August 26, 2019

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome you to the Ardrey Kell High School orchestra program for the 2019-2020 school year. The Orchestra Booster Club looks forward to working with you to continue the success of our students in this awesome program, under the direction of Mrs. Amanda Turner.

Please carefully read and sign the enclosed fee information and volunteer forms. Have your child return the forms that are found on the orchestra weebly to A227. Please pay the orchestra/instrument fees at [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com). Signed forms and fees are due by Friday, August 31st.

CMS provides minimal funding to the orchestra program. The Booster Club was established to secure needed funds so that your child’s orchestra education can be more complete. As a parent of a current orchestra student, you are automatically a member of the Booster Club. Our budget funds items such as sheet music, contest fees and transportation, opportunities to work with guest clinicians and conductors, and other essential elements for a well-rounded curriculum.

The orchestra program is funded beyond the CMS budget in three primary ways.

* $75 fee per student
* $25 fee per student borrowing a school-issued instrument
* Local business matching programs (i.e., Well Fargo, Bank of America, McAlister’s Deli, etc.).

Other fundraisers such as the Go-Play-Save book sales give each student the opportunity to raise money for various orchestra opportunities. You will be given further information on fundraising as the year progresses.

**A MANDATORY meeting for ALL orchestra parents will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium.**

During this meeting, further details about the orchestra program will be discussed, and the Booster Club budget reviewed for approval.

Please remember to pay fees online at [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) . We hope you will be an active participant in the Booster Club.

You are welcome to contact the Club President or Executive Board members with questions or concerns any time during the year by emailing:

Thank you for your support! Along with you, we look forward to the beautiful music of the 2019-2020 school year.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wright, President

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