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## Orchestra Opportunities at the High School Level

As you get older, you will find that you have many more opportunities at the High School. 9th Graders are still included in the JRO, but 10th Graders and older are in the SRO, the Senior Regional Orchestra. If you are selected to the SRO, you are then eligible to audition for All-Virginia Orchestra. The auditions are in February and the event is in April.

You also have opportunities within the community, such as performing with local orchestras, solo competitions with local and regional orchestras, as well as professional and military orchestras in Washington, DC. Don't miss out of these life-changing opportunities at the high school level.

## Opportunities are Just That

Opportunities are just that: Opportunities! Students have to put forth the effort and try. We just make them available to you. Some students are happy with where they are but others want more. If that's you, make the best use of your high school opportunities and don't hold yourself back.

## Other Groups Too!

You're not limited to just the Orchestra Program. There are many opportunities in other FHS groups as well. You can join the 3 Choir Classes, the Theater Productions, After-school Steel Pans, Jazz Band, Basketball Band, Percussion Ensemble, and the Marching Band. Some of the best members come from the Orchestras!

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## FIND OUT MORE

**Orchestra Web Page on the Band Web Site**  
**[www.fauquierband.com](http://www.fauquierband.com)**

The Orchestra Page is hosted by the Band Parents (Falcon Band Organization - FBO). You can find out more about the Orchestra, obtain Chamber Orchestra Info & Music, and info on the other groups mentioned as well.

The FHS Guidance Department will be visiting your school soon to discuss course registration with you. If you have any questions about registering for Orchestra, please contact me. I'll be glad to help!

### Contact the Orchestra Director

Andrew Paul, Director

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## ORCHESTRA EVENTS

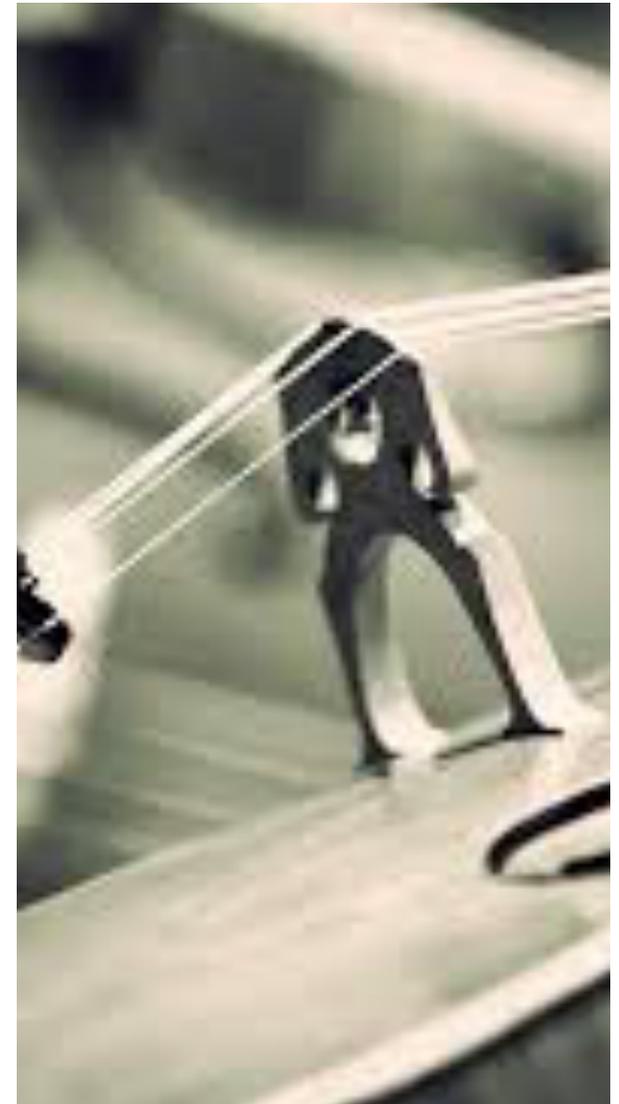
KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE ORCHESTRA WEBSITE CALENDAR - IT'S ALL THERE



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# Fauquier Falcon Orchestra Classes

String Orchestra or Chamber Orchestra?



## Which Class is Right for You?

We have 2 Orchestra Classes at Fauquier HS:  
String Orchestra & Chamber Orchestra

ALL RISING 9TH GRADERS SHOULD REGISTER  
FOR STRING ORCHESTRA.

This ensures your schedule is handled correctly -  
The Guidance Department requests YOU do this.



### String Orchestra

Just like 8th Grade Orchestra comes after 7th, & 7th after 6th, String Orchestra comes after 8th. It's the next step & recommended for all 9th Graders.

### Chamber Orchestra

The class after String Orchestra & requires an audition. FRESHMEN CAN JOIN IF YOU AUDITION. This class is the highest level you can reach in Orchestra.



## CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AUDITION

IT'S EASY! #1 - Go to the Orchestra Page on the FHS Band Web Site. #2 - Read the Audition Requirements & download the music. #3 - schedule a time with Mr. Paul. #4 - Audition - 10 Minutes!

Every year some Freshmen skip String Orchestra and go straight from 8th Grade Orchestra to the Chamber Orchestra. This could be your year. If not, join String Orchestra and audition next year. EITHER WAY, YOU SHOULD STILL REGISTER FOR STRING ORCHESTRA! Guidance will change your schedule if your audition is successful.

### Fall Semester

String Orchestra meets in the Fall Semester. That means you have String Orchestra every day from August - December only.

### Spring Semester

Chamber Orchestra meets in the Spring Semester. That means you have Chamber Orchestra every day from January - May only.



## The 4 X 4 Course Schedule

All 3 high schools operate on the "4 X 4" class schedule. Some students, after a successful audition for Chamber Orchestra, register for both orchestras in a school year. While you can do this, it does ensure that you take orchestra for the entire school year, but as you get closer to graduation, it may be harder to complete your required classes to graduate. Some Seniors have had to drop Orchestra entirely to Graduate. Make a 4-year plan and include Orchestra accordingly. We want you to be in Orchestra all of the time, but one semester a year is better than not at all! Think it through!