

NEWSLETTER

FIRST YEAR ORCHESTRA

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

After learning our first three key signatures, we have ventured into new territories that change students' finger patterns so they can learn material in new keys. This week, students have received two new full length pieces that start our Ann C. Roberts Orchestra Festival unit.

The Ann C. Roberts Orchestra Festival is a competition where our FYO will be judged on its own merit, and then against the other First Year Orchestras to compete for best in class. We will email home more details about this event soon!

PERFORMING ORCHESTRAS

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The Performing Orchestras are preparing for contest season, which include the UIL Evaluation and the Ann C. Roberts Orchestra Festival for all groups. Additionally, students will have their work (planners, posture, participation, and test grades) combined to form a chair portfolio. At the completion of the portfolio, students will be ranked 1st chair, 2nd chair, and so on based on their scores.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

18 - Main Event Social
(All students)

30 - Houston Symphony Field Trip
(FYO only)

FEBRUARY

23 - UIL Preview Concert
(Lyrica, Philharmonic,
Sinfonietta, Chamber)

1 - Full Orchestra Concert
(Auditioned students, Chamber)

MARCH

1 - Full Orchestra UIL

5 - Lyrica, Philharmonic UIL

6 - Sinfonietta UIL

7 - Chamber UIL

21 - Philharmonic, FYO Ann C.
Roberts Orchestra Festival

23 - Lyrica, Sinfonietta, Chamber
Ann C. Roberts Orchestra
Festival