Symphony Orchestra: Robert Dahlin, Michelle Roberts
 - o Concert Orchestra: Sylvia Lee, Dr. Talya Schenk
 - o Concert Band: Jon Eising
 - o Preparatory Orchestra: Dr. Mark Schuppener
 - o Flute Choir: Dr. Ceylon Mitchell
 - o Clarinet Choir: Jennifer Mitchell
 - o Jennifer Mitchell, Executive Director executive_director@pvyo.org
 - o Liza McAndrew Moberg, President
 - o Victor Hom, Vice-President, acting Treasurer
 - o Daniel Cohen, Recording Secretary

- **The PVYO Mission**
 - o Advance and inspire the development of young talented musicians of the Washington, D.C. region by providing intensive training and unparalleled performance opportunities.
 - o Actively engage young musicians regardless of age, race, religion, ethnic background, or financial circumstances.
 - o Build self-esteem through proficiency and commitment in a nurturing and constructive educational setting.
 - o Serve as a cultural resource to the children of our community.

- **Please read the Membership Guidelines, Membership Agreement and General Waiver closely.** (These were completed during membership registration.)
 - o Visit our website frequently: calendars, announcements. etc.
 - o Make sure you pick up your child on time.
 - o Music stands & equipment: Students may need to provide their own stands and equipment for rehearsals.
 - o Music folder: All students required to have a large black folder. - \$18.00

- **Important dates for the 2023-2024 season.**
 - o Winter & Spring Concerts – 12/9/23 and 5/10/24 (Tentative)
 - o Concerto Competition in deadline 1/12/24 – Information out in early-November

COVID-19 Policies and Health Procedures:

PVYO Rehearsal Policies*

The PVYO team is committed to the safety and well-being of our students and the greater PVYO Community. Please carefully read the following guidelines:

- Masks are optional if the student is not showing signs of illness.
- For PVYO activities, students showing signs of fever should stay home.
- Any student showing signs of illness should perform a rapid COVID-19 test and wear a mask until they receive a negative rapid COVID-19 test result taken 48 hours after their first negative result.
- After recovering from an illness, students should be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to PVYO activities.
- In general, parents should follow the guidelines listed above.
- Please follow directions and listen carefully for instructions.
- In the event MCPS, Montgomery County, or the State or Maryland recommends the suspension of in-person instruction, PVYO will transition to a virtual learning teaching model.
- **ABSENCE REPORT** – If missing a PVYO rehearsal for any reason, students must complete the PVYO Absence Form, found here (<https://forms.gle/zxTzvKw1gZg6ha148>), by 4:00p.m. the day of the absence AND email the group manager.
- Attendance Policy: No more than 2 absences per semester. Students may appeal a 3rd absence but there is no 4th appeal.

*Policies are subject to changes, updates, and adjustments.

General Guidelines and Reminders:

- PVYO is not responsible for students' instruments. During rehearsal breaks, the student is encouraged to place the instrument in the case and be careful moving about the room.
- Students and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner respectful to PVYO conductors, coaches, staff, volunteers, parents, and fellow musicians, as well as abide by the PVYO Membership Guidelines. If unacceptable behavior, (such as bullying, offensive remarks, harmful actions, excessive tardiness, etc.) persists, the PVYO Board of Directors will

review the situation and appropriate action will be taken. Dismissal from the PVYO for unacceptable behavior will result in forfeiting the musician's membership fee.

- Unauthorized cell phone use and texting will not be tolerated in rehearsals; all cell phones should be turned off and placed in cases. Visible cell phones are subject to confiscation.
- Woodwind/Brass Students and Parents: Please inform your PVYO Conductor if you have plans for new orthodontics (i.e. braces) or major adjustments to them. If possible, please schedule orthodontic fittings or removals during breaks or at least six weeks before a scheduled concert.
- In the event MCPS, Montgomery County, or the State or Maryland recommends the suspension of in-person instruction, PVYO will transition to a virtual learning teaching model.
- If a virtual performance is necessary, an additional fee will be charged to cover the costs.
- Rehearsal attendance is mandatory. Regular attendance is essential to achieving success for the entire ensemble! **More than two absences per semester, regardless of reason, will result in a possible loss of chair, and the student may not be eligible to play at the concert.** Should a 3rd absence occur, the student may file an appeal with the conductor. No additional appeals will be accepted. Students are expected to report 10-15 minutes prior to the rehearsal start-time and practice their PVYO music outside of rehearsals. Heavy homework is not a reason to miss rehearsal. Students having more than 2 absences per semester are subject to dismissal from PVYO and the membership fee will be forfeited. All absences must be reported on the Google Absence form and emailed to the ensemble manager prior to the rehearsal or performance date.

For your 1st Rehearsal:

- Arrive approximately 10 – 15 minutes early to warm-up and prepare for rehearsal.
- Bring a music stand to your first rehearsal – depending on the location, you may need one. *****Students rehearsing at Beverly Farms Elementary School will always need a music stand.*****
- If you need to purchase a black music folder and didn't order one online, let your group manager know after the first rehearsal.
- Make sure your child's name is on all personal items.
- Promptly sign up for your Google Classroom when that information is emailed to your ensemble.
- Please be at the school ready to pick your child up on time.

Rehearsal Locations:

Flute Choir: Cabin John Middle School Band Room

Clarinet Choir: Thomas Wootton High School Band Room

Wind Ensemble and Concert Band: Thomas Wootton High School Band Room

Concert Orchestra and Preparatory Orchestra: Beverly Farms Elementary School AP Room

Philharmonia and Symphony: Cabin John Middle School Band Room and Cafeteria

PVYO REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Ensemble	Rehearsal Day/Time	Rehearsal Location
Preparatory Orchestra	Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30	Beverly Farms ES
Concert Orchestra	Monday 7:00 - 8:45	Beverly Farms ES
Concert Band	Tuesday 6:45 - 8:30	Wootton HS
Symphony Orchestra	Tuesday 6:45 - 8:45	CJMS
Wind Ensemble	Monday 7:00 - 9:00	Wootton HS
Flute Choir	Monday 5:15 - 6:30	Wootton HS
Clarinet Choir	Monday 5:15 - 6:30	Wootton HS
Philharmonia Orchestra	Monday 7:00 - 9:00	CJMS

Support PVYO:

The Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra (PVYO) needs your support. We are seeking support to help fund our programming as we provide high quality educational and performing ensembles for the enjoyment of the community. If you are interested in supporting PVYO, please visit our website at www.pvyo.org or email Jennifer Mitchell at executive_director@pvyo.org. All donations are tax deductible. We thank you in advance for your gracious support!

PVYO Concert Dress:

Flute Choir, Clarinet Choir, Preparatory Orchestra, Concert Orchestra

Ladies: Long-sleeved white blouse
Long black skirt/dress slacks
Black hosiery and shoes

Gentlemen: Long-sleeved white dress shirt
Black Necktie
Black dress trousers
Black socks and black shoes

Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra:

Ladies: Long-sleeved black blouse
Long black skirt/dress slacks
Black hosiery and shoes

Gentlemen: Long-sleeved black dress shirt
Black dress trousers
Black socks and black shoes

Philharmonia, Wind Ensemble:

Ladies: Long-sleeved black blouse
Floor length black skirt/dress slacks
Black hosiery and black shoes

Gentlemen: Long sleeved white tuxedo or white dress shirt
Black bow tie
* Tuxedos
Black socks and black shoes
* Black dress trousers & suit jacket may be worn in lieu of tuxedo.

It is a good idea to begin looking for concert wear now as it is more difficult to find these items as we get closer to the concert.