Weekly Update

Week of

8/5/26 - 8/7/26

Connections Schedule

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News of the Week

Updates calendars, program communciation sheets, and new membership packets are being handed out the first day of school, both A and B days.

All dates and ensembles are listed on the orchestra website.

Reminders

Students should be practicing at home at least 3-4 days a week for a minimum of 15 minutes each day. Practice is the students homework in orchestra nd is expected of ALL students.

WWW.RHMSORCHESTRA.ORG

Announcements

Connections Schedules can be found on the RHMS Official Website. The schedule I use is the schedule listed on the school's master calendar.

This Week in Orchestra:

- **Nothing after-school this week**

<u>METHOD BOOKS</u>
6th Grade students will need "Habits of a Successful Young String Musician." This book IS provided in the accessory pack from Portmans Music.

7th and 8th Grade will need "Habits of a Successful Middle Level String Musician." These can be picked up on Amazon.

<u>STAY INFORMED!</u>
Please download the Band App and join our group to get text on what is happening in the RHMS orchestra program.

<u>PARENT GOOGLE FOLDER</u>
Find all forms, handbooks, and program materials in this folder. Check the link on the contact page.

<u>FUNRAISING:</u>
October - Spiritwear

<u>MY MUSIC OFFICE</u>
Please make sure your account information is up-to-date!

Log in information will be sent out later this week and first of next week. Please expect an email and physical copy sent home.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here I will have important infomration I need to get out. This page may not be in every weekly update.

6th Grade

THIS WEEKS
MUSIC MAKING

Practice Material

This is where you will find this week's assignments.

This week students will:

Take a "Pre-test" - not graded
Learn about their new instruments
Learn our proceedures and expecations
Begin Music Theory review

TESTS:

None this week.

7th Grade A-Day

Practice Material

This week students will:

Review scales and work on tone
Learn their warm-ups
Learn about the Habits book

Prepare for their chair placements next week

Requirements can be found here:
http://www.rhmsorchestra.org/student-summer-assignments.html

TESTS:

None this week

7th Grade B-Day

Practice Material

This is where you will find this week's assignments.

This week students will:

Take a "Pre-test" - not graded
Learn about their new instruments
Learn our proceedures and expecations
Begin Music Theory review

TESTS:

None this week

8th Grade (A-Day)

Practice Material

This week students will:

Review scales and work on tone
Learn their warm-ups
Learn about the Habits book

Prepare for their chair placements next week

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TESTS:

None this week

8th Grade (B-day)

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TESTS:

None this week

Chamber Orchestra

NEXT REHEARSAL

Monday, August 24, 2026

Students who score an 80 or above on their chair placement tests will be ranked from highest score to lowest and will fill spots until filled.

All 7th and 8th Grade students and 6th grade students will at least one full year of instruction are eligible for Chamber.

Chamber Rehearsal Schedule

Please review the calendar attached

Orchestra Communication Tools

Website

www.rhmsorchestra.org

Our website is the primary location for all things orchestra. You will find our handbook, policies, and up-to-date information on the main page and under the student/parent resource tabs. This is also where the official calendar is located. We recommend you check this site before contacting the orchestra staff. Most answers can be found in the various documents located on the site.

Band App

The band app will be our text based communication tool for the 2025-2026 school year. Please download the app and follow the QR code to access our group.

My Music Office

My Music Office (MMO) is our primary toolforstoring your information and communicating via email. You will be providedastudent account and temporary password at the beginning of the year. Weaskthat you update your contact information so that you can stay up-to-dateonwhat is happening in the orchestra. The emails from PowerSchool will be loaded,ifthat email is not one you check often, we recommend updating this information inMMO. Emails will be seen as "My Music Office" NOT Mr. Mock's school email. The emailmay be sent to a junk folder. If you need to contact Mr. Mock directly, please usejmock@bryan.k12.ga.us.

Handbook, Class Syllabus, Rubrics, and Additional Forms

Scan this QR code to access the Parent Google Drive.

Orchestras
RICHMOND HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

2026-2027 Important Dates

August

10-14 - Chair Auditions
24 - Chamber Rehearsal
31 - Chamber Rehearsal

September

9 - All-State Due Date
14 - Chamber Rehearsal
21- Chamber Rehearsal
28 - Chamber Rehearsal

October

5 - Chamber Rehearsal
15 - High School Concert
19 - Chamber Rehearsal
24 - All-State Round 1 (RHHS)
26 - Chamber Rehearsal

November

2 - Chamber Rehearsal
9 - Chamber Rehearsal
13-14 - District Honor Orchestra (TBD)
16 - Chamber Rehearsal
19 - Fall Concert (7th/8th @ RHHS))
30 - Chamber Rehearsal

December

1 - HS Orchestra Concert
7 - Chamber Rehearsal
8 - Celebrate the Arts (Chamber @ RHMS)
14 - Chamber Rehearsal
TBD - Airport Performance (Chamber)
TBD - Recruitment Visits (Chamber)

January

11 - Future Wildcat Night (@ RHMS)
16 - All-State Round 2 (Atlanta)
19 - Chamber Rehearsal
25 - Chamber Rehearsal

February

1 - Chamber Rehearsal
2 - Mid-Winter Concert (ALL GROUPS @ RHHS)
11 - Chamber Rehearsal (Tentative)
17 - Chamber Rehearsal
18 - Pre-LGPE Concert w/HS (LGPE Groups only @ RHHS)
22 - Chamber Rehearsal
23 - LGPE - Savannah (LGPE Groups only)

March

1 - Chamber Rehearsal
4-6 - All-State in Athens
15 - Chamber Rehearsal
22 - Chamber Rehearsal
29 - Chamber Rehearsal

April

12 - Chamber Rehearsal
19 - Spring Concert (All Groups @RHHS)
24 - Solo and Ensemble
28- High School Concert

Fundraising

October - Orch. Spiritwear
March - Spring Fundraiser

Dates are subject to change, please review the official calendar on the website regularly.