



The Elliott Family String Quartet Summer Chamber Music Workshop

Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church
414 Hiden Blvd
Newport News, VA 23606

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Dear Summer Workshop Participant,

The Summer Chamber Music Workshop is right around the corner, and we are very excited to work with you all. Everyone will be kept very busy with the expectation to achieve a lot in a short amount of time.

New this year will be three Spotlight Student Performances. These performances give students a chance to showcase their hard work with solo repertoire. See the enclosed form for more information and requirements.

The workshop also focuses on teaching “chamber music” skills. Chamber music requires special skills, and because there is one player per part, and each player is more accountable than if they were in an orchestra. There is generally NO conductor during chamber group performances. The performers learn to communicate together and cue each other.

It is very important that students come to the workshop with their chamber parts already prepared. This helps the group to have efficient and productive rehearsals. Students who do not come prepared jeopardize their group’s ability to succeed, which creates a stressful environment during the rehearsals.

All students will also participate in the Workshop Chamber Orchestras. Students will receive the orchestra sheet music once their tuition is paid in full. By now, most students have already been sent the orchestra sheet music. Students will also receive two private lessons. The length of the lesson will be based on the student’s level and at the teacher’s discretion.

As you can see, the students will be very busy! Please review the following items enclosed:

- Student schedule. Bring it with you to the workshop. **Registration begins at 8:30am on Aug. 16th**.
- Workshop Rules. If you plan to drop your child off, please review the rules with him or her before the workshop.
- Spotlight Student Performances information
- List of items to bring! Review carefully. It is no fun if you don’t have the required equipment!
- Contact information.

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