

## **Student Behavior Guidelines & Expectations**

We are guests of Englewood Christian Church during rehearsals. We want to emphasize that it is a privilege to use this facility on a weekly basis. **Please understand that our facility usage includes only the rehearsal room, adjacent restrooms, and the hallway/exit doors nearest this room.** While we are in the building, these are the only areas of access to students. Courteous and respectful behavior is also expected in any other facilities used or anytime a student is representing YYSO/ YES!. Please do not bring food, candy, gum, or soda into the facility. Water bottles are OK.

**YYSO ONLY: Museum Performance Saturday December 5, 2009**

### **YYSO & YES! Concerts at the Capitol Theater**

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| Winter Concert             | Sunday | January 24, 2010  |
| KinderKonzert              | Sunday | February 28, 2010 |
| Spring Concert             | Sunday | May 2, 2010       |
| Farwell to Brooke Creswell | Friday | May 7, 2010       |

## **Attendance Requirements**

Regular attendance at all rehearsals/concerts is critically important for the success of the student musician and the orchestra as a whole. Attendance plays a role in your chair placement. Accordingly, students are expected to attend every rehearsal and concert. Attendance records will be kept, and all students along with Parent/Guardian will sign a "Participation Agreement." Please resolve any schedule conflicts for rehearsals or concerts with your conductor well in advance. Please note all students will be signing a "Participation Agreement" with the signature of a parent/guardian.

In order to continue with YYSO/YES! students cannot be absent for more than two (2) rehearsals per semester. **Students must perform at all**

## **concerts.**

When a student misses a rehearsal he/she will be notified by mail of that absence and the number of rehearsals he/she has missed that semester. The notice will also provide the student with the procedure (letter of appeal) he/she must follow to keep his/her membership active with YYSO/YES! if a 3<sup>rd</sup> rehearsal is missed.

**Failure to satisfy these expectations will disqualify the musician from membership in the orchestra unless the student successfully appeals the disqualification to the YYSO Board.** Appeals must be submitted within the week of your 3<sup>rd</sup> absence prior to Monday's rehearsal. Such appeals must be made in writing to the YYSO Board of Directors with a copy to your Conductor. The Board may reinstate the student if it is determined that the absences were due to extenuating circumstances not reasonably within the student's control.

**Rehearsals are held every Monday at Englewood Christian Church beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>**; no rehearsal on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day). Students are expected to arrive on time, be tuned and warmed up, and ready to play at all scheduled rehearsals. Late arrivals are disruptive and discourteous.

## **Attendance Requirements (Continued)**

Each YYSO/YES! student will receive two (2) copies of the rehearsal and performance schedule at the beginning of each semester (September & January). Please post the home copy schedule for continued referral.

**YES! rehearsals are held from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Call Libby K. Moore 453-2643/ or cell 654-2965 if you are unable to attend rehearsal.**

**YYSO rehearsals are held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Call Nancy Miles 969-0751 if you are unable to attend rehearsal.**

## **PRIVATE LESSONS:**

YYSO/YES! strongly suggests that all members take private lessons. Private lessons are very helpful in developing strong musicians and a more advanced orchestra, one that the students find more rewarding. A list of recommended private teachers may be obtained from your Conductor.

Each student will be provided with music to be kept at home for practice. At the rehearsals, the librarian(s) will pass out music folders with the same music selections for each piece. Thus, there will be no need to remember to bring music from home. Members will take care of the music provided by YYSO/YES! and will be responsible for the replacement of damaged or lost music.

**Each student will do his/her best to make the Orchestra a good experience for fellow participants and themselves.**

## **CONCERT DRESS:**

**Students will be expected to wear the required concert attire for ALL YYSO & YES! performances.**

### **YYSO & YES! Concert Attire**

#### **YYSO & YES! Girls:**

Black dress or black long-sleeved blouse and black skirt or black dress pants, black hose or black knee highs and black dress shoes.

#### **THE FOLLOWING IS NOT APPROPRIATE CONCERT ATTIRE:**

**Flip flop shoes, short mini skirts, spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, shoulders, or upper arms.**

## **YYSO & YES! Boys:**

White long-sleeved dress shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes, black bow tie, and black cummerbund.

Ties and cummerbunds are available for purchase at Lin Paul's in Yakima @ 101 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (509) 248-6191. **Please inform them that you are a student with YYSO/YES! as they offer a discount.**

These are the rules set forth by the Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra/YES! and agree to abide by these rules at all times. Violation of these rules may result in disciplinary action which may include expulsion from YYSO/YES!.