

♪ Summer 2018 River City Strings Fiddle Club Handbook ♪

What is River City Strings Fiddle Club?

Fiddle music is traditionally taught by rote (by ear, without reading music). Students in River City Strings explore this style of learning and grow as musicians through playing alternative styles that include Celtic, Old-time, Swing, and more. We may also take time to explore other folk instruments and possibly have guest musician(s) visit! For some of our rehearsals and/or performances, we will be combining groups with Mrs. Becker and the Logan Middle School fiddle club.

River City Strings Fiddle Club Requirements:

River City Strings Fiddle Club members must...

- * ...be in excellent academic standing in orchestra (attend lessons, concerts, ect.)
- * ...make strides towards improving their musicianship through individual practice at home.
- * ...be in good academic standing and maintain passing grades in all classes.
- * ...attend and contribute to all rehearsals/performances and bring needed materials.
- * ...turn in all borrowed instruments and supplies immediately at the conclusion of our season.
- * ...adhere to policies in the Student Code of Conduct and Co-Curricular Activities Code. (Available on the Longfellow/LDI website: Activities & Athletics > Athletics > Longfellow Co-Curricular Code.)

Materials:

- * **Orchestra instrument & rosin:** store rental, school rental, or own instrument, case, bow & rosin
- * **Instrument support:** shoulder rest/contoured sponge (violin/viola), or endpin rest (cello/bass)
- * **Folder & music:** to be handed out in class.
- * **Performance attire:** black shirt (fiddle club t-shirt, orchestra t-shirt, or any black shirt)
- * **Folding music stand:** students will need to **bring their own stand for every** performance.
- * **Cello chair:** cellists may need to **bring their own 'cello chair/stool' for some** performances.
- * **Snack:** one box/package to share at rehearsal (non-perishable - chips, popcorn, cookies, etc.)

Rehearsals and Performances:

Please see our complete schedule on the back side of this page for this season's rehearsal and performance information – remember to mark all rehearsals and performances on your family calendar. We will rehearse in the Longfellow/LDI orchestra room (room #110) on most Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm and usually perform 2-3 'gigs' per season, at events such as the Cameron Park farmer's market, folk dances, nursing homes, Rotary Lights festival, and more.

Absences from Rehearsals/Performances

Rehearsals and performances are important, and without all of our fiddlers, we cannot be 100%! We only get about one hour of rehearsal together per week (compared to ten hours per week for most sports), so it is important that students attend. In general, **1-2 absences for this season are allowed as we only have 5 rehearsals to prepare our material.** Excessive absences will be grounds for dismissal from the rest of the season. **Contact Ms. McDonald in advance if you will be absent from any rehearsal/performance.**

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

Please feel free to contact our River City Strings director if you have questions about summer RCS!
Ms. Jessie McDonald ~ jmcdonal@lacrossesd.org

♪ Summer 2018 River City Strings Fiddle Club Schedule ♪

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

2:00-3:00 pm Rehearsal #1 at Longfellow/LDI room #110

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

2:00-3:00 pm Rehearsal #2 at Longfellow/LDI room #110

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

2:00-3:00 pm Rehearsal #3 at Longfellow/LDI room #110

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

NO REHEARSAL (Ms. McDonald on vacation)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

2:00-3:00 pm Rehearsal #4 at Longfellow/LDI room #110

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

2:00-3:00 pm Rehearsal #5 at Longfellow/LDI room #110 (*This will be our last rehearsal!!*)

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 – Performance at Bethany Riverside Nursing Home

2:00 pm Students report to Longfellow/LDI room #110

2:15-2:35 pm Travel together via school bus to performance site

2:35-3:00 pm Unpack materials to the left of our 'stage area,' set up, tune, & rehearse a little

3:00-3:30 pm Performance

3:30 pm Families pick up students from performance site or from Longfellow at 4:20ish

Address: Bethany Riverside Nursing Home, 2575 7th Street South, La Crosse

Materials: Bring your own music stand, instrument, folder with music ready in set list order, and performance attire (black fiddle club shirt/orchestra shirt).

Friday, July 27, 2018 – Performance at Cameron Park Farmer's Market

4:30 pm Students report to the center of Cameron Park

4:30-5:00 pm Unpack materials near tree to the left of our 'stage area,' set up, & tune

5:00-5:30 pm Performance (weather permitting)

5:30 pm Families pick up students from performance site

Address: Cameron Park Farmer's Market, on King Street between 4th Street & 5th Avenue

Materials: Bring your own music stand, instrument, folder with music ready in set list order, and performance attire (black fiddle club shirt/orchestra shirt).

Cellos will need to bring their own 'cello chair/stool' for this performance.

A maximum of 1-2 absences are allowed during our summer season. (We only have 5 rehearsals!) Please remember to contact Ms. McDonald ahead of time if you will be absent from **any** rehearsal.

Ms. Jessie McDonald ~ River City Strings Fiddle Club ~ jmcdonal@lacrossesd.org



♪ 2018 Summer River City Strings Registration ♪

Please return your completed form to Ms. McDonald by Friday, May 18, 2018 to sign up!

Student & Family Contact Information

Student name: _____
(First) (Last)

Parent/guardian name(s): _____
(First) (Last)

Phone number(s): _____
(Home) (Cell)

Email address: _____

*Please remember to mark rehearsal & performance dates on your family calendar and contact Ms. McD to approve absences. (We only have 5 rehearsals to prepare and 1-2 absences are allowed!)

Permission Slip/Consent to Treatment for Emergencies

We, the undersigned parent(s) (or guardian) do hereby give our permission and consent for our child to participate in the following:
River City Strings Fiddle Club rehearsals and performances during June & July 2018.
Including locations such as Longfellow/LDI, Bethany Riverside Assisted Living Center & Cameron Park Market.

If you have any special request to make concerning your child's participation regarding this club/activity or trips involved, you should convey your request in writing to the teacher in charge. If possible, such special requests will be honored. It is understood that the student must abide by the directions given by the instructor at all times. This permission form must be signed by a parent/guardian and be on file with the instructor before the student will be involved in the club/activity or taken on any field trip.

Parents and students are reminded that the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities and the Co-Curricular Activities Code will apply during clubs and activities. Serious violations may result in having students sent home at the parents/guardian expense.

AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO TREATMENT OF STUDENT

Family Hospital: _____ Family Doctor: _____

My child has an allergy: ___ No ___ Yes If yes, please list type of allergy: _____

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Number(s):

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship to student: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship to student: _____

Name of a family member/friend that can be contacted in case the parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship to student: _____

(We), the undersigned parent/guardian of the above mentioned student minor do hereby authorize the staff member of the School District of La Crosse supervising the activity concerned, as agent for the undersigned, to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by physician and surgeon on the medical staff of any licensed whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at the said hospital.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of our aforesaid agent to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable. Also, the authorized school district staff person has the authority to call for emergency medical transportation or provide transportation himself/herself, for the benefit of the involved student, as the staff person deems necessary.

Every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians to explain the nature of the problem prior to any involved treatment. This authorization shall remain effective until the end of the school year. Any medical expenses incurred will be the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____