



# News of Note

*A Newsletter from the BBHHS Orchestra Boosters*

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## **From the Podium**

*By Chuck Valley, Orchestra Director*

Happy New Year everyone! It's hard to believe we've already made it to the halfway point of the year. So far it has been very productive and successful, and we have many more exciting projects to conquer! Let me begin by congratulating Christine Soong, who performed with the Ohio Music Education Association All-State Orchestra at the OMEA's State Conference in Cincinnati. Christine rehearsed with this elite ensemble the week of January 24, and performed on Friday, January 28.

Congratulations to Ryan Bowers and Andrew Cooper, who won this year's concerto competition. The competition took place on January 13 and was judged by five adjudicators. Both Ryan and Andrew will perform their pieces with the Chamber Orchestra at the spring Concert on May 27. Matt Klima and Andrew Sabol also prepared and played extremely well. We plan to have them perform their pieces with piano accompaniment some time before the end of the school year. We are extremely proud of and congratulate all of these talented musicians on their competition performances.

Congratulations to Cindy Zhao, who is one of the Suburban Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition winners. She will perform Ravel's Piano Concerto in G Major on Sunday, February 6 at 3:30 p.m. at Beachwood High School Auditorium. Cindy has played with the Chamber Orchestra and this year is a member of the String and Symphonic Orchestras.

We are happy to announce that the final cost for the New York City Performance Trip is \$679 (\$21 less than the original cost). Students are

in the process of signing up for their room assignments. Rehearsals will start soon for Carmina Burana. The orchestra rehearsals are two Wednesdays, February 23 and March 2, from 6- 8:30 p.m. The combined orchestra and choir rehearsals are two Saturdays, March 12 from 1-5 p.m. and March 26 from 1-4 p.m. The Cleveland performance will be at Trinity Cathedral (downtown Cleveland) on Sunday, March 27.

Our string orchestras are preparing for the OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Event, which we are co-hosting with Lakewood High School, here at BBHHS on February 19. Mr. Cocchiola and I would like to invite all parents (and friends) to their child's performance; all performances are open to the public. These are usually the best, or one of the best performances the orchestras will do all year. Each participating orchestra prepares three pieces (two from a required list and one comparable piece of the director's choice). The orchestra will be assigned a performance time, and will play in our auditorium in front of three adjudicators, as well as audience members. Afterwards, the orchestra will go to the instrumental room and participate in a sight-reading exercise with another adjudicator. The total sum score from the four adjudicators will result in the final score for the ensemble. The most important thing about the contest experience is how much the orchestra improves during the preparation period. Once again, we invite you to attend. *It is important to note that recording devices of any kind are prohibited and can lead to that orchestra's disqualification.* Finally, see page 2 to find out how you can help at this event!

Musically yours,  
Mr. Chuck Valley



**OMEA LARGE GROUP EVENT**  
**Friday, February 25, 2011**  
**Hosted by BBHHS**

We are expecting nine Northeast Ohio high school orchestras--including our own Concert, String and Chamber orchestras—to participate in this year’s Ohio Music Education Association large group adjudicated event.

Performing in adjudicated events is a wonderful experience for our orchestras. And our ability to act as host again—for the fourth year--is a testament to our school, students, directors, and of course, our parents. As a benefit of hosting the event, the OMEA donates to our school all the music used in the sight-reading portion of the event, which is worth several hundred dollars.

**Parent volunteers are needed for the success of this event!** We expect the event to run from 4:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. on Friday, February 25. Our parents will be acting as greeters to each of the schools, running the concession stand, and assisting with many other activities. At least 20 parents will be needed for each shift to ensure that the event runs smoothly. We also will be using many student volunteers to assist the parents.

If you are able to help with the event, fill out the volunteer form below and return it to school with your student as soon as possible, or contact Joy Petrovic at (440) 838-5430 or [jspetrovic@hotmail.com](mailto:jspetrovic@hotmail.com) . If you have any questions, email Joy or any of the Orchestra Booster officers (see page 6 of the newsletter for contact information). Thank you in advance for any help you can provide us to make this event a success this year!



**OMEA Volunteer Form**  
**Friday, February 25, 2011**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to work the First Shift from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to work the Second Shift from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to work the Third Shift from 8:30pm - 10:30pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to work the Concessions Stand from 7:30pm - 10:30pm.



## ***Winter Orchestra Festival***

Our Winter Orchestra Festival will be on Thursday, March 3, at which we will host our seventh and eighth grade orchestras. Also, our talented BBHHS Fiddle Group will perform, under the leadership of Mrs. Jennifer O'Neal.

After this concert, we will have a small reception in the band room for orchestra members and their families. Don't forget, we will have an earlier call time to allow us to take the group yearbook photos.

## **Carmina Burana rehearsal dates:**

- Wednesday February 23, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday March 2, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday March 12, 1 – 5 p.m. (full rehearsal)
- Saturday March 26, 1 – 4 p.m. (full rehearsal)
- The local performance will be Sunday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral in downtown Cleveland.

## ***New Tri-M Members Selected for 2010-11***

Congratulations to the members of our orchestras who were selected for induction in the BBHHS chapter of Tri-M, the international music honor society.

The prospective inductees from the string orchestra program are: **Claire Galmarini**, Viola (String); **Lisa Mickey**, Violin (String); **\*Jojo Jesser**, Viola (Chamber); **\*Jean McBride**, Violin/Voice (Chamber); **Erin Schaffeld**, Viola (Chamber); **Abigail Smith**, Violin/Saxophone (Chamber); **Christine Soong**, Violin (Chamber); and **Stephanie Swedik**, Viola (Chamber).

The new Tri-M members from Symphonic Orchestra are: **\*Graham Armstrong**, Trumpet; **\*Katie Farine**, Percussion; **Katie Mackerty**, Trumpet; **\*Jacob Moore**, Percussion/Voice; **\*Spencer Phillips**, Bass; and **\*Dan Snow**, Percussion.

Three students from the vocal music program round out the new Tri-M membership: **\*Marissa Caroniti**, **\*Yousef Raslan**, and **\*Tess Stevens**. (\*Denotes seniors)

A recital was held at the high school on January 25 for the new members, who will be formally inducted in May at the organization's banquet.

Tri-M, once named Modern Music Masters, has since 1952 established nearly 5,500 chapters internationally among middle- and high-school students. Students are selected on the basis of musicianship, scholarship, character, cooperation, leadership, and service to their school and community. The organization's high standards challenge students to greater effort and achievement and to encourage excellence and leadership.

## ***John Bowers Memorial Award for graduating seniors. . .***

The Orchestra Boosters Scholarship Committee soon will begin to review candidates for its annual John Bowers Memorial Award (formerly the Senior Musicianship Award).

John Bowers was an important Orchestra Booster member who passed away suddenly in 2009. Mr. Bowers played a key role in creating a monetary award for seniors who excel in their musicianship. He also chaired BBHHS' second Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Adjudicated Event, in February 2009. His two sons were active in the BBHHS orchestras. We honor his dedication to our wonderful music program.

More information about the application and requirements will be available around March 1. Any senior who plays a stringed instrument in one of the school's orchestras is eligible.

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## ***Reprise: Brief Updates and Reminders***

**OMEA Solo and Ensemble** is set for February 19 at Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus in Parma, a different venue this year. Mr. Cocchiola will let students know their performance times as soon as the schedule is available.

**Uniform review committee:** A committee is being formed to review the girls' uniforms (Concert and String orchestras) for possible stylistic changes. Please email Jayne Trautman at [jaynejojo@roadrunner.com](mailto:jaynejojo@roadrunner.com) if you are interested. There will be a meeting prior to the next boosters meeting.

**Chamber Orchestra auditions** are set for the week March 7. Music already has been distributed to interested high school students, as well as eighth graders. There is a required excerpt, scales, sight reading, and a solo piece of the auditionee's choice. Auditions will be judged this year by orchestra directors from other schools. February 8 is the eighth grade orchestra orientation night for our incoming freshmen.

**The yearbook picture** for orchestra will be taken immediately preceding the upcoming March 3 concert. The groups will arrive between 6:00 and 6:30, and they will have their photo taken on stage, in full uniform, and with instruments. Don't be late!

**New York City trip update:** Cost of the excursion has been finalized at \$679 per person, with payment in full due March 1. The chaperone meeting is set for March 8, and the general rules/regulations meeting for all students and parents will be March 17.

**Orchestra Banquet:** Students and parents alike should plan on attending the end-of-year orchestra banquet, set for May 27 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Woodside Party Center. The evening includes dinner, as well as recognition of the orchestra students for their accomplishments throughout the year. Entertainment includes "superlatives" and other awards, an electronic photo collage of the year in review, drawings for door prizes and the announcement of the John Bowers Memorial Award winner.

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Print, clip and post this on your refrigerator!

## **Angie's Pizza Orchestra Boosters Fundraiser**

***SUNDAYS! ALL DAY! Noon – 9 p.m.!***

On Sundays, when you call Angie's Pizza to place an order, mention the BBHHS Orchestra Boosters, and we will receive 10 percent of the total cost.

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## 2010 – 2011 Calendar

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

Feb. 8	8th grade orchestra orientation	7:00 pm	Music Room
Feb. 11-12	MIM Ticket to Broadway (Quartet)	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Feb. 19	OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest	all day	Tri-C Western Campus
Feb. 22	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Music Classroom*
Feb. 23	Carmina Burana rehearsal	6 – 8:30 pm	Music Room
Feb. 25	OMEA State Adjudication	TBA	BBHHS / Co-Host
Mar. 2	Carmina Burana rehearsal	6 – 8:30 pm	Music Room
Mar. 3	HS/MS Festival of Orchestras	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Mar. 8	New York trip chaperone mtg.	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Mar. 12	Carmina Burana rehearsal	1 – 5:00 pm	Auditorium
Mar. 17	New York trip meeting	7:00 pm	Auditorium
Mar. 21	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Music Classroom*
Mar. 26	Carmina Burana rehearsal	1 – 4:00 pm	Auditorium
Mar. 29 – April 2	Orchestra/Choir NYC Trip		
April 18	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Music Classroom*
May 16	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Music Classroom*
May 27	Spring Concert	6:00 pm	Auditorium
May 31	Orchestra banquet	6:30 pm	St. Michael's Woodside
June 4	Commencement (Quartet)	2:00 pm	State Theater

\*Please note new location for these meetings, formerly held in the Media Center.

## 2010 – 2011 Orchestra Student Officers

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## Need more information?

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Also, check out the BBHHS Orchestra Website [www.bbhsorchestra.com](http://www.bbhsorchestra.com). And make sure you are on Mr. Cocchiola's e-mail distribution list for weekly orchestra reports and last-minute updates. If you aren't receiving those messages, let Mr. Cocchiola know!



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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**

2010 -11 Concerts:	Spooktacular - Oct 19th Festival of Orchestras - March 3rd	Holiday - Dec 16th Spring - May 27th
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### ♪♪♪♪ Family Orchestra Sponsorship Form ♪♪♪♪

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