



# Mendham Township Middle School Orchestras

Karen Schaberg, director

Chamber Orchestra: 5th grade string students

Symphonic Orchestra: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8th grade students

(5th grade by audition)

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## 2008-2009 Concert Season

**\*Wednesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. Holiday String and Choral Concert**

**With an assembly during the day**

**(SNOW DATE: Thurs. Dec. 18)**

**\*Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. “An Evening of Strings”**

**\*Wednesday, April 22-Tentative date for All-District String Concert, 7 pm**

**To be held at West Morris Central HS. Dress rehearsal/fieldtrip also**

**\*Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. Spring String and Choral Concert**

**With an assembly during the day**

**\*Friday, May 29 SYMPHONIC ORCH ONLY!!!**

**Dorney Park competition – all day 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.**

**My expectations: I don't expect any more or any less from the students than I expect from myself. I am a professional violinist first. I practice, prepare and perform for audiences. It doesn't matter whether I'm performing at Carnegie Hall or a local church. I perform my best at whatever venue. I want the students to experience the process of diligently preparing a work to the feeling of pride and accomplishment when presenting their work to an audience. That is a life skill they can take to any profession. Nothing but Excellence!!**

**Lesson Schedules:** Students should have a copy which I suggest they attach to their agenda book. I also have it posted on my door and it should be available in every homeroom.

**Need to contact me?:** Please do it by email: [kschaberg@mendhamtp.org](mailto:kschaberg@mendhamtp.org)  
I am only in the middle school three days a week, but I check my email everyday from home or the elementary school.

**Emergency Repairs:** If your rental instrument becomes broken (except strings), please contact your rental company for pick up. Broken strings are not covered in insurance and you will need to purchase that on your own. I can install. Strings can be purchased through Music and Arts (Victor's) at 201-444-0700. If your own personal instrument needs repair, I highly recommend Karin Menzel Violins in Boonton at 973-334-2552, [www.karinmenzelviolins.com](http://www.karinmenzelviolins.com)

**Supplies:** Strings, Rosin, Books, etc. can all be purchased through Music and Arts at 201-444-0700. I also have used the following companies:  
Shar [www.sharmusic.com](http://www.sharmusic.com)  
Southwest strings [www.swstrings.com](http://www.swstrings.com)  
Concord Musical Supply [www.concordmusic.com](http://www.concordmusic.com)

**Private Lessons:** Our most advanced students have private teachers. Having one on one instruction from a professional musician is highly recommended. Please contact me for names if you are interested.

**Performance Attendance** Students are highly encouraged to attend performances, i.e. Broadway shows, plays, classical concerts, local coffee house performances and yes, even pop/rock concerts