



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. Over the last four years (while attending Indiana University for my graduate degrees), I taught exclusively in elementary programs. I'm thrilled to have to opportunity to learn and grow with your children as we study and make music!

THE LOWER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Columbus Academy Lower School Orchestra Program is offered after school Monday 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 grade and didn't study strings last year, it's not a problem! I'd love to have them!

THE CLASSES

Enrollment typically happens in the spring for rising students. There are three levels: Level 1, Level 2, and a 5th-grade class. The classes meet on the following days and times:

Lvl 1: Monday / Wednesday 3:30 - 4:00

Lvl 2: Monday / Wednesday 4:00 - 4:30

5th Grade: Tues / Thurs / Fri 3:30 - 4:15

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CONCERTS AND MORE

Information you need to prepare for the 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.



LESSONS

Individual lessons are available at no extra charge for students enrolled in strings.

- Parent involvement in the early stages of learning a string instrument is essential
- Research suggests that consistent goal-oriented practice is best.
- Student skill attainment is proportionate to the work they put in during lessons and practice.
- Everyone learner is unique-- and so is their musical journey. We will do our best to support them along the way!

