

Harford String & Youth Orchestras



September 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you are all doing well and are staying safe and healthy. We truly miss seeing you at rehearsal each week. We know you are wondering what the plans are for HYO & HSO now and in the near future. On Friday, May 1, the HYO & HSO staff met with our HCC program coordinator, Mrs. Kelly Pulaski, and HCC Music Professor Dr. Richard Johnson to discuss both the present situation and the future concerns and plans for our orchestra.

First, because of crowd gathering restrictions, school closures, and the decision by HCC not to reopen campus at this time, we sadly must cancel our Spring 2020 concert. We recognize and appreciate how hard you have been working to prepare the music. Please do not think of it as a lost cause. We will play together again and we will, most likely, perform the music that you have learned so well. Please hold on to your music folder and keep it in a safe place. We will collect it in September.

Secondly, because HCC will be closed throughout the summer months, Summer Strings is also canceled at this time. We will sincerely miss seeing and playing music with you this summer. It's always a highlight of the year. We know Summer Strings has been a great opportunity to invite your friends to play with you and HYO & HSO. We encourage you to continue to reach out to your friends and have them to join us in the Fall.

And Lastly, until HCC allows complete face to face classes HYO & HSO will remain on a "pause". However, if we are still unable to have face to face rehearsals in Spring 2021 Mr. Folus & Ms. Pape will offer a "Virtual Orchestra Experience" This class will be open to all musicians grades 6 thru 12. We will Explore orchestral literature thru guided listening/video examples and practical music theory lessons. If the technology allows we will try to have a virtual ensemble.

Mrs. Pulaski will send out information for our "Virtual" class this fall.

Here is the class information as it stands at the moment:

Class Information:

Dates 1/25,2/1,8,22,3/1,8,15,29,4/12,19

- Time 7-8:30pm
- Number of Sessions 10

I wish everyone good health and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Brian Folus
Music Director
Anne Pape
HSO Conductor
Kelly Pulaski
Program Coordinator HCC