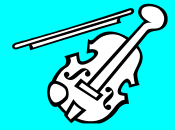


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Welcome to the Boosters

Hello Orchestra Parents,

Welcome to the District 7 Orchestra program! My name is Lisa Browner, and I am the Edwardsville Orchestra Booster President for the 2012-2013 school year. The Boosters want to welcome you to our orchestra family. You are automatically a member of our Booster group since your son/daughter is enrolled in orchestra. The Orchestra Boosters are a unique group in that we support all levels of our district orchestra: elementary, middle and high school students. **EOB strives to provide a fun atmosphere in which the students feel supported through fundraisers that involve the students and community.** Last year, due to the success of our fundraisers and the generosity of our supporters, the Boosters were able to buy nine new instruments for all levels of our program, and we covered the repair cost of many instruments as well. Additionally, we were able to help pay for our middle school and high school students to travel, we provided a fun fall bonfire evening at Mill's Apple Farm for our high school students, and we were able to provide each teacher with professional funds to help cover individual needs in their classrooms. This year, we will be supporting the orchestra programs' needs in various ways. We will start by welcoming our newest members of the District 7 orchestra program, the new 4th grade elementary orchestra students, with binders to hold their music.



We need your help this year to make our fundraisers a success. **Please take note of the date of our fall fundraiser, *Tour de Strings*, on October 6th.** This year, we will be raffling off a bike, courtesy of **Scott Credit Union**. *Tour de Strings* is an important event as it helps us raise much needed funds for the program. Please set aside this date and plan on attending this event. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation to the Boosters so that we can continue to support our wonderful district orchestra program.

Watch the virtual backpack and your student's backpack for information on our **upcoming fall events** which include marching in the **Halloween Parade**, and our annual **HOMEMADE WREATH SALE** from Mill's Apple Farm.

Many of us serving on the board have high school students who will soon be graduating. In order to keep the good work of the Boosters going, **it is essential that volunteers step forward to serve on the board** and in other positions. If you are interested in volunteering, **please attend our meetings this year** to decide in which position you would be interested in serving.

Don't forget to stay in touch with us via Facebook ("like" the Edwardsville Orchestra

THANKS!



for your continuing support of the District 7 orchestra program!

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Boosters), or by visiting our website at www.orchestraboosters.com. Please encourage other parents who haven't already given us their email addresses to do so or to sign up on our webpage. As boosters, we do not receive the parents' contact information from the District. Accordingly, parents who have not given us their emails or signed up on our website will not receive copies of the four quarterly newsletters.

We are so excited your child is part of the District 7 Orchestra program. We believe that a music education is essential to a well-rounded student. We look forward to meeting you personally and to working with you throughout the year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. I am looking forward to a wonderful and musical year!

Sincerely,
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BOOSTER NEWS



Mark your calendars . . .

Registration is now open for the **Third Annual Tour de Strings!**

Tour de Strings is scheduled for **October 6th** at Miner Park. The ride/walk starts at 9:30 a.m., we will be open for registration at 8:30. You'll want to pre-register, though, since groups who pre-register at the family rate will get **TWO FREE T-SHIRTS!** T-shirts are also available for purchase.

This year, we will be raffling off a new bike, courtesy of Scott Credit Union! As always, lunch will be served after the ride **AND** be sure to bring your cameras for the *Tour de Strings* photo booth!

Tour de Strings is an important event as it helps us raise much needed funds for the program. We are truly grateful for your support. We hope to see all of you on the 6th!

Click here for the registration form and more information: [Tour de Strings Registration](#)



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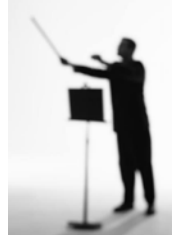
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Other upcoming orchestra events:



EHS

- Oct. 8 IMEA All-District auditions
- Tues., Oct. 9 Concert Orchestra: "Baroque and Classical Masterpieces"
- Fri., Oct. 12 Symphonic Orchestra: "Baroque and Classical Masterpieces" full orchestra
- Thurs., Oct. 18, Scott Credit Union event, 5-7
- Fri., Nov. 2, GEACF Fundraiser Dinner 6:30-7:00, 2nd floor of Wildey
- IMEA Festival, we host, Sat., Nov. 3
- Tues., Nov. 6, "Project Restore" Fundraiser 5:30 to 6:30, 2nd floor of Wildey
- Wed., Nov. 7, Veterans' breakfast, EHS 8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 5 Holiday Concert- combined orchestra with combined choirs. *Note: There will be after school rehearsals for this concert. Dates and times TBA*

Middle School

- Monday, October 8 (Columbus Day), All-District auditions Highland
- Wednesday, October 24th Lincoln Fall Concert @ 7
- Thursday, October 25th Liberty Fall Concert @ 7
- Sat., Oct. 27, Edwardsville Park Dist. Costume Contest for little kids. 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 4th Liberty Holiday Concert @ 7
- Thursday, December 6th Lincoln Holiday Concert @ 7

Booster meetings (7:00 p.m., EHS choir room)

- October 17, 2012
- January 23, 2013
- March 13, 2013
- May 1, 2013



SCHOOL NEWS . . .

Ms. McLaughlin-Heil began the year with exciting news of a May 2013 trip performance trip to the Chicago area for her EHS students. The students will attend music clinics, will perform with other school orchestra students and programs, and will have an opportunity to see and hear the Chicago Symphony perform. Students will also enjoy many of Chicago's local landmarks and museums including but not limited to Shedd Aquarium, the Field Museum, and a Chicago River Architecture Tour. This trip grew out of an invitation from another high



Fun Fact

Which of these EHS cellists has a twin sibling?



The answer is all of them!

EHS Concert Orchestra cellists Ashley Gardner, Samantha Thompson, Gabby Silva, and Will Jeziorski each have a twin sibling!

school orchestra that had previously visited, and performed with, EHS.

Angelina informs us that due to the growth of her EHS orchestra program this year, the Boosters (who have been purchasing and altering uniforms for EHS for several years now) will need to purchase 14 new uniforms this year. We consider this a really *great* problem!

Concert Orchestra Uniform Manager Quentin Crane helps fit Elliot Gianaris and Taeler Frierson for uniforms.



Angelina McLaughlin-Heil and EHS hosted their first Stringed Instrument Summer Camp at EHS this summer. One of the attendees, Sophomore Cheyanne Davis, says this of the camp: "This summer, I went to Ms. M's summer camp. I had a lot of fun and I personally learned a lot. I was introduced to Baroque music like Purcell and Vivaldi. I made a lot of new friends and had a lot of laughs. I hope she does it again because it was very educational and very fun. I learned a lot and I hope that the other students did too." Ms. M also taught at the Alton Youth Symphony camp this summer.

Carli Bates informed us that several of her middle school students attended ISYM (Illinois Summer Youth Music) at U of I this summer and had great experiences. They auditioned for placement into orchestras and attended private and group lessons in addition to their orchestra sessions. They also got to stay in the U of I college dorms and experience a bit of the college life.

Ms. Bates' middle-school orchestra students recently celebrated Flag Day in ceremonies that took place at both middle schools, where the orchestras performed America the Beautiful.



In August middle school and high school students performed at the Dare Car Show in Edwardsville and helped raise money for the District 7 orchestra program at a combined Orchestra Boosters/Newbold Toyota booth. Thanks Newbold and students!