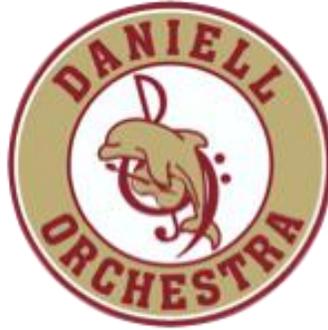


**Daniell Middle School Orchestra
2018-2019
Student/Parent Handbook**



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Orchestra Schedule of Events for 2017-2018

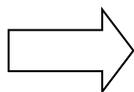
Lassiter High School, our usual concert home, is currently under construction. Due to this, some dates may not be confirmed until mid-August. Mrs. Newton will be updating the calendar and posting on the blog when dates are set in stone.

Date	Time	Event	Event Site
8/2/18	N/A	7/8 Grade Uniform Orders Begin – ONLINE FORM	Daniellorchestra.org
8/6/18	N/A	6 th Grade Uniform Polo Orders Begin – ONLINE FORM	Daniellorchestra.org
8/16/18	N/A	POLO SHIRT ORDER AND PAYMENT DEADLINE	N/A
8/22/18	N/A	UNIFORM ORDER AND PAYMENT DEADLINE	N/A
9/11/18	N/A	Application Deadline for Allstate Orchestra	N/A
10/2/18	7:00pm	7/8 Grade Fall Orchestra Concert	Lassiter HS
10/3/18	N/A	Orchestra Cookie Fundraiser Begins	N/A
10/13/18	TBA	Allstate Orchestra First Round Auditions	Kell HS
10/18/18	6:00pm	8 th Grade Disney Trip – Chaperone Interest Meeting	Band Room
10/19/18	N/A	Cookie Fundraiser Deadline	N/A
10/26/18	N/A	District Honor Orchestra Signup Deadline	N/A
11/1/18	N/A	Orchestra Hoodie Fundraiser Begins – ONLINE FORM	Daniellorchestra.org
11/14/18	9am-3pm	8 th Grade Sprayberry Orchestra Fieldtrip	Sprayberry HS
11/16/18	N/A	Hoodie Fundraiser Deadline	N/A
12/1/18	TBA	District Honor Orchestra Auditions	Sprayberry HS
12/7/18	6:30pm	6th Grade Winter Orchestra Concert	Daniell MS Gym
12/10 OR 12/19	7:00pm	7/8/Chamber Winter Orchestra Concert	Lassiter HS
1/12/19	TBA	Allstate 2 nd Round Auditions	Westminster Schools
2/11/19	TBA	GMEA District 12 Orchestra LGPE 7/8 Grade	Lassiter HS
2/12/19	TBA	GMEA District 12 Orchestra LGPE 7/8 Grade	Lassiter HS
2/25/19	N/A	Orchestra Spring T-Shirt Fundraiser- ONLINE FORM	Daniellorchestra.org
3/8/19	N/A	T-Shirt Fundraiser Deadline	N/A
3/21/19	6:30pm	6th Grade Orchestra String Jamboree Concert	Daniell MS Gym
4/11/19	6:30pm	Disney Chaperone Meeting	Band Room
4/15/19	7:00pm	8/Chamber Spring Orchestra Concert	Lassiter HS
4/18/19	6:30pm	Disney Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting	Daniell Theater
5/3/19	7:00pm	6/7 Spring Orchestra Concert	Lassiter HS
5/8-5/11	N/A	8 th Grade Performing Arts Disney Trip	Orlando, FL

****Any events modified or added to this calendar will be announced on Remind, the orchestra blog & Charms.**

What do I do if my instrument breaks?

It is a fact of life, instruments will need some maintenance and adjustments in order to play their best. You should plan to send your instrument at least once a year for routine adjustments and a new set of strings. However, sometimes something breaks or stops working properly and you need to get it fixed right away.



1. **NEVER TRY TO FIX IT YOURSELF.** You can sometimes make the problem much worse.
2. Fill out an accident report form on daniellorchestra.org immediately.
3. Let your teacher know there is a problem with your instrument. If the director can fix it, they will. If not, it is your responsibility to get the instrument repaired as soon as possible.
4. Request a loaner instrument while it is being repaired from the shop you are renting from. Any reputable dealer is able to accommodate this request if you are renting from them if they have a repair shop in house. A broken instrument is NOT an excuse to sit in class without an instrument for an extended period of time. The same rules still apply to students with instruments in the shop.
5. *****If you play a school owned instrument and you caused the damage by dropping, stepping on or otherwise mistreating or neglecting the instrument, your parents will be asked to pay for the repair.*****

Daniell Orchestra Course Handbook

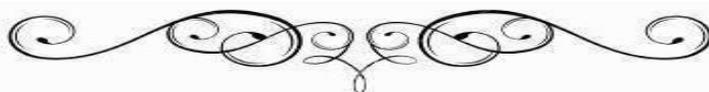
Expectations

Students will learn music through string instruction. Students will learn to read, count and perform music on their respective instruments. Students will perform in a variety of performance settings throughout the year aligned with the Daniell Orchestra curriculum. Students will also learn music theory, music history, listening, vocab and composition skills.

Goals and Objectives in line with NAfME/GPS Standards

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/K-12-Music-Georgia-Standards.pdf>

1. Improvise, compose, or arrange music within specified guidelines.
2. Perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments, alone and with others.
3. Read and Notate music.
4. Listen to, analyze and describe music.
5. Evaluate music and music performances.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between music, the other arts and disciplines outside of the arts.
7. Understand music in relation to history and culture.



Description of Orchestra Ensembles

The Daniell 6th Grade "String Orchestra" is a performance group comprised of 6th grade students split into two equal classes who enter Daniell Middle School with or without prior musical experience. All students maintain the understanding that there will be out-of-school performances and rehearsals required of all members during the school year. The course will cover the mechanics of string instruments: posture, note reading, rhythm, pitch discrimination, expression, writing, music history and music literacy at a beginning level. Private lessons are highly encouraged and teacher lists are available upon request.

The Daniell 7th Grade "Sinfonia Orchestra" is a performance group comprised of 7th grade students split into two equal classes who enter or return to Daniell Middle School with prior musical experience. All students maintain the understanding that there will be out-of-school performances and rehearsals required of all members during the school year. The course will cover intermediate mechanics of string instruments continuing from beginning orchestra: posture, vibrato, intro to shifting, note reading, rhythm, pitch discrimination, expression, writing, composition, improvisation, music history and music literacy at a higher level. Private lessons are highly encouraged and teacher lists are available upon request.

The Daniell 8th Grade "Philharmonic Orchestra" is a performance group comprised of 8th grade students split into two equal classes who enter or return to Daniell Middle School with prior musical experience. All students maintain the understanding that there will be out-of-school performances and rehearsals required of all members during the school year. The course will cover advanced mechanics of string instruments: vibrato, shifting and position playing, complex rhythms, pitch discrimination, composition, improvisation, writing, music history and music literacy at an advanced level. Private lessons are highly encouraged and teacher lists are available upon request.

The Daniell "Chamber Orchestra" is an after school ensemble selected through auditions that is comprised of the most advanced members of the Daniell Middle School Orchestra program. The students are chosen based on their musical skills, dependability, and instrumentation. The members of the Chamber Strings will sometimes be asked to perform at functions with a short notice; therefore, the students must be flexible and practice their music daily. Failure to communicate in a timely fashion with the Director regarding absences as well as failure to be picked up on time from rehearsals can result in dismissal from this elite ensemble. It is extremely important that students understand the commitment of this ensemble before signing on as a yearlong member. Private lessons are highly encouraged and teacher lists are available upon request.

Grading for Orchestra

- 35% **Rehearsal Skills**
(In class participation)
- 25% **Student Performance Skills**
(playing technique, Charms tests, sight reading, in class playing tests)
- 25% **Student Musical Understanding**
(written music theory, listening skills, vocab, musical critiques)
- 15% **Concerts/Performances**
(attendance, performance and correct uniform)

Orchestra Uniform Information

Uniform attire at performances is **required** of all members to present an appealing stage appearance as an ensemble. Uniforms reflect the formality and unity of the performing arts programs here at Daniell Middle School

6th GRADE ORCHESTRA

Student will purchase through school: Black Performing Arts Polo.

Student will provide: Plain black dress slacks, black dress shoes and black dress socks. **NO JEANS.**

7th and 8th GRADE ORCHESTRA

Boys:

Boys will purchase through school: White tuxedo shirt, black tuxedo pants and burgundy bow tie.

Boys will provide: Black dress shoes, black dress socks. **NO WHITE SOLES.**

**You are responsible for alteration of the pants to the appropriate length of ½ inch from the ground when dress shoes are on.*

Girls:

Girls will purchase through school: Burgundy flutter sleeve blouse and floor-length, black concert skirt.

Girls will provide: Plain black dress shoes (closed toe, conservative heel), neutral/black socks.

**You are responsible for alteration of the skirt to the appropriate length of ½ inch from the ground when dress shoes are on.*

***jeans, capri pants, yoga/sweat pants, tennis shoes and sandals are NOT acceptable performance attire. Socks should be all black and cover the ankle when the student is seated.**

Students who are “out of uniform” for performances will receive point deductions on their concert grade and/or not allowed to perform depending on infraction.

Performance/Concert Attendance

Orchestra is a team effort. If one person misses a concert, the entire team is let down. You are expected to perform at every concert. If you are aware that you are unable to attend a concert, please give notice as soon as possible. Makeup work will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Full concert credit is given when you are in attendance at the requested time, in required uniform, demonstrate expected concert behavior and are prepared with the required materials.

Orchestra Room Instrument Lockers (violin/viola only)

1. Students will be issued a lock that is the property of Daniell Middle School.
2. The school issued lock must be used and not changed to a student owned lock.
3. The locker must remain locked when not in use, except during class, or student may lose lock.
4. Students should not share the lock combination with any students other than the locker partner.
5. **The student must replace the school owned lock if it is lost for \$5.**
6. **It is important for violin and viola students to bring and take their instrument home each day that they have class. If a student forgets their instrument, written detentions and essay assignments will be given in addition to extra theory work during the class. Students can NOT forget their materials for class. No loaner instruments will be given by DMS.**



Extra Help/Private Lessons

The Daniell Orchestra highly recommends that students looking to perform competitively for auditions and outside activities as well as students needing extra help sign up for private lessons. An up-to-date list of known private teachers in the area is always available under the Auditions tab on daniellorchestra.org. Mrs. Newton is also always available to help students in the morning by appointment.