**String Ensemble 2019 – 2020 Dates**

* **Beginning Strings Registration** (Voluntary) **– Th. Sept. 19th @** SHJH

5:00 – 7:00 PM; Student volunteers needed. Service hour opportunity.

* **ILMEA Auditions – Sat., Sept. 28th** @ SHJH Auditions are optional. The Music Dept. is hosting auditions this year. The Strings will be running concessions as a fundraiser. Parent and student volunteers will be needed (even if your child is not auditioning). Student service hour opportunity. More details to follow.
* **Fall Concert** – **Th., October 17th** @ SHJH

7:00 PM (with 6th – 8th Bands)

* **ILMEA Festival – Sat., November 9th** @ Joliet THS **(Only for students who auditioned and qualified.)**
* **Winter Concert “P.J. Practice” Dates:**

P.J. Practices are imperative to our concert preparation. Student attendance at all P.J. Practices is mandatory/expected. If there is an unavoidable conflict, please relay this information as soon as possible. **All PJ Practices (evening rehearsals) will be from 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ SHJH.** There will NOT be morning rehearsals on the day of a P.J. Practice. P.J. attire is recommended, but not required, for rehearsal. 

* **Friday, November 22**
* **Friday, December 6**
* **Winter Concert – Tu., December 17th** @ HW

7:00 PM (with 6th Band)

* **Winter Strings Extravaganza Concert – Mon., February 10th** @ LW East

7:00 PM Concert (with LW Youth Strings, Hickory Creek Orchestras, and LW East Orchestra)

* **IGSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest** **(optional) – Sat. February 15th** @ TBA
* **Spring Concert “P.J. Practice” Dates:**
* **Friday, April 17th**
* **Friday, May 1st**
* **Spring Strings Concert – Fri., May 15th** @ SHJH 7:00 PM
* **“Coming and Going” 5-8 Strings Party** (Tentative) – Th. May 21st @ SHJH

3:00 – 4:30 PM