# Violin & Cello Group Classes 2026-2027

## Pre-K-8th Grade Group Class

**Attendance Requirements:** Students are expected to maintain at least 70% attendance throughout the year (8 or fewer missed classes) to be eligible to participate in the Annual Concert.

**Tuesdays – Twinkle & Cello Groups**

- 5:45-6:30 pm Twinkle Class – Beginning Violin Students (First Floor)
- 5:45-6:30 pm Cellos – Book 1-2 (Second Floor)

**Wednesdays – Violin Groups**

- 5:45-6:30 pm Violin - Book 1A (First Floor)
- 5:45-6:30 pm Violin - Book 1B (Second Floor)
- 6:45-7:30 pm Violin - Book 2 (First Floor)
- 6:45-7:30 pm Violin - Book 3-4 (Second Floor)

**Weekly Group Class Dates**

- August 4 through November 11
- January 5 through April 14
- No group class during Fall Break (Oct 11-17) and Spring Break (Mar 14-20)

## Community Performance/Event Dates:

There are various optional performances/events beyond the formal recitals and annual concert. See tentative dates below and be on the lookout for more details.

- Ice Cream Social during first group class
- ICO Parks Concerts - Aug 27 & 28
- French Market - Sept 12 (Violin Book 2+)
- December Holiday Performances - TBD
- Pizza Party during group classes - March 2 & 3, 2027
- Make Music Indy - June 21, 2027

## Parent Discussions & Education:

To support the parent side of the Suzuki Triangle, a faculty member hosts discussion & education sessions during group classes on various topics. Parents are encouraged to attend at least one per year.

- Sept 15/16, 2026
- Oct 27/28, 2026
- Jan 19/20, 2027

# High School Violin & Cello Program:

The high school program is designed to support students as they grow into independent musicians and young adults. High school students opt in to participate in each opportunity.

**Fall Chamber Music Session:** This session focuses on developing the skills needed to perform "gigs," with an emphasis on preparing a set of background music for events with limited rehearsal time.

- Class and Rehearsal - Sundays at 5:00-7:00 pm
    - Aug 9 - Rehearsal at ISA
    - Aug 16 - "Practice Gig" #1 at BRICS
    - Sept 13 - Rehearsal at ISA
    - "Practice Gig" #2 Date/Time TBD
- Commitment Deadline - June 15, 2026

**Winter Chamber Music Session:** Students will collaborate in chamber ensembles and prepare for the High School Showcase performance.

- Class and Rehearsal - Sundays at 5:00-7:00 pm - Jan 10, Jan 24, Feb 7, Feb 21
- Practice Performance - Friday Feb 26 at 6:00-8:00 with Pizza Party
- HS Showcase Performance - Sunday Feb 28 at 5:30-6:30 pm
- Commitment Deadline - November 1, 2026

**November & April Recital Preparation:** Collaborating with a pianist is a valuable opportunity for musical growth, and rehearsing with piano in advance is expected for participation in the solo recitals. Students should consult with their private teacher to determine the appropriate number of rehearsals (typically two).

- Contact Kyoko Tanno to schedule rehearsals when signing up for recital, no later than Sept 30 and Feb 28.
- Optional practice performance (date/time TBD)

**Leadership & Community Engagement Opportunities:** High school students are invited to engage in leadership, service, and paid experiences applying their musical training to real-world settings and preparing for college and future pursuits. Examples include providing background music for events, assisting with group classes, and helping with instrument "petting zoo" events.

**Students who are interested should opt in to receive communication about these opportunities.**