

Springfield Public Schools

SPRINGFIELD YOUTH SYMPHONY

Andy Johnston, Music Director

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Dear Orchestra or Band Director:

Congratulations on having your student selected for membership in the Springfield Youth Symphony! This is a high honor as players in the Youth Symphony are among the best high school musicians in the Springfield area. You are to be commended also for your excellent musical instruction and for consistently challenging students to achieve their maximum potential.

Throughout its 54-year history, the Springfield Youth Symphony has been dedicated to excellence in music education and to serving as an extension to the instruction provided within the in-school music classroom. With this in mind, ALL youth symphony students are required to maintain membership in good standing in their individual school's Band or Orchestra program (where one is available) and to take private lessons. As your student gains musical experience in the Youth Symphony we trust that he/she will bring an improved level of skill and musicianship back to your ensemble.

Please review the attached schedule carefully *especially* as it pertains to the Springfield Youth Symphony performances. Your orchestra/band student is being asked to commit to the events on the schedule. Your student will also ask you to sign the membership form indicating your support for his/her participation in SYS. Please notify the student and me immediately if you see a problem in the schedule. It is much easier for all concerned if conflicts can be resolved earlier rather than in the last few days before an event.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the Youth Symphony concerts this year. Concert dates are Nov. 29, Feb. 28, and April 24. As always, we will send you complimentary tickets to each performance by email a week or so before the event.

Thank you again for allowing me to work with your fine student in the Springfield Youth Symphony.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnston
Music Director