

Q What song was your favorite to perform? Why?

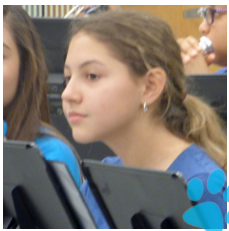


"John Legend All of me because I'm good at singing the song and dancing to it."

- T'brell Tindall (7)

"My favorite song is Taylor Swift's 'Safe And Sound' because I have been listening to it for two years."

- Hannah Mendelsohn (7)



"Japanese Pictures, because I have a good role in it."

- Peyton Torres (7)

"Japanese Pictures is my favorite song because I have a cool part in it."

- Chris O'Nan (8)

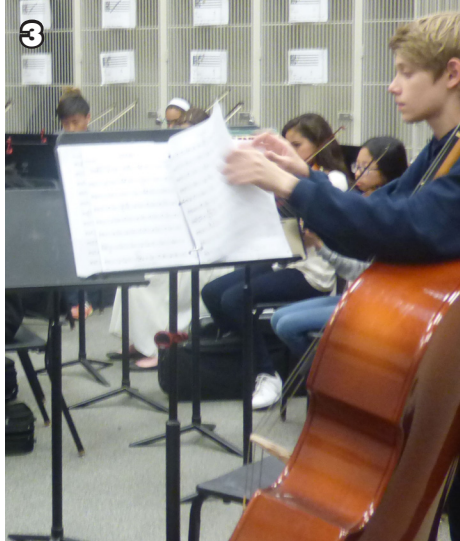


"Fanfair because it is more upbeat."

- Eliza Jipp (8)

"Fanfair, because it's fun."

- Noah Najvar (8)



1. In order to play well at UIL, Tiffany Nguyen (8), Trinity Crawford (8) and Noah Najvar (8) work hard on memorizing their music. *Photo by Rosino Guimarey.*

2. Before they start working on their songs for UIL, Christian Gonzalez-Trejo (7), Chris Gough (8), Austin Szewczyk (7) and Sam Aquilina (7) play their trombones during the warm-up. *Photo by Jeff Prinz.*

3. Eric Menk (8) turns the page of his music during 7th period Chamber Orchestra practice. *Photo by Rosino Guimarey.*

4. In order to get ready for UIL the symphonic select band practices "Portsmouth Reflections" during 7th period. *Photo by Jeff Prinz.*

5. During 7th period the beginner girls choir work on their song for UIL competition. *Photo by Rosino Guimarey.*



How to hold the violin...



Hold your violin downwards with your right hand, called the "Statue of Liberty"



Turn your instrument counter-clockwise.





UIL Gold

Bands, Orchestra earn superior ratings at UIL competitions.

On April 2, Honor Band made history when they got sweepstakes at the UIL competition for the second year in a row.

Students attended sectionals at 7:00 am, rehearsed during class and had full band rehearsals after school until 5:00 p.m. to prepare for it.

To achieve sweepstakes the band had to perform in front of multiple judges with the music that they had been practicing on all year and then play a song that they have

never seen or heard of before to judge their sight reading abilities.

The judges rate their performance on a scale from one to four, four being the lowest and one being the highest.

Honor band earned sweep-

stakes by earning a one from each judge in both the concert and sight reading.

Thomas Almendra (8) and Rachel Ledington (8) had solos in the song 'Fantasy' by Samuel Barber.

"We had to work as a team and we could only accomplish it together," Ledington said.

Almendra said it took a lot of practice and hard but the reward was worth it.

The Symphonic Band also achieved sweep-

stakes by earning ones from three of their judges and a two from the last judge.

The advanced orchestras all earned superior ratings (ones) every judge at their UIL competition as well.



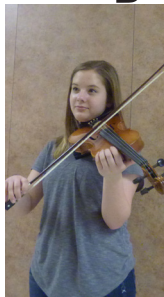
7th period Symphonic Select Band. Photo by Rosino Guimarey.



In Four Easy Steps



Pat the left side of your neck with your right hand.



Place the instrument on your shoulder and put your chin in the chin rest.

pause to reflect



"It's fun. I moved here December, and I noticed that it's different from my old school. In my old school we didn't do long tones, and our warm-ups help us with our pitch. We do multiple sets of warm-ups and do different notes than I was used to.

Playing an instrument helps to clear my mind when things are bothering me. I also like to travel to the different places to perform.

My favorite song was "Golden Eagle March" because most of the songs that I have played are really slow tempo, but this one was fast.

I am in the Symphonic Band."

- Sean Grant (7)