

Letter to Students

June 5, 2018

Hello orchestra members,

My name is Mr. Heaney, and I am thrilled to join Rolesville High School's music department as your orchestra director for the upcoming year! A little about me: green is my favorite color, I am a huge Star Wars nerd, my favorite ice cream flavor is rocky road, and I love all things orchestral music. More importantly, I am excited to get to know all of you individually, strive for musical excellence, and grow together as musicians and people.

We have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming year! As is tradition, orchestra will perform in September for our school's annual Encore concert. For this year's concert, we will be performing the music of Michael Jackson, the King of Pop! Beyond the Encore concert, we will explore both the classics and new music, perform pieces for large and small groups, and collaborate with our peers in the music department and broader community. We will also continue existing school traditions and perhaps establish some new traditions ourselves. **Most importantly, we are going to have lots of fun along the way!**

In preparation for our whirlwind year, we will need to keep our skills sharp over the summer. Between summer jobs, vacations, and other responsibilities, please be sure spend some time reviewing scales, practicing sight reading skills, and maintaining fundamental techniques. If our skills stay fresh over the summer, we will experience even greater success throughout the rest of the year.

Again, I am looking forward to meeting you all and working together on some great orchestral music! We have many fun opportunities lined up this year, and I am excited to begin our musical journey together.

Have a great summer!

Mr. Heaney