*McFarland Orchestra*

*Summer Opportunities – 2017 - MHS*

The McFarland orchestra department is pleased to offer *summer teaching opportunities for current MHS students, summer lessons opportunities, a fiddle performance and more for MHS students*. Please return the attached form to Mrs. Hershey (or school mailbox at WIS, IMMS, or MHS) by *Wednesday, May 31*. Students should return forms in the summer to Mrs. Hershey at MHS.

***Summer School* --** 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM

 **August 7-11** (M-**F**) **and 14-17** (M-Th)**, 2017** – High School Orchestra Room

Each summer the MHS students are able to donate their time, in return you receive wonderful volunteer hours, to assist with the summer orchestra program. Students assist in teaching the 5th grade lessons, new student lessons, and bass lessons. Students assist in 6th -8th grade orchestras and learn a secondary instrument in the process.

If you are currently taking private lessons you may be given the opportunity to teach lessons to our younger students this summer and into the fall as well. Younger students, as well as older students, benefit from working together while learning an instrument. Please fill out the form and let me know if you are interested in teaching private lessons this summer. I cannot guarantee that parents will call you, but I will know you are interested.

***Fiddles for the State Fair*** *– open to 6th – 12th grade string students*

 *$7 cash OR check to McFarland School District* is due on the first day of class

Tentative rehearsal dates: **June** 21, 26 - **July** 5, 13, 17– MHS Orchestra Room

Please check the Orchestra website for updates! -- mcfarlandorchestra.weebly.com

6:00 – 7:00 PM Fair beginners – typically **6th – 7th grade** string players (fall grade level)

7:00 – 8:00 PM Fair advanced – **8th – 12th grade** string players (fall grade level)

**Thurs. Aug. 4 – 6PM** - Performance at Sundaes on Thursdays at the McFarland Park

 State Fair – **1:00 PM on Saturday, August 5, 2017** – State Fairgrounds – West Allis, WI

We perform Fiddle Tunes on the Scott Jeffrey’s stage. You must have at least 3 songs memorized in order to participate. We have a lot of fun! In the past each student has received one free ticket for themselves plus one adult ticket. Students must attend at least three rehearsals (or have special permission) in order to participate.

***Summer Private Lessons***

Students are encouraged to take private lessons from an ***adult*** over the summer. Most lessons are scheduled for 30 minutes. Most adults teach in their homes in McFarland or surrounding communities. Most teachers’ schedules are a little more flexible for absences in the summer, so ask about what is possible regarding lesson availability and payment options. When contacting any of the teachers for lessons, please leave a message as most teachers do not answer their phone while they are teaching. Please put “Private lesson information” in the subject box if you send an email.

**Adult Teachers**

Elisabeth Petersen 262-227-9912 epetersenstringlessons@gmail.com viola/violin/cello McFarland

Leanna Hershey 608-345-3694 hershvln@gmail.com violin/viola/cello Stoughton

Shelly Lampe 608-334-7567 shellylampe@hotmail.com violin/viola McFarland

Jess Lex 763-226-7395 jess.lex.fiddle@gmail.com violin/beginning viola Deerfield

Maureen McCarty 608-345-5474 maureen.ella.mccarty@gmail.com violin/viola Monona

Emma Downing 608-333-1539 edwina27@gmail.com cello Madison

Mrs. Petersen lives in McFarland and taught orchestra in the Oregon for four years. She currently has a private string studio while staying home with her young sons. Mrs. Petersen’s primary instrument is the viola, but she performs on both violin and viola and teaches all the string instruments.

Ms. Lampe lives near WIS and has a degree in violin performance and teaches classical, Irish and fiddle music. She works in special education. Ms. Lampe founded the “Fiddlin’ Fun Fiddlers” in McFarland. She has invited our string students to perform at the State Fair with them again this summer!

Ms. Lex is a local violinist/ fiddle player and teaches in the Deerfield area. You are welcome to check out her bio at [www.jesslexmusic.com](http://www.jesslexmusic.com).

Ms. Downing has been playing cello for nearly 15 years. She has worked with WYSO and has a private studio. As a teacher, she believes in prioritizing bodily and mental awareness during musical study. She teaches in 3 locations – Verona, Oregon, Madison.

Ms. McCarty has been assisting in the McFarland Orchestra room this year and is teaching privately in Monona. She has enjoyed working with the McFarland string students and hopes to continue doing so.

***Summer Small ensembles***

I am considering doing a chamber music/small ensemble class this summer for MHS students. This would be a time where students could come together to read through music of varying levels to work on sight reading, chamber music, small ensemble music and more. It might vary week to week as the participants would as well. I am open to ideas if you have them.

Contact Mrs. Hershey with questions. Hershel@mcfsd.org

838-4500 ext 4732 (during the school year) 608-345-3694 (during the summer)

 *McFarland Orchestra Summer Opportunities Form – 2017- MHS*

Fill out and return this form to ***Mrs. Hershey by Wednesday May 31***, Forms returned after June 2 should be taken to Mrs. Hershey’s mailbox at the ***High School***.

**Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in assisting with **summer school orchestra**

(Please circle your available times.)

8-10 AM 10Am -12 PM 12-2 PM 2-3:30 PM

Aug. 7 \_\_\_ Aug. 8 \_\_\_\_ Aug. 9 \_\_\_\_ Aug. 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Aug. 11 \_\_\_\_

Aug. 14 \_\_\_ Aug. 15 \_\_\_\_ Aug. 16 \_\_\_\_ Aug. 17 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in *taking* **summer private lessons** with an **adult**. I, the student or parent, will

make the arrangements with the adult teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in *participating* in the **summer chamber group sessions**. Please make sure I have your summer email and/or cell number for a text message. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in *playing* at the **State Fair**.

 To participate in the fair I understand that I need to learn at least three songs by memory

and attend at least 3 of the rehearsals (or make special arrangements) and be at Sundaes on

Thursdays on August 3 to pick up my tickets.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in *teaching* **summer private lessons.** (Please rank

the best time for lessons – 1 being best through 5.) Mrs. Hershey will connect you with

the appropriate student.

Private lesson times. (Please circle and rank the best time for lessons – 1 being best through 5.)

Monday 9:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 3:00 3:00 – 6:00 6:00 – 8:00

 Tuesday 9:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 3:00 3:00 – 6:00 6:00 – 8:00

 Wednesday 9:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 3:00 3:00 – 6:00 6:00 – 8:00

 Thursday 9:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 3:00 3:00 – 6:00 6:00 – 8:00

 Friday 9:00 – 12:00 12:00 – 3:00

I am unavailable for lessons the following week(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_