



Dear 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra Students and Parents,

I would like to invite you to our annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Orientation. We will have this meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Allen High School. This orientation will consist of activities for both students and parents. Parking for this meeting is available in the front of the Allen HS Performing Arts Center. Please enter the building through the lobby doors to the PAC. There will be signs in the lobby directing you to the rooms listed below for the meeting and performance.

**Parents:** We will have a parent meeting at 6:00 PM in the new ensemble room at AHS with Mr. DeVoto and Mr. Cross. This meeting will cover expectations for high school orchestra, information about the trip we will be taking next year, and other valuable information. The meeting will also give you an opportunity to ask any questions about our programs at Lowery and at Allen High School.

**Students:** At the same time as the meeting, we will be having a combined rehearsal with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Lowery Orchestras in the AHS multi-purpose room. Music will be sent to your orchestra teacher to be passed out to you. This rehearsal will last about 30 minutes, and then we will present a short concert to your parents when they are done with their meeting in the auditorium. This time will also include an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have about orchestra at Lowery.

Students, before our meeting on Jan. 23, please follow the link below to complete a short survey. You will have an opportunity to tell us about your music background and ask questions about Lowery and the Orchestra program.

<https://goo.gl/forms/MQ6ENGuy1AhACYim1>

We look forward to meeting everybody at this orientation! Even if you are undecided about orchestra next year, come and find out what the Allen High School Orchestra program is all about. Feel free to contact any of the LFC or AHS directors if there are any questions.

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***Looking forward to seeing you on Jan. 23!!***