Dear Holy Spirit Parents:

Welcome to the HS Strings Program! I am delighted to be your strings teacher at Holy Spirit and introduce the program to the community.

"Studying a musical instrument is an exceptional way to enrich a child's life. It is a 'hands on' creative experience which provides many simulating cognitive benefits such as improved listening, reading and math skills." It is my privilege to have the opportunity to encourage your child to move forward with their achievements.

As a new program for the 2019/2020 academic year, the program is designed for students from **3rd to 7th grade** who wish to study a string instrument (violin, viola, cello and string bass). The curriculum incorporates group lessons, master classes, ensemble playing and performance opportunities. For grades 3-5, classes will be scheduled Wednesday mornings when school is in session. All middle school/advanced students will have classes after school from 3:20 to 4:20 pm on Wednesdays.

The tuition for the program is \$410 for the school year. This price includes a method music book/sheet music. Tuition is payable by check to "Strings The Best, LLC" or via paypal (stringsthebest@gmail.com). Parents may opt to pay \$210 by September 16, 2019 and the remaining balance by November 1, 2019.

<u>Students are required to rent or purchase an instrument</u> to participate in the program. Most of the rental options are rent-to own programs which are designed to be cost-effective for you while providing students with a complete instrument package, including the instrument, bow, instrument case and rosin. There are several music shops in the area where you can rent or purchase an instrument for your child. You will be provided more detailed information at the string parents' night.

There will be a strings information night on <u>September 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Quinn</u> <u>Room.</u> This will be a demonstration and information session to which both parents and students are invited in order to learn more about the program.

Registration for the program is due by September 13, 2019. Please follow the attached link to access the registration form. (<u>https://forms.gle/5teHbtf4MbHkvRJVA</u>). The first strings class is scheduled to begin on September 18, 2019!!!

Please contact me (<u>stringsthebest@gmail.com</u>) if you have any questions! I look forward to meeting your child in class on Wednesday!

Respectfully, Dr. Hwan-Ah Lee