

Since 2018, Parent Orchestra has grown from around 30 parents to serving over 200 caregivers in the county. We love being a part of your family's musical journey and are honored that you choose to spend your evenings with us. For every teacher involved, it is a fulfilling program that is a joy to participate in and we welcome the opportunity to connect with our communities.

With such substantial growth, an important change **we need to add is a \$41.00 tuition** to support the logistics of running the program. This tuition goes directly to the teachers to make Parent Orchestra a sustainable model and encourage commitment to the year by registrants.

Parent Orchestra is also moving from being just "Parent Orchestra" to the [Fairfax Arts Coalition for Education \(FACE\)](#) Parent Orchestra. The goal of FACE is to promote high-quality music education for all students in Fairfax County Public Schools. FACE works with the FCPS School Board, performing arts teachers, and community members to promote the maintenance and growth of the performing arts in FCPS, including advocating for funds in the yearly budget, helping teachers gain access to high-quality training and support, and advocating for the importance of music education in the community. As you register for PO, [please consider joining FACE as well!](#)

[Click here to register for FACE Parent Orchestra!](#) Below is more information about the year:

Where - Annandale High School Performing Arts Department wing

When - 7:00 - 8:00 (+ set up/reset rooms) twice a month - usually on THURSDAY nights

Cost - [\\$41 for the entire year](#). If this presents a financial challenge for your family, please let us know your needs.

Dates are subject to change if needed - *all dates are Thursday unless otherwise noted*

- October 9th - *Wednesday*
- October 24th
- November 7th
- November 13th - *Wednesday*
- December 5th
- *December 13th - Friday - Extra Rehearsal for those attending the Midwest Conference*
- January 9th
- January 14th - *Tuesday*
- February 6th
- February 20th
- March 13th
- March 27th
- April 10th

- April 24th

Dress Rehearsal - May 6th - Tuesday

Concert - May 7th - Wednesday

We look forward to a great year with you all and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Annie Ray

Orchestra Director

Performing Arts Department Chair

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