

STALEY ORCHESTRA NEWSLETTER

**JAN
2024**

STALEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

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ELEMENTARY TOUR ROUND 2

The First Year Orchestra will be going to the elementary schools on **Thursday, January 25th**. We will be sharing information on our instruments as well as modeling what our students have learned in just a few short months! Please return the yellow **permission slip** by **Friday, January 19th**.

Attire will be the **Orchestra T-shirt** and **blue jeans**. We must be all matching and looking our best that day!



ORCHESTRA SEASON



We are in the official "Orchestra Season" for all of our performing groups from now through March! At some point in the next three months, our orchestras will all be judged and graded in some official format. For our Symphony Orchestra, we will be participating in the Middle School UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest. For our Concert and First Year Orchestras, we will be performing for a judge in a "festival" setting. All of these performances require a lot of focus and practice so PLEASE help our students understand responsibility and self-discipline in practicing every day.

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UPCOMING DATES

- Jan 8/15 - No School
- Jan 23 - UIL Clinic
- Jan 25 - FYO Elementary Tour
- Feb 6 - UIL Clinic
- Feb 15 - Pre-UIL @ FHS
- Feb 21 - Golf Tournament
- Feb 23 - UIL Clinic
- Feb 23rd Talent Show
- Feb 27-29 - UIL
- Mar 8 - Medieval Times



UIL CLINICS AND SECTIONALS

Every year our region participates in the UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest. All schools must take a performing group to be judged on 3 prepared pieces and one sight-reading piece. We will be taking our Symphony orchestra players at the end of February. These students must attend all sectionals and clinics in order to achieve the excellence we are striving for.



LOCAL VENDORS

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6807 Main Street, Frisco TX 75034

Cadenza Violins - (469) 241-1152
6905 Coit Rd, Plano 75024

Dallas Strings - (469) 675-0085 20 East McDermott
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