HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR STRING INSTRUMENT

- Be careful when handling your instrument. It is fragile and can be damaged or broken if dropped, bumped or struck against other objects!
- Keep a clean, soft cloth in the case to wipe fingerprints and rosin dust from the strings, instrument and bow stick after playing. A washcloth is the perfect size.
- THE GOLDEN RULE – Only the student and parent are allowed to handle your instrument.
- When you are not using the instrument, be sure it is stored in its case.
- Store the instrument in a place of moderate temperature. Never leave it in a very hot or cold car.
- Do not attempt to repair the instrument yourself. Contact Mr. Lawless
- If the pegs get stuck, bring the instrument into school. Do not try to loosen them or the pegs may break.
- Cellos and Basses – When you are done using your instrument, be sure to put the end pin all the way in and tighten the screw before getting out of your chair.
- Violins and Violas – Never hang the instrument from a music stand.
- Rosin the bow on a regular basis
- **LOOSEN THE BOW WHENEVER YOU ARE NOT USING YOUR INSTRUMENT**.