

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Violin Viola Cello Bass Harp



## 2017 BHS Orchestra Audition Information

- There are four levels of orchestra at BHS, from easiest to most challenging: **Chamber, Concert, Philharmonic, and the Symphony Orchestra**. These four outstanding orchestras have the same goals: to help you grow as a musician and to create music at the highest level. The main differences between the orchestras are the difficulty of music and the opportunities to play in the full orchestra.

- **All incoming freshman** are required to audition. Incoming freshmen may audition on Level I, Level II, or Level III music. Level III is reserved for those wishing to audition for the Symphony (top group). These auditions will help us determine which group best suits your level. Everyone who signs up for orchestra will be placed in a group. Please don't fear these auditions, just make sure you prepare and do your best!

- **Current BHS orchestra students** have the option of auditioning on any of the music levels. Current BHS students who choose not to audition will be placed into Chamber Orchestra.

Please determine the level for which you plan to audition. The audition music for each group will include Scales and Etudes. The music for each group is clearly marked in the audition packets.

Everyone will play a scale, Etude 1, and the second Etude for your Level.

Level I – Chamber and Concert Orchestras - 1 octave scale, Etude 1, Level 1 Etude

Level II – Concert and Philharmonic Orchestras- 2 Octave scale, Etude 1, Level 2 Etude

Level III – Symphony- 3 Octave Scale, Etude 1, Level 3 Etude

**Audition dates are as follows: Liberty JH – May 3-4, Apollo JH – May 3-4, BHS – May 8-11** These dates cannot be extended. We will be coming to each Junior High campus to listen to auditions on the days listed above.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Graders from other schools

We are asking 8<sup>th</sup> graders not attending Apollo or Liberty to submit a video of themselves playing the required audition music by May 5th. You may submit the video by joining and uploading to our audition google class or by emailing the video directly to Mr. Needham.

The google class is name is Berkner HS Orchestra Auditions and the class code is [nqog47](#)

If you would like to schedule a live audition, please email Mr. Needham at [craig.needham@risd.org](mailto:craig.needham@risd.org)

Please call the BHS Orchestra office at 469-593-7028 or email Mr. Needham at [craig.needham@risd.org](mailto:craig.needham@risd.org) if you have any questions! Regardless of your ability we look forward to making music with you next year! Please look carefully through this packet of information and let me know if you have any questions.

Mr. Needham

Mrs. Thornton

Mr. Pratt

# Cello Scales

Level I, quarter=110



Level II, quarter=110



Level III, quarter=110



# Cello Etude 1

Level 1 - play 1st two lines using any fingerings  
Level 2 and 3 - play all including upper notes and printed fingerings

Cello

♩=72

*mf*

IV

9

Level 1 stop

17

*p*

Level 2,3 stop

25

*f*

Fingerings: -4, -3, -2, 0, -4, -1, 1, -1, 4, -1, -4

Bowings: V,  $\vee$

# Cello Audition Music Level 1,2,3

Level I - 8 measures, Level II - stop at m. 17, Level III - play all

$\text{♩} = 88$

x4 x4 3 x2 1 x2 1 x2 x2 x4 1 4 2 -1 4

mf *f* mf

6 Level I stop

10

14 Level II stop 17

18 *cresc.*

*fp* *p*

22

*mp*

25

26