

To enroll your child in advanced strings, please register by 9/12 on our website  
[www.GcesBandandStrings.weebly.com](http://www.GcesBandandStrings.weebly.com)

Dear Parents of 4th Grade Advanced String Students,

Greetings from the instrumental music department of Gorman Crossing Elementary School I am anxious to begin working with your child! All students should bring instruments the method book entitled Essential Elements 2000 for Strings Book 1, and the other required materials listed on the back side of this letter (you probably already have most of them).



Please be sure that all instruments are in good playing condition and the correct size. As you know, all of the string instruments come in various sizes. To ensure your child still has the proper instrument size, please bring your child to the music store to be measured. Local music stores have trade up policies so 100% of the rental money paid on the smaller instrument will be applied to the new larger instrument. Listed below are several music stores if you are in need of any materials.

Gailes Violin Shop	College Park	301-474-4300
Mikes Music	Ellicott City	410-465-0700
Music and Arts Center	Fulton/So Ho. Co.	240-568-0600 (Very Close)
Washington Music	Wheaton	301-946-2300
Wood Bridge Music Shop	Clarksville	443-535-9677

Music is a discipline that requires commitment. This commitment means that your child will be required to attend all string classes (and make up missed class work), perform in two evening concerts (Dec 13 and April 4) and to practice for at least 15 minutes a day at home. Correct daily practice is absolutely essential.

Many students are currently enrolled in private lessons and thoroughly enjoy them. I highly recommend private lessons for all advanced string members. A roster of private music instructors is available on my website and online at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/hcparents4schoolmusic/resources/list-of-private-instructors>

To enroll your child in advanced strings, please complete the attached registration form. Also, you will find important information on our string website:  
[www.GcesBandandStrings.weebly.com](http://www.GcesBandandStrings.weebly.com) (please bookmark).

Thank you for your continued support of your child's interest in music!

Sincerely,

**Important Dates:**

Monday, September 12	Online Registration Deadline
Friday, September 16	Schedule Distribution
Monday, September 19	Classes Begin

Michael Diener

# Required Material for Advanced String Class

(Please take with you to music store)

## Violin

- Strings method book: "Essential Elements for Strings 2000," Violin, Book 1
- Shoulder rest – Consider upgrading your child's shoulder rest if using the sponge.  
A sponge is fine for a beginner but more experienced players need a better shoulder rest. I recommend Kun or Resonans shoulder rests.  
\* Please write your child's name on the shoulder rest and book \*
- Rosin
- Soft cloth for cleaning (such as a handkerchief)
- 2 pencils with erasers
- Music stand for home practice

## Viola

- Strings method book: "Essential Elements for Strings 2000," Viola, Book 1
- Shoulder rest – Consider upgrading your child's shoulder rest if using the sponge.  
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- Rosin
- Soft cloth for cleaning (such as a handkerchief)
- 2 pencils with erasers
- Music stand for home practice

## Cello

- Strings method book: "Essential Elements for Strings 2000," Cello, Book 1
- Rock stop \* Please write your child's name on the rock stop and book \*  
I recommend the Xeros Anchor Endpin Rest for Cello
- Rosin
- Soft cloth for cleaning (such as a handkerchief)
- 2 pencils with erasers
- Music stand for home practice

## Bass

- Strings method book: "Essential Elements for Strings 2000," Bass, Book 1
- Rock stop \* Please write your child's name on the rock stop and book \*
- Rosin
- Soft cloth for cleaning (such as a handkerchief)
- 2 pencils with erasers
- Music stand for home practice