



Welcome to Vermont Youth Strings (VYS)!

Please print out this packet & read this important information carefully.

IMPORTANT 2018-19 VYS DATES & INFORMATION

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Please contact [Mia Fritze](mailto:mia@vyo.org) with any questions you may have regarding participation in VYS. The best form of communication will be via email as Operations staff members do not hold regular office hours.

Seating & Excerpt recordings: VYS seating rotates within sections each week until the last few weeks leading up to the Concerts. Seating charts are set out at each rehearsal. Once in the Fall and once in the Spring, VYS students will record a set of predetermined excerpts from the VYS music they are working on. This will take place during regular VYS rehearsals & will help determine seating order for the Concerts. Aside from principal seats, the seating order is not hierarchical.

IMPORTANT DATES: Please mark these dates on your calendar!

Regular Rehearsals: Sundays; 3:15-5:30pm at Elley-Long Music Center; **students should arrive no later than 3pm!**

VYS Fall 2018 Schedule

Wed & Thurs, Aug 15 & 16: Mini Camp!	9am – 3pm at Elley-Long Music Center Parent Meeting on Wed, Aug 15, 9-9:30am
September 9	Regular Rehearsal
September 16	Regular Rehearsal
September 23	Regular Rehearsal
September 30	No rehearsal – VYO Concert at the Flynn at 3pm! (ask me for your 1 free ticket)
October 7	Regular Rehearsal
October 14	Regular Rehearsal
October 21	Regular Rehearsal
October 28	Regular Rehearsal
November 4	Regular Rehearsal **change your clocks!**
November 11	Regular Rehearsal
November 18	Regular Rehearsal
November 25	No rehearsal – Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Regular Rehearsal
December 9	Regular Rehearsal **students should not miss this rehearsal!**
WEDNESDAY, December 12	VYS performs at U Mall (4:15pm arrival, 5pm performance)
December 16	OrchestraChorusPalooza Concert at the Flynn Center for Performing Arts, 4pm VYS will need to arrive as early as 1pm for dress rehearsal

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VYS Spring 2019 Schedule

January 6	Regular Rehearsal
January 13	Regular Rehearsal
January 20	<i>No rehearsal</i> – VYO Concert at the Flynn at 3pm (ask me for your 1 free ticket!)
January 27	Regular Rehearsal
February 3	Regular Rehearsal
February 10	Regular Rehearsal
February 17	Regular Rehearsal
February 24	<i>No rehearsal</i> – School Break
March 3	Regular Rehearsal
March 10	Regular Rehearsal **change your clocks!**
March 17	Regular Rehearsal
March 24	Regular Rehearsal
March 31	Regular Rehearsal
April 7	Regular Rehearsal
Week of April 8	VYS School Tour ; one day this week we will perform for students at 2 area schools. Exact date TBD.
SATURDAY, April 13	VYS Spring Concert at Elley-Long Music Center, 1pm Students will need to arrive as early as 11am for dress rehearsal

Attendance Policy: VYS students are allowed no more than **2** absences per semester.

Students/parents should contact Mia Fritze regarding any rehearsals that must be missed. The success of VYS is dependent upon the full participation of all members. Should a student miss more than 2 rehearsals in a semester we will ask them to come in & play for the conductor as a check-in to make sure they are keeping up with their music.