



November 24, 2020

Dear WSYO Students and Parents,

First, I want to congratulate all who performed at Saturday's virtual recital. It was such a joy to hear you all play and have an opportunity to get together to make music. Thank you for all the work you did to make it a very special evening!

Don't forget to shop at Barnes and Noble this Saturday, November 28 to support our bookfair fundraiser! I've attached flyers and bookmarks here that you can share with friends and family. Thank you!

I'm writing today with updates about the WSYO spring semester. Unfortunately, due to the rise of COVID-19 cases, we will not be able to resume our normal orchestra operations in January. We will continue to evaluate the situation in the new year, and hope that we can have some sort of programming this spring. What that will look like is yet to be seen. My hope is that with the return of nice weather we will be able to meet outdoors to make music together. As more concrete plans unfold, you all will be the first to know about them.

Those of you who participated in chamber ensembles this semester may choose to continue with your group next semester. If you did not participate in a chamber group last semester but would like to be placed with a group this spring, please complete this form by December 18. New groups will meet for the first time in the new year.

[Spring 2021 Chamber Music Interest Form](#)

We will feature our Youth Talent Winners at an outdoor concert sometime in late April. Chamber groups will also have a chance to perform on this concert. More details about this program will be forthcoming.

Please stay tuned for updates about these and other opportunities that may arise in the coming months. I am very much looking forward to the time when we can all be together again making music. I hope you have a safe, restful, and happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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