



# News of Note

*A Newsletter from the BBHHS Orchestra Boosters*

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## **Mr. Valley retires from BBHHS, passes baton to Mr. Cocchiola**

Charles Valley, respected director of the BBHHS orchestra program for 25 years, will retire at the end of this school year. With his love of music and tremendous talent he has inspired hundreds of students as musicians and earned their respect and admiration along the way. His involvement in BBHHS music groups extended to Jazz Ensemble, Commotion and the vocal music program as well. Before joining BBHHS, Mr. Valley taught for 10 years in his hometown of Wickliffe, Ohio. This dedicated professional has served countless hours and will be greatly missed.

Stepping into Mr. Valley's position is the well-qualified Steve Cocchiola, who has 12 years of experience teaching music, the last six in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights district. He has been involved at Central School, the Middle School and the High School, in the orchestra and band programs. As the new director, Mr. Cocchiola said his goal is to maintain the quality of the district's entire string program, grades four through 12.

*A reception in Mr. Valley's honor will be held in the High School cafeteria following the May 27 orchestra concert. All are welcome!*

## **Orchestra Banquet**

**Tuesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Michael's Woodside Party Center  
5025 Mill Road, Broadview Heights**

Look for the registration form in this newsletter and on <http://www.bbhhsorchestra.com>.

## **From the Podium**

*by Chuck Valley, Orchestra Director*

The choir-orchestra performance trips are always one of the highlights of the year for me personally and this year's was no exception. Our students handled themselves with class on every aspect of the trip. I know that I speak for Mr. Cocchiola and Mrs. Sterman when I say that I could not be more proud of their performance at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. A special thanks to all those parents and adults who gave of their time, energy and money to chaperone our students. Without chaperones, we cannot take trips like these. I would also like to thank Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Witzke for all of their help. Mrs. Witzke spent many hours preparing and coordinating all of the medical forms and making sure that all participants received their proper medications. Thanks to Dr. Bruce Sterman who always comes along and helps on the trips. I would also like to thank my son Mark for coming along and providing a video memory of the trip. He has finished editing the video and created a DVD, which we are looking into mass producing for anyone who would like a copy (for only the cost of reproduction). The DVD, which includes the entire St. John's performance, will serve as a wonderful remembrance of the trip.

Now we turn our attention to the final concert of the year, our Spring Orchestra Concert. The Concert Orchestra, String Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Fiddle Group will all be featured, along with the Symphonic Orchestra. This year's spring concert does not have a theme, which gives us a lot of freedom in selecting repertoire.

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## Top 10 NYC Sights

by Chaperones Mrs. Rohrer, Mrs. Swedik and Mr. and Mrs. Trautman

**#10** The Singing “Naked Cowboy” at Times Square.

**#9** Musical instrument stores. “Of course I’m in the market for a new guitar, and would like to try out that vintage Les Paul.”

**#8** Patzeria’s Perfect Pizza—soon to be a restaurant with real chairs!

**#7** Architecture and monuments, especially St. John the Divine and Lady Liberty. We were definitely gawking tourists!

**#6** Times Square, with its towering buildings, lights, billboards, shops and people. Loved the accents!

**#5** Rockefeller Center—30 Rock! No Liz Lemon sightings, but a view of the city through fog and snow.

**#4** New York Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsal, hearing violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter.

**#3** Carnegie Hall, a fireproof structure with perfect acoustics (yet no one knows why), where the docents tell viola jokes!

**#2** Site of former World Trade Center—humbling and inspiring.

**#1** The St. John the Divine performances by our orchestras and choir!

Thanks to the directors for planning the trip and to our students for representing our school and communities well!

## *From the Podium, continued from page 1*

This concert will have everything from classical to rock. As has been a tradition for many years, Chamber Orchestra will feature students who have auditioned to solo with the orchestra. This year two students have been chosen. The first of these works will be the first movement of “Symphonie Espagnole” by Lalo, featuring Ryan Bowers on violin. That will be followed by “Rhapsody in Blue,” featuring Andrew Cooper on piano. The grand finale will be Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture,” with a small choir singing during parts of the performance. This is the unabridged version that Tchaikovsky composed, and even though it was originally written to honor Russian patriotism, it has also been used during American patriotic holidays, especially the Fourth of July.

On a personal note, I have been truly blessed to have had the privilege of working in one of the greatest professions and in wonderful school districts like Wickliffe and Brecksville-Broadview Heights. As I approach my final concert, I would like to thank all of the incredible students who over my career have truly inspired, motivated and given me more than I could ever have given them. I would also like to thank all of the parents who have encouraged their children to participate in music and the arts. I would especially like to thank those parents who have made up our boosters groups for all of their service. Without them, our organizations could not have accomplished half of what we have over the years. My special thanks to the Board of Education and administrators of BBHCS D for their unbelievable support. I have had the privilege of working with so many incredible colleagues over the years and I thank them for their support and especially their friendship. Last but certainly not least, one of the toughest challenges is finding balance between professional and personal life. I would like to thank my wife and family who have not only supported me but also have been participants in my career. Without their support and understanding, my journey would have been empty.

Once again, thank you all and God bless you.

Chuck Valley

Attention Orchestra Students and Families: You're invited to attend the

# ANNUAL ORCHESTRA AWARDS BANQUET

**Tuesday, May 31, 2011**



**St. Michael's Woodside, 5025 E. Mill Rd., Broadview Hts.**

**Doors open at 6:30 PM - Dinner at 7:00 PM**

Evening includes: Sit-down dinner, student officers program, door prize raffles, presentation of Awards, Student Superlatives, photo collage of the year in review...and more! Join us in congratulating our Orchestra students on a great 2010-2011 year!

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Sit-down dinner choice: *Chicken Marsala / Roast Beef / Fettuccine Alfredo*  
*All dinners served with salad, bread, beverage and dessert.*

Orchestra Student's Name _____	Telephone # _____		
Orchestra Student's dinner choice (circle one)	Chicken	Beef	Pasta
Please list guests attending and circle their dinner choices (do not repeat Orchestra Student):			
Name _____	Chicken	Beef	Pasta
Name _____	Chicken	Beef	Pasta
Name _____	Chicken	Beef	Pasta
Name _____	Chicken	Beef	Pasta
_____			
Number of Orchestra Student(s) .....	( )	x \$ 14 per student .....	\$ _____
Number of Family Members/Guests .....	( )	x \$ 19 per person .....	\$ _____
Total number of Reservations .....	( )	Total Amount to be Paid .....	\$ _____

Return lower part of this form and check payable to "BBHHS Orchestra Boosters" in class to Mr. Valley or Mr. Cocchiola by Tuesday, May 24, 2011. Qs? Call Cindy Harder 440-526-2991.

*Ask your student to confirm your reservation on the Guest List posted in class!*

*Backstage: A Behind-the-Scenes Profile*

## **The John Bowers Memorial Award**

Nearly a dozen seniors have turned in their applications for the John Bowers Memorial Award, a scholarship given annually by the Orchestra Boosters to hard-working and talented string students. But what is the mysterious process by which these well-qualified candidates will be judged? Applicants will be evaluated on their grade point average, activities, a student essay and reference letters, among other criteria. Each component of the application will be scored using a rubric to ensure objectivity. The applicants also will be interviewed on May 11, by judges from outside our school district. The winners will be announced May 25 at Senior Awards night and also will be recognized at the Orchestra Banquet on May 31.

### **♪ Meet the Judges ♪**

**Michael O'Mara** was an Emmy award-winning television news journalist in Cleveland and Toledo for more than 30 years until he hung up his microphone and reporter's notebook last summer. The veteran news reporter and anchor now helps corporations and government agencies effectively communicate with the media in crisis situations. Mr. O'Mara is also an attorney and has been a member of the Ohio Bar Association since 1985. Mr. O'Mara received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in theater from the University of Detroit. He has been composing music for the piano for 30 years.

**Donna VanRooy** is director of professional development at Baldwin-Wallace College, managing the design, development and delivery of public, custom and executive development programs. Prior to joining Baldwin-Wallace, Ms. VanRooy spent 12 years in various positions in KeyBank's Corporate Human Resources Department. She is currently a board member of the Cleveland Society for Human Resource Management.

**Dr. Carlton R. Woods** is artistic director and conductor of the Blue Water Chamber Orchestra in Cleveland, a unique professional ensemble dedicated to sharing great music with new audiences. Committed to excellence without pretension, the BWCO aims to break down barriers and welcome new audiences to the world of inspiring chamber orchestra music. Please see his web site, [carltonwoodsconductor.com](http://carltonwoodsconductor.com).

Dr. Woods most recently held a joint position as artistic director/conductor of the Midland Symphony Orchestra, and director of orchestral studies at Central Michigan University. He has been named Conductor Emeritus upon departing MSO in 2007.

Dr. Woods' past appointments have included orchestras in Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Arkansas. As music director/conductor of the North Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and the Music Festival of Arkansas, he developed ensembles that received national attention in the press and on National Public Radio. In constant demand as a guest conductor, he has been on podiums of orchestras worldwide.

# Brecksville - Broadview Heights Music Department Presents

## SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT



**FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011**

***The concert will begin at 7:00 PM - Doors open at 6:30 PM***

***Everyone is invited to an end-of-the-year reception in the cafeteria immediately after the concert***

- Advance tickets for the concert can be purchased until May 20, 2011.
- Tickets will be available at the door.
- The concert is free to all senior citizens.

### Advance sale ticket order form

Please indicate the number of tickets you are requesting and enclose payment (checks payable to BBHHS)

#### **Orchestra Concert Friday May 27, 2011**

\_\_\_ Adult tickets at \$4.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Student and Alumni tickets at \$3.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Advance sale tickets will be sent home with your student or you can enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope)*

Please return this form and your payment no later than May 20, 2011 to:

Orchestra Department c/o Boosters  
Brecksville-Broadview Hts. High School  
6380 Mill Road  
Broadview Hts. Ohio 44147

Questions? Call Judy at 440.821.7302 or email [judy.sabol@gmail.com](mailto:judy.sabol@gmail.com)

## Orchestra Boosters Officers Elected for 2011-12

Congratulations to the 2011-12 Orchestra Boosters officers, elected at the April meeting:

President: **Melissa Rohrer**  
Vice President: **Beth Smith**  
Secretary: **Jayne Trautman**  
Treasurer: **Bruce Wilson**

## Orchestra Boosters Fundraiser

### Angie's Pizza

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Order from Angie's Pizza, mention the BBHHS Orchestra Boosters, and we will receive 10 percent of the total cost.

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# Brecksville - Broadview Heights High School Orchestra Presents

## SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT PERSONAL MESSAGE



If you would like to have a congratulatory message in the 2011 Spring Orchestra Concert program, fill out the form below (*please print legibly!*):

(Message can be for ANY Orchestra student or teacher. . .not just Seniors!)

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Message for the program:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Messages should be 25 word or less; All messages will be reviewed for content and may be edited for space**

Please enclose cash or check for \$5.00 **per message** payable to: BBHHS Orchestra Boosters

Place completed forms in the Orchestra Boosters' Mailbox (located in the Band Room)

**Or mail to:**

Beth Smith  
6967 Crystal Creek Drive  
Brecksville OH 44141

**All Personal Message requests MUST BE RECEIVED by May 20, 2011**

Questions? Call Judy at 440.821.7302 or email [judy.sabol@gmail.com](mailto:judy.sabol@gmail.com)

## 2010 – 2011 Calendar

May 11	Senior Award Interviews	TBA	Media Center
May 12	Symphonic Rehearsal	6:00-9:00 pm	Auditorium
May 16	Orchestra Boosters meeting	7:00 pm	Music Room
May 24	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra concert	7:00 pm	Middle School Auditorium
May 26	Symphonic Rehearsal	6:00-9:00 pm	Auditorium
May 27	Spring concert	7:00 pm	Auditorium
May 31	Orchestra banquet	6:30 pm	St. Michael's Woodside
Jun. 4	Commencement (Quartet)	2:00 pm	State Theater

### ***HS Students to Support Ms. Marsh by Attending MS Concert***

Ms. Dorene Marsh, orchestra director for our district's fifth- through eighth-grade students, will retire at the end of this school year. Her final concert will be the seventh- and eighth-grade combined orchestra/choir concert, scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, in the Middle School auditorium. Part of the fourth-quarter assessment for high school orchestra students is to attend the Middle School concert and write a concert critique about the performance. This assignment will ensure that Ms. Marsh's former students will be there for her last concert at BBHMS. In addition, the experience will encourage each high school student to reflect on his or her own personal growth as a musician.

### **Symphonic Orchestra Rehearsals**

Thursday, May 12  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 26  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### **Need more information?**

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