

John Jay Middle School

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“Learn. Care. Lead.”

Mr. Jeff Swiatowicz, Principal

Ms. Monica Bermiss, Assistant Principal

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2019-20

Open House

JJMS Goal: To be a school that continually fosters learning, caring and leading

Subject: Orchestra

Teacher’s Name: Elissa Leventhal

Course Mission Statement: Students will achieve musical expression and independence through the study of technique, practice strategies, reflection, preparedness, and classical repertoire.

Curriculum:

- **Students will mostly be playing music from the standard classical repertoire, with a few other genres mixed in.**
- **Students will be expected to participate in a rotating schedule of small group pull-out lessons on their instrument. (For more information, see orchestra handbook.)**

Grading and Homework:

- **45% Participation (preparation with music supplies and rehearsal etiquette)**
- **30% Playing Tests (preparation of music, scales, rudiments, rhythms, as well as all written exams)**
- **10% Concert attendance**
- **15% Lesson attendance (students are required to attend 8 out of the 11 scheduled lessons, for full credit)**
- **Extra Credit: Practice Records (grading will be based on returned practice sheets)**
- **Final Grade Calculation: Trimester #1 33.3%, Trimester #2 33.3%, Trimester #3 33.3%**

Resources:

- **Westchester County School Music Association website: <http://wcsma.org/>**
- **CONCERT DATES (attendance is mandatory): Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM and Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

Extra Help: Tuesdays after school

Teacher Contact Information: eleventhal@klschools.org