



News of Note

A Newsletter from the BBHHS Orchestra Boosters

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Welcome!

The Orchestra Boosters would like to welcome both new and returning members of the BBHHS Orchestra family. Now entering our third year of *News of Note*, it is our hope that this newsletter will help keep you informed about orchestra activities and volunteer opportunities, as well as recognize the efforts and achievements of our wonderful musicians.

We also invite you to become a part of our growing parent support group. The Boosters work throughout the year supporting the orchestra program and students, and we have a great time doing it! Whether you can lend your time to one activity or many, there's a place and a need for you. Look for our meeting schedule and other contact information elsewhere in this newsletter.

We hope you'll join us!

2009-2010 Orchestra Student Officers

We would like to congratulate the officers for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year:

President: *Holly Jeric*

Vice President: *Julie Potz*

2nd Vice President: *Linda Fleming*

Secretary: *Andrea Giurukis*

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From the Podium

by Chuck Valley, Orchestra Director

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer so far full of rest and recreation. It is always exciting getting ready to start a new school year! As always I am looking forward to meeting the new Freshman as well as any new participants to our program. I hope everyone will be able to join us for some of our opening activities including the Sib's Picnic (August 23) and the Welcome Back Dinner (September 10).

Chamber Orchestra seating auditions will begin the week of August 31: Violins - August 31 and September 1-2; Violas - September 3; Cellos & Basses - September 4. All audition tapes and CD's for Concert and String Orchestra will be due on Friday, September 4th. Seating audition materials are online at this time.

We will have uniform fittings on Wednesday, September 9. Girls are asked to bring in the shoes that they will be wearing with the uniform. No money will be collected until the outfits are ready to be distributed - sometime around Thanksgiving - at which time a payment voucher will be sent home.

"SPOOKTACULAR", our first concert of the year, will be on Thursday, October 8. As always our students will be dressed up in Halloween costumes of their choice (or in all black if they choose not to wear a costume). I am very excited to announce that for the first time, our Symphonic Orchestra will be performing the full version of "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev, complete with narration and also some multi-media embellishments. This should be very appealing to the many children that attend Spooktacular.

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2009 – 2010 Calendar

(Note: All meeting sites are in the High School unless otherwise noted.)

Aug. 23	Sibs Picnic	2 - 4 pm	Oak Grove, Brecksville Metroparks
Aug. 26	First Day of School		
Sept. 4	Audition Tapes Due	2:20 pm	
Sept. 10	Welcome Back dinner	6:30 pm	Cafeteria
Sept. 21	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
Sept. 26	NE Regional Auditions	TBA	Cleveland State University
Oct. 1	Fundraiser at Honey Hut	6 - 8 pm	Honey Hut, Brecksville
Oct. 8	Spooktacular IV concert	6:00 pm	Auditorium
Oct. 19	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
Oct. 25	NE Regional Rehearsal	TBA	Cleveland State University
Nov. 7	NE Regional Rehearsal	TBA	Cleveland State University
Nov. 8	NE Regional Concert	TBA	CSU/Waejtin Auditorium
Nov. 19	COYO Concert	7:00	BBHHS Auditorium
Nov. 16	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
Dec. 3	Holiday concert	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Dec. 6	Chamber Orchestra concert	2:00 pm	St. Basil the Great Church
Dec. 14	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
Jan. 11	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
Jan. 28-30	OMEA All State	all day	Cincinnati, OH
Feb. 5-6	MIM Ticket to Broadway (Quartet)	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Feb. 6	OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest	all day	TBA
Feb. 8	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
Feb. 19	OMEA State Adjudication	TBA	BBHHS / Co-Host
Mar. 11	HS/MS Festival of Orchestras	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Mar. 15	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
Apr. 19	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
May 17	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Media Center
May 26	8th grade parent orientation	7:00 pm	Music Room
May 20	Spring concert	6:00 pm	Auditorium
May 25	Orchestra banquet	6:30 pm	St. Michael's Woodside
Jun. 5	Commencement (Quartet)	2:00 pm	State Theater

Need more information?

While we hope that this newsletter provides you with all the information you need, please contact any of the people listed below – they will be glad to help!

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Secretary:	Jayne Trautman	440-526-1919	jaynejojo@att.net

Also, check out the BBHHS Orchestra Website www.bbhcsd.org/high/orchestra



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Dear Orchestra Member and Family:

We are writing to welcome you to the new school year and to a new season for the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Orchestra. The standards set by last years members are very high, and we hope to raise that bar even further this year.

We would like to share with you just some of the accomplishments of the 2009-2010 school year. We had for the first time in the orchestra program's history all three classes (Chamber Strings, String Orchestra, and Concert Orchestra) participate in the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) Large Group Adjudication. The Concert and String Orchestras received an Excellent rating (II) at contest while our Chamber orchestra earned a Superior (I), the highest rating allocated. This was also our second year of hosting this prestigious event. Our Third Annual SPOOKTACULAR concert was a bigger success, and it looks like it will grow even more this year. The Chamber Orchestra performance a separate holiday concert at St. Basil's, and look forward to performing there again. Members of the Orchestra represented us very well in New York with a stunning performance of the Ernest Bloch REQUIEM. Our orchestra Boosters provided their first Scholarship/Awards to three deserving Seniors, and lastly we had a Fantastic spring concert with saw all three elementary schools perform with us, and a great partnership with the International Club to make our World Culture evening a huge success.

Some of our goals for this year are return to the OMEA Large Group Adjudication with all three Orchestras. We are also going to push more of our students to participate in Northeast Regional Orchestra (auditions are 9/26) and OMEA Solo and Ensemble (2/6/10). We are trying to get a system for orchestra students to earn a School Varsity Letter in place for the 2009-2010 school year.

There are two social functions planned for the very beginning of the school year. The first event is our Welcome Back Dinner, which is for all of the members of the orchestra and is set for Tuesday September 10th from 6:30 to 8:00. The second event is for our Big Sib/Little Sibs picnic on Sunday August 23 from 2:00PM to 4:00 PM

Music for the Spooktacular, which will also serve as the audition music for chair placement is online at <http://www.bbhcsc.org/high/orchestra/0910spooktacular.html>. You will need a password to enter, which is **maestro**. This will work for all pages this year.

Please plan on bringing your instruments to school on the first day. We are planning on playing as soon as we start school this year. Lockers and Instrument rental information will be sent out on the first day of school.

If you have any questions, e-mail us at valleyc@bbhcsc.org or cocchiolas@bbhcsc.org, or by calling us at 440-740-4793. Lastly, check the school's website to keep informed with the orchestra program at www.bbhcsc.org/high/orchestra.

Here's to a great year!

Charles Valley, Orchestra Director

Steven Cocchiola, Orchestra Director

Orchestra Families: You're Invited!

The BBHHS Orchestra Student officers will be hosting a "Welcome Back" dinner on **Thursday, September 10th**, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All **orchestra members and their families** are invited! Here's how it will work:

- SENIORS:** Bring Napkins, cups, plates and utensils
- JUNIORS:** Bring bottled water, iced tea or two 2-liter bottles of soda
- SOPHOMORES:** Bring a dessert
- FRESHMAN:** Bring a hot side dish to share (and a serving utensil!)

Orchestra Boosters will provide pizza

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this casual "get acquainted" evening!

Please **return this form by Friday, September 4th**, or send an e-mail to bbhhs.orchestra@yahoo.com to let us know if you'll be attending. Your student may place the form in the Orchestra Boosters mailbox in the Orchestra Room. If you have questions, contact the Student Orchestra President Holly Jeric at 440-292-5397.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Total attending (including student): _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Parent's email address: _____

SIBS LIST

<i>Little Sib</i>	-	<i>Big Sib</i>	<i>Little Sib</i>	-	<i>Big Sib</i>
Matthew Adrianowycz	-	Tyler Kerzey	Caitlin Koprowski	-	Tom Vinkovich
Sarah Ahmed	-	Julia D'Agostino	Peter Li	-	Christina Shin
Emily Berwald	-	Adrienne Leska	Danielle McLean	-	Andrew Cooper
Alex Blumenthaler	-	Spencer Phillips	Annie Nguyen	-	Brenna Marincic
Taylor Basnett	-	Stacey Georgopoulos	Courtney Pallone	-	Andreea Muresan
Deirdre Boyne	-	Erin Schaffeld	Joanna Schnell	-	Ryan Bowers
Deonna Boyne	-	Holly Jeric	Abby Smith**	-	Meagan Leshar
Kathryn Brumbaugh	-	Andrew Sabol	Alexandra Specht	-	Peter McCandless
Daniel Bucci	-	Jacklyn Lurz/Peggy Posendek	Jamie Speck	-	Bryan Miller
Carson Crosley	-	Linda Fleming	Jenna Staikoff	-	Julie Potz
Alexander Day	-	Hayley Smith	Christine Sung	-	Samantha Kelland
Stephen DiScenna	-	Eric Dong	Deryk Trautman	-	Evan Keir
James Doherty	-	Nathan Petrovic	Lindsay Tryon	-	Kristen Edwards
Kalen Dolesh	-	Andrea Giurukis	Sarah Wilczewski	-	Brittany Cowell
Megan Dunphy	-	Dan Bonamer	Bridget Wilson	-	JoJo Jesser
Jacob Fadel	-	Alex DiScenna	Emily Wirkus	-	Brendan Blasko
Rayna Henry	-	Kristine Wright	Eda Wu	-	Matt Klima
Lilli Hooke	-	Katherine Mitchell	Alexandria Zlojutro	-	Hannah Pullium
Leah Jacob**	-	Torie Kaunas	Cindy Zhao**	-	Christine Soong
Jasmine Kaur	-	Anna Wilke	Christina Pierce	-	Dylan Trautman
			Adam Haseley	-	Dylan Trautman

** Denotes freshman member of Chamber Orchestra

Calling All New Orchestra Members! You're wanted at the Sibs Picnic!

To kick off the 2009-2010 school year the Sibs Orchestra Program will be hosting the annual Big Sibs/Little Sibs Picnic! It will be held on Sunday, August 23rd at the Oak Grove Pavilion in the Brecksville Metro Park from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

The Sibs Picnic will give the Little Sibs an opportunity to meet their Big Sibs, other members of the orchestra, their conductors, and enjoy some food and fun!



got music? Become a Family Orchestra

Show your support for the outstanding Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Orchestra Program! Your sponsorship benefits orchestra students by funding instruments, social events, musicianship award for seniors, the annual orchestra banquet and biennial performance trip. Students value the many opportunities that the orchestra program provides. We hope you do, too!

Please support the orchestra program by completing and returning the form below with your check payable to BBHHS Orchestra Boosters.

BBHHS Orchestra Boosters
c/o Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, 6380 Mill Rd, Broadview Heights, OH 44147

2009-10 Concerts:	Spooktacular IV - Oct 8th	Holiday - Dec 3rd
	Festival of Orchestras - March 11th	Spring - May 20th

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♪♪♪♪ Family Orchestra Sponsorship Form ♪♪♪♪

Sponsors are recognized in all 2009-2010 orchestra concert programs. Please check your selected sponsorship category below. Include your individual or family name as you would like it to appear in the programs. **For those sponsors receiving concert tickets:** Each ticket will admit one person to the concert of your choice. Your ticket must be relinquished at the door.

- _____ **MAESTRO** Sponsors - Receive **six (6) concert tickets AND a private 30 minute performance by the BBHHS string quartet**, to be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time and place. Perfect for birthdays and other special occasions! **\$ 250**
- _____ **WHOLE NOTE** Sponsors - Receive **six (6) concert tickets** **\$ 100**
- _____ **HALF NOTE** Sponsors - Receive **four (4) concert tickets** **\$ 50**
- _____ **QUARTER NOTE** Sponsors - Receive **two (2) concert tickets** **\$ 25**
- _____ **EIGHTH NOTE** Sponsors - Receive **recognition** in the concert programs **\$ 10**

Sponsor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

*Thank you for your support! Questions?
Own a business? Call to find out about Business Orchestra Sponsorships. Contact Booster
Vickie Szczurek at 440-546-7193 or email vszczurek@earthlink.net*

The Orchestra Boosters Need You!

The Orchestra Boosters was organized to support our high school orchestra program and its students. Membership is free. All Parents' of Orchestra students are welcome. The Boosters help provide for:

- Instruments
- Concert Trips
- The Annual orchestra banquet
- Professional guest teachers
- Musicianship award for graduating seniors
- Social events throughout the year

Orchestra Boosters meetings are held once a month in the High school media center beginning promptly at 7:00PM on the following Monday evenings:

September 21st	October 19th	November 16th	December 14 th	January 11 th
February 8 th	March 15 th	April 19 th	May 17 th	

For further information please contact any of the Orchestra Booster officers listed below:

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We need you time and talents! If you can help out in any way, please let us know by completing the form below. Have your child return the form to the Orchestra Booster's mailbox located inside the orchestra room. The chairperson for that activity will contact you prior to the activity. We also invite you to consider becoming an Orchestra Sponsor by making a monetary donation. The forms can be found on the Orchestra web site www.bbhcsc.org/high/orchestra and in the orchestra newsletter.



Yes, I'd like to help! Contact me about my availability to help with the items checked below.

Name _____ **Your student's name** _____

Phone _____ **Email Address** _____

- _____ Chaperone local social events - bowling party, hayride, movie night
- _____ Quarterly Newsletter- Assist with writing articles for the Booster newsletter
- _____ Contact me about helping out throughout the year if you need volunteers for any of the activities

October

- _____ Spooktacular III Concert October 8th 6pm - 8:30pm Help with activities; pass out programs and candy

December

- _____ Poinsettias sale - Assist with pick-up 1pm – 4pm or 4pm – 7pm (Date TBA)
- _____ Hooded sweatshirt sale - Assist with pick-up (Date TBA)
- _____ St. Basil Chamber Orchestra Concert Dec. 6th 2pm - Chaperone concert, assist with refreshments
- _____ Holiday Concert Dec. 3rd 7pm - Ticket presale and at door, pass out programs

February

- _____ Assist with reception immediately following the Festival concert
- _____ Candy sale for Festival - Purchase and sell candy at the concert
- _____ OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Event Feb. 19th - Many volunteers needed at various times 3-10

March

- _____ Winter Orchestra Festival Concert March 11th 7pm - Pass out programs

May

- _____ Swarm Board week of May 16th - Decorate cafeteria bulletin board to recognize orchestra students
- _____ Spring Concert May 20th - Ticket presale and at door, pass out program
- _____ Orchestra Banquet May 25th – Design programs; assist with door prizes, banquet registration.
- _____ End- of- Year- Party Chaperone (usually after Spring concert at a local restaurant like Courtyard)

From the Podium (continued from page 1)

Mr. Cocchiola and I highly encourage students who are serious about their music studies to audition for Northeast Regional Orchestra. Auditions will be held Saturday, September 26th at Cleveland State University. Rehearsals are Saturday, October 25th, Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th. The performance will be on Sunday, November 8th following the final rehearsal. This is a great experience for those students who want to expand their orchestra experience with a minimal amount of time.

Once again we will be working with the Brecksville Kiwanis Club in hosting the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra on November 19. It is a real honor to have this elite organization performing in our auditorium. We will be looking for students and parents to help serve in various roles.

One important change that senior members of Chamber Orchestra should note. This year the concerto performance will be moved to the March Festival of Orchestras concert. There will be an application and audition process set up to select the soloist. The auditions will take place the week of November 30th. More information will be given at the beginning of the school year.

These are just some of the exciting activities that are coming our way this year in orchestra!

Enjoy the last few days of vacation!



Spooktacular IV
October 8th!

IT'S BACK!

Join us for the fourth annual Spooktacular concert on Thursday, October 8th. Children's activities start at 6:00 pm followed by the concert. Come see our orchestra members in their fabulous costumes, and enjoy some "spooktacular" music! You won't want to miss it!

Honey Hut Fundraiser
Save the Date!
Thursday, October 1st
6-8 pm



On Thursday, October 1st from 6-8 pm, the Orchestra Boosters will be having a fundraiser at Honey Hut Ice Cream Shoppe in Brecksville. This will take place before/during the Homecoming Parade. All you have to do is **take the flyer** (which will be available on the Orchestra website the week of the fundraiser) to Honey Hut and buy some ice cream. They will donate a portion of the sales back to the Orchestra! Spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors! Remember you must present the flyer to Honey Hut in order for us to get the credit! What a yummy way to raise some money!



The Orchestra Website

Have you been to the BBHHS orchestra website lately? The Orchestra website provides you with everything you and your child need to know for a successful year. Its main purpose is to provide our students and parents with easily accessible and up-to-date information to our orchestra program. By using the website, you will be able to keep up with important dates, concert times and locations, and other useful information for the 2009-2010 school year.

The current website can provide you with the dates and times of all of the concerts, rehearsals, and other performance venues for the year. Audition material, sheet music, scale sheets, class specific test/quiz information, and musical reference recordings keep the most current ensemble information at you fingertips. In addition, you can access a variety of important forms, including permission slips, handbook forms, and challenge slips.

This BBHHS asset also provides you with a perfect way to keep in contact with the directors and to keep current with Orchestra Booster information. Booster meeting and minute information (including past minutes) are easily accessed through our website. You can visit the calendar and view all of the dates!

Finally, the Orchestra picture and concert archives are like strolling down memory lane. You can access past program selections, program recordings, and ensemble pictures.

The website is constantly evolving. Please visit us at www.bbhcsc.org/high/orchestra and take advantage of the wonderful asset to the program!

STUDENT MUSICIANSHIP AWARDS

The Orchestra Boosters Scholarship Committee presented the first annual "Orchestra Boosters Student Musicianship Awards" at the Spring Orchestra Banquet on May 26th. Eleven outstanding seniors submitted applications and then interviewed before a panel of judges who would then determine the recipients. The scholarship committee made every effort to choose panel members who would not know any of the candidates in order to make the process as fair and unbiased as possible. The judges all said they were wowed by the professional and enthusiastic manner of the students, and that all eleven should be proud of how they presented themselves!

The 3 seniors selected for the Award received \$400 to be used in any way they choose, as well as recognition at the banquet and at the BBHHS senior awards.

- ❖ Grace Francisco plans to go to Case Western Reserve University to study Business Administration;
- ❖ Matt Kan will be attending Northwestern University in Chicago, and plans to major in Civil Engineering;
- ❖ Michelle Williams, who is also headed to Case Western Reserve University as a Pre-Med student.

The Scholarship committee is looking forward to presenting another award(s) next spring, and encourages all seniors who play a stringed instrument to apply. Information will be forthcoming in early 2010.