



COLUMBUS ACADEMY STRINGS

INTRODUCTION

Greetings!

My name is **Nathan Greenwood** and I'm thrilled to be the strings teacher here at Academy! Before coming to Ohio, I taught orchestra in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 8 years-- where I was named middle school Teacher of the Year. I then attended Indiana University for my graduate degrees and exclusively taught in elementary programs. I have a true passion to work with lower-school students-- and I'm excited to have the opportunity to work with your child!

THE LOWER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Columbus Academy Lower School Orchestra Program is offered before and after school Tuesday through Friday for grades 3-5. Students can learn to play the violin, viola, cello, or bass (starting in 4th grade). Classes are offered at three different levels according to your child's skill attainment and experience. I believe that it's never too late to learn a string instrument-- so if your child is in the 4th or 5th grade and didn't study strings last year, it's not a problem! I'd love to have them join our crew!

THE CLASSES

Enrollment typically happens in the spring for rising students. There are three levels: Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3. Students will meet as a combined class at least twice a week. Level 3 is moving to a before school class this year. Please reach out if you have any concerns!

Lvl 1: Wed / Fri 3:30 - 4:00 pm


Lvl 2: Tues / Thurs 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Lvl 3: Tues/ Thurs 7:25 - 8:00 am

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CONCERTS AND MORE

Information you need to prepare for next year.

CONCERTS

There is real magic in performance. The more we perform the more we grow. Concerts will be performed on campus, but I'm eager to find opportunities to perform out in the community. If you know of a great venue to showcase our skills, please let me know! A schedule of these performances will be sent home early in the fall--and updated on the Blackbaud school calendar.

INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC

Families are responsible for renting an instrument for class. While it's possible to "shop around" for the best deal, the CA music department recommends **The Loft Violin Shop**. You can scan the *QR code* to the right to learn more about their rental program. The Loft Violin Shop is located at 4604 N High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214. If you haven't already rented an instrument, please do so now!

Music books will be provided to each child this fall. **There is a one-time fee of \$35 (added to your Academy bill) to cover the cost of this book and an orchestra t-shirt.**



Scan to enroll!



PRIVATE LESSONS

My recommendation is to enroll in a reputable Suzuki program, but you should do what works best for your family. We are excited to share that we have some private lesson teachers that teach right here at Academy after school. Please reach out to me if you are interested in their information! Here are some considerations:

- Parent involvement in the early stages of learning a string instrument is essential
- Student skill attainment is proportionate to the work they put in during lessons and practice.

