

2019 GREATER WASHINGTON SUZUKI INSTITUTE

Dear Families and Teachers,

Welcome to GWSI 2019. We are very pleased that you will be joining us for this year's Greater Washington Suzuki Institute. We have a great faculty lined up and are in a new facility this year. We hope to make this your best GWSI experience yet.

Please visit our website, www.gwsuzukiinstitute.org, for information on preparing to attend this year's event – and please take the time to read our FAQs. Here are links to the information that will help you prepare for this event:

Faculty: *Visit our faculty page and click on each instructor's image to learn about their background and area of specialization.*

[Bios](#)

Student Programs: *Learn more about our student programs, what to expect in each class, how to prepare for it and what you need to bring with you. Note, the pieces we would like your child to be familiar with depending on their level are now listed on our website. If you have not enrolled in an elective and are thinking of doing so – now is the time before the classes fill. Note also – recitals and the final concert are a big part of the institute experience. Learn how recitals are structured, what your children should wear and how they should practice for them.*

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Parent Programs: *Parents play a key role in children's Suzuki Education and are expected to accompany their children to the institute, attend classes with them, and help them prepare for the class sessions. Parent's attendance is included in your child's tuition. Learn what is expected of parents, what the Institute offers parents (such as free lectures) and opportunities to enroll in Teacher Development Program courses open to parents (for a fee).*

[Accompanying Parents](#)

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Teacher Development Program: *GWSI's Teacher Development Courses offer teachers an opportunity to learn from world class teachers, increase their recognition within the Suzuki Community, be added to the Suzuki Association of the America's list of teachers that have completed specific courses, and observe some teachers' interactions with their students. If you are a teacher not seeking to complete another course, you can enroll in the observer program which allows you to observe children's classes.*

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Logistics: *How do I get to the Institute? Where will I park? Where will my family get lunch? Are there any onsite services for equipment purchase, tuning, repair or musical materials I might need? If I am coming from out of town, where can I stay? What if I need emergency services? What is there to do in the area? Get answers to your logistical questions.*

[Location, Directions, Parking Meals](#)

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Registration: *Is there a child in your family who would like to attend with their sibling? Does your child want to add an elective to their program? Are you attending a Teacher Development Unit Course and wish to take advantage of the Enrichment Course discount? Registration is still open.*

[Registration](#)

What's next: We have begun scheduling classes for the Student Program now that standard registration is close, and we are into the late registration period. In early June, parents will receive an individual schedule for each child they registered indicating the time, instructor and room location of each class session in which they are included. Teacher Development Program participants will also receive schedules for their classes. (Note: class timing and instructors are already on line). Observers will receive a copy of the Student Program class schedule organized by advancement level to help them decide which sessions they will observe.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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