



NEWSLETTER

FHS ORCHESTRA

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

We are in Week 4 of 9 in our Ensemble Unit. The students have been assigned a small group, called an ensemble, where they have been leading their own rehearsals. The ensembles will perform in this way, with no conductor, for the Winter Concert.

The skills required to participate in an ensemble encourage a higher level of thinking: students must listen to identify what is wrong, strategize a practice technique to correct the problem, and make a group decision if the strategy worked. I have seen great teamwork developing in each orchestra!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Sign to verify your child's Practice Planner minutes; this assignment is due every Tuesday.
- Help your child find a consistent time to practice at home.
- Consider enrolling in private lessons! There are many wonderful teachers in the area that have a private studio. I am working on bringing in teachers to campus for after-school lessons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

15 - Smorchestra Party

DECEMBER

10 - Winter Concert

**Mandatory for all students*

JANUARY

10 - Convocation Concert

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