



Ponca City School Chamber & Symphony Strings Receive Superior Ratings at OSSAA String Contest

Congratulations to the Ponca City Public School Chamber Strings, under the direction of Jaryd Hinch, and Symphony Strings, under the direction of Paula Cochran, for receiving Excellent and Superior ratings, respectively, at Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) String Contest.

The two high school orchestras traveled to Edmond Santa Fe High School where they competed alongside the premier high school orchestras in Oklahoma. The Chamber Strings performed *Tango d'Amour* by Susan Day and *North Star to Freedom* by Soon Hee Newbold, and the Symphony Strings performed *Legend of the Phantom Pirate* by Brian Balmages and *Andante Festivo* by Jean Sibelius.

OSSAA String Contest has been in place for 17 years, and the Ponca City orchestra has competed in 16 of these contests. The Symphony Strings looks forward to continuing their 15-year-long legacy of earning Superior ratings, once again qualifying for OSSAA Sweepstakes.

The PCPS district would like to invite the community to usher in the most wonderful time of the year with them at the **Holiday Concert, December 10, at 7 PM in West Middle School auditorium**. The orchestra will perform classics, such as Leroy Anderson's *A Christmas Festival* and *Sleigh Ride*, as well as contemporary selections composed by Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Mrs. Paula Cochran invites former Maestro Dan Larson, Mr. Jaryd Hinch, Ms. Katie Rolf, and Mr. Andrew Orr to conduct the Symphony Orchestra as we celebrate the holiday season.

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