



## South County High School Orchestra

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Dear SCHS Symphonic Orchestra Members and Parents,

The South County High School Symphonic Orchestra participate in the District X Orchestra Assessment on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Falls Church HS**. Orchestra Assessment is a state-wide event and is a highly educational and rewarding experience for all participants. *As a member of the South County HS Orchestra program, your child is **expected** to participate in the Orchestra Assessment as a graded course component which is clearly outlined in the Orchestra Handbook.*

The District X Orchestra Assessment is designed to enrich your child's music education. The orchestra will prepare three musical selections to perform for a panel of judges. The judges provide the ensemble with written comments as well as an overall score representing the quality of the performance. In addition, the orchestra will sight-read a piece of music for a separate judge who will also provide comments and a score. The comments and scores help assess, as well as reinforce, the music learning obtained in the classroom.

*Members of the SCHS Symphonic Orchestra must provide their own transportation to and from Falls Church HS. **Students should arrive at Falls Church HS by 11:30am on Saturday, March 2** dressed in their orchestra concert uniform ready for tuning and warm-up. Family and friends are welcome to attend the performance which will take place in the Falls Church HS auditorium at 12:35pm. The Orchestra will sight-read immediately following the performance in a different room (this performance is NOT open to the audience). **All students are to be picked up at Falls Church HS at 1:30pm.** *It will be the responsibility of the parent and student to make transportation arrangements to and from Falls Church HS for this performance.**

In order to ensure that we are adequately prepared for Orchestra Assessment, *there will be a Pre-Assessment Concert on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at South County High School at 7:00 pm*. This performance is also a graded component of this course. *Students should report to SCHS at 6:15 pm in their Orchestra uniform ready for tuning and warm-up.*

**Please acknowledge your awareness of these upcoming Assessment-related events by completing the attached field trip permission form and returning it by February 8<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Swift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'M. Swift'.

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Orchestra Director