



"Changing Lives"

2015/2016 Registration Packet

Welcome to Greater Milwaukee El Sistema! Please provide us with the most up-to-date information available to assist us in delivering the best-possible communication for you.

ALL of our communication is done via Email or at the end of class. Up-dates are regularly posted on our Facebook page - please 'like' us if you are part of the Facebook community. Please check your student's music folder regularly for flyers and information, it is essential that you stay involved.

***All Students and Parents must attend one
Registration and Instrument sizing session:
(Please bring registration forms and payment)***

Montessori School of Waukesha: Wed. Sept. 2nd 5-6 P.M. Music Room

Hadfield School: Wed. Sept. 9th 5-6 P.M. Music Room

We look forward to getting to know you on this musical journey!

Student/Family Information

(Please PRINT CLEARLY)

Student: Name _____

Student Age _____

School _____ Grade _____

Do you qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch at this time? Y/N _____

Student Health Concerns(Please list any information we should know about in order to provide the best care for your student, Thank You!)

Parent/Guardian/Alternate Contact:

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell: _____

Current Mailing Address (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

****Email** _____

(Please provide us with a working email address, most communication will be done via email!)

Emergency Contact Information:

Emergency Contact Name: _____

(Relationship to Child) _____ (Mother, Father, Grandparent)

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Permission for Media Release

Pictures and videos are taken frequently throughout the year for GMES promotional material, Media/press releases, fundraising campaign, Facebook Page and Web Site. Please indicate your permission to allow your student to be photographed/video for these purposes. This material is not sold or shared with outside sources. This information is used strictly to promote and develop GMES and to provide more opportunity for your student. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, but please let us know if you would prefer that we do not include your student in this. Thank YOU!

I give my permission___ Parent Signature _____Date_____

I do not give my permission__ Parent Signature_____ Date_____

Parent Volunteer/Service Hours

Rehearsals: Parents are asked to attend a minimum of one rehearsal per session (Fall or Winter/Spring) to observe their student.

Home Practice: Documented Home Practice Supervision is required. Parents will assist students to fill out weekly practice charts. Rewards will be awarded for completed charts. *Failure to complete practice charts may result in removal from the program.*

Please sign-up to volunteer for one or more the following events:

___ Fall Fundraising Dinner Clean-Up

___ December Concert Clean-Up (stack chairs and clean snack area)

___ Spring Fundraising Dinner Clean-Up

___ Spring Concert Clean-Up (stack chairs and clean snack area)

___ Student supervision before concerts

___ Provide a healthy student snack before concerts

___ Piala's Fall Festival Fundraiser (Sat. morning or afternoon, TBA)

___ Benefit Dinner and

___ Gala Auction Student Supervision (Friday Evening in April TBA, at Country Springs Hotel)

___ Parent Fundraising Committee

Please list any skills, or experience you have that would help us to better know how you can help:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Registration Fee

Students in GMES receive up to 3 days per week of music instruction (group and private lesson), music folder and book, the use of an instrument (from White House of Music) and performing experience throughout the Greater Milwaukee Community. The total annual value of this is approximately \$2000.00. To help offset administrative costs, we ask that students pay a registration fee.

The Registration Fee per Session is \$50.00 Fall and \$50.00 Spring.

Registration Payment Options (Please select the option right for you):

Annual One Time Payment of \$100.00

Two Payments of \$50.00 per session

Monthly Payments of \$10.00 per month

Pay for a student option: A tax-deductible donation of (circle one) \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 towards registration fees for a child in need.

Payments may be made with cash or check (made out to "Greater Milwaukee El Sistema) and given to Asst. Director, Sarena Lawrence.

I agree to pay the registration fees according to my selected options above or please consider us for financial assistance as indicated below:

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Financial Assistance Option:

Students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch qualify for Registration Fee assistance. ***Financial Assistance is available. Please let us know by checking the option below if you require financial assistance.***

Please consider me for financial assistance.

Student Pick-Up and Pick-Up release form

Student Safety is paramount to us. For student safety, parents must meet your child in the music room at pick-up. Students will be checked-out by a teacher or El Sistema Staff only when a parent, or designated pick-up person with a valid I.D. is present. Please come a few minutes early as we use the end of class time to distribute important information about student progress, concerts or up-coming events.

****If you are not able to meet your child or will be late after rehearsal, please notify us as soon as possible call or text: 262-271-1928.**

Walkers: Parent pick-up is preferred due to the restriction of daylight hours during the fall/winter. Please arrange a carpool for your child. There are many parents in our community who would be willing to help provide a ride home. Even if it is a short block away, we still prefer that your child is kept secure from door to door.

Please complete and sign:

I (parent name) _____ will pick-up my child after rehearsal.

The following people as 'designated pick-up' people for my child:

(Please print full name and relationship to your child)

1. _____ (Relation to Child) _____

2. _____ (Relation to Child) _____

(Please check one and sign)

I am willing to provide carpool for a child in need _____

Please add my child to the carpool need list _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Behavior Expectations

Music is a skilled discipline. It takes patience and time and focus to participate in group music classes. In order to become proficient on the instrument daily practice is required and this takes self-discipline, encouragement from parents and hard work.

Excellent behavior is a requirement to be a member in Greater Milwaukee El Sistema. Our financial supporters, community partners and teachers are counting on each student to bring their very best to rehearsal and back home to practice.

Attendance at rehearsals is essential. Missing practice will result in the student's falling-behind on required materials. Please notify us if there will be an absence. Excessive absences could result in removal from the program.

Failure to participate appropriately will result in the student's removal from the program, with an invitation to return the next year when the student is more mature.

Your support and cooperation is appreciated.

Please sign and date the following pledge:

I (print name) _____, have read and understand the behavior expectations of Greater Milwaukee El Sistema for my student. I will work with my child to ensure daily practice, completion of practice charts and satisfactory class attendance.

Signed _____ Date _____

Snacks for Student Health and Wellness

As our rehearsal is after school and children are tired and hungry, please offer your child a healthy snack before rehearsal. Please also keep this in mind when providing food for after school concerts or activities. In addition to teaching great music, we also want to encourage our students to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Healthy snacks include:

Fresh organic vegetables or fruit, an extra sandwich, applesauce or yogurt, raisins, raw sunflower seeds, string cheese,

Unhealthy snacks include: Almost anything out of a box, exceptions would be: Veggie Straws, Veggie Chips, Organic Granola Bars

Healthy drinks:

Always have a bottle of water. Low sugar fruit juices are acceptable such as Capri-Sun Fruit & Veggie drinks or unsweetened juice.

Drinks not acceptable:

Any Soda, Gatorade, Any drink with High Fructose Corn Syrup, caffeine or artificial sweeteners.

Great places to shop for healthy food on a budget:

Aldi – has a decent selection of organic and affordable fresh produce

Woodman's

Good Harvest Market – Check the sale flyers for monthly specials.

Trader Joe's – Great selection on a budget.