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Dear Parents:

I am pleased to invite your student(s) to FAU's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Honors High School String Orchestra "Side-by-Side" Festival on October 4 & 5, 2019. This event will culminate in a side-by-side performance with students from high school orchestras from around the state as well as Florida Atlantic University Orchestra students. Repertoire for this year's festival will be selected from the following: Copland's "Hoe Down" from *Rodeo*; Dvořák's Moderato from *Serenade No. 1* in E Major, Op. 22; J.S. Bach's Air, from *Orchestral Suite No. 3* in D Major, BWV 1068; Grieg's Anitra's Dance, from *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1*; Longfield's arrangement of Bernstein's Simple Song, from *Mass: A Theatre Piece for Singers, Players and Dancers*; Jenkins' Palladio; and Balmages' Lyric Metal.

The two-day festival schedule will involve rehearsals of the repertoire listed above from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on both October 4 & 5 culminating in a concert at 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 5. Admission to the concert is free, and seating is open. The auditorium doors will open at 6:30 pm for the 7:00 pm concert. There is a participation fee of \$40.00. This covers a festival T-shirt, lunch on Friday, and both lunch and dinner on Saturday. All meals will be served in the Atlantic Dining Hall (an all you can eat buffet) located adjacent to the Student Union. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "FAU Foundation" and given to your child's high school orchestra director before September 9, 2019. Have your student(s) wear comfortable walking shoes because there will be a walking tour of campus on Friday, October 4, weather permitting.

The deadline for registration is Monday, September 9, 2019, and materials need to be received at FAU by that date. In addition, please encourage your child to obey your school's chaperone policy to ensure that your child is supervised during down times or in emergency situations. Should you or your child require hotel accommodations, our office will be happy to assist you in finding a location near our campus. A complete list of local hotels is shown on this website: <http://www.fau.edu/admissions/LocalAccom.php>

Upon receipt of your registration materials, you will be sent the new permission form (waiver of liability), which will need to be filled out before your students' arrival on October 4. You will also receive online access to the marked musical parts for audition and practice purposes. Original repertoire will be provided to your students upon their arrival at FAU. For interested students, there will be auditions for all solos and the section leader positions. Those auditions will be held at 8:00 am on Friday, October 4, 2019. All violinists and violists need to bring mutes for the Grieg. Concert dress for the performance is the attire students usually wear for their high school orchestra concerts. For some students this is a uniform, or a specific color like all black, or black and white. The FAU students will be dressed in the following: tuxedos for the men and all black for the women.

We hope that you will join us in this continuing partnership between talented high school students and Florida Atlantic University orchestral students. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [joella@fau.edu](mailto:joella@fau.edu) or (561) 297-2262. If you leave a voicemail, please indicate a good call back time. It is not necessary to wait until the deadline to submit your registration. We would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

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