



4th and 5th Grade Strings Club

March, 2023

Dear Families,

SSA Strings Club is a program open to current 4th and 5th graders in the Upper Peninsula who are interested in learning violin, viola, or cello. Strings Club is geared toward beginners, but students of all experience levels are welcome. There is financial assistance available.

When and where? We have scheduled Tuesday evening classes from 6 - 7:30PM from April 11th through May 30th, 2023. Classes will be held at Bothwell Middle School in the orchestra room, as creative and laidback explorations of a number of topics and skills such as music reading, theory, history, and thoughtful listening. We'll also get started on learning the basics of the instruments and how to play together as a group. There will be ample games, projects, and chances to share ideas while getting to know students from other schools!

So why learn a stringed instrument? Learning any instrument is of great benefit to mental health and brain development, and studying music is valuable in broadening one's mind and education at any stage in life. The UP also has a thriving community of string players, from the Marquette public school system, to university orchestras and the Marquette Symphony.

Who is teaching SSA Strings Club? Our names are Adam Hall and Danielle Simandl, and we have extensive experience teaching music to all age groups, and many years of experience teaching kids at the SSA Summer Music Camps, including at SSA's Strings Club last year. We are both professional musicians based in Marquette.

How much? Strings Club tuition is \$195 and financial assistance is available; you can apply for financial assistance in the registration form. Additionally, families will be responsible for procuring their own instrument, which will be needed for the first evening class on April 11th. We recommend renting an instrument through a local music shop, and SSA owns a few instruments that can be loaned out for Strings Club. Details can be found in the SSA Strings Club Handbook, available on the SSA website.

Registration and more information can be found on the SSA website at www.superiorstringalliance.org!

Please contact us with any questions!

Sincerely,
the SSA Strings Club Team!

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