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SUMMER EDITION

CONGRATS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!

Congratulations to our new Edwardsville Orchestra Booster officers and chairpersons! Please offer our new crew your support. If you'd like to join the fun, we are still looking for a Membership Chairperson. Contact Susan Payne at susanpayne_eob@yahoo.com for more information. As always, watch your email and our Facebook page for news about our exciting plans for this coming school year!

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We also want to thank our prior board members, chairpersons, and all parents who participated in EOB activities last year for all of their hard work.

Visit our website:

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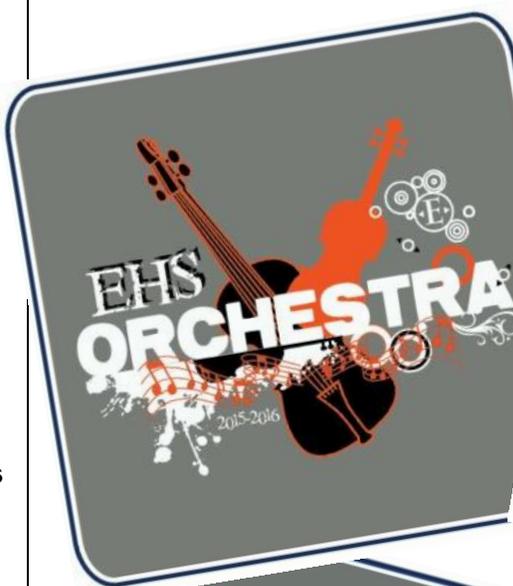
2015-16 ORCHESTRA T-SHIRTS & HOODIES — AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER NOW!

Awesome new orchestra shirts are now available for pre-order for the 2015-16 school year. All schools will share the same basic design, but each school and the elementary level has a unique color scheme so the students can show a little school spirit! The **order deadline is Friday, August 28—no exceptions**. Shirts will arrive sometime in September and will be delivered to school.

Order forms can be found on the [EOB website](#) and will also be available from your orchestra teacher at the start of the school year. On-line orders are currently being accepted with credit card payment at orchestraboosters.com. These shirts can only be pre-ordered, so don't miss out!



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Tiger Town Consortium 2015 was a tremendous success! Many thanks to our parents and volunteers for their help with serving lunch, directing students to the proper rooms, set-up and clean-up, auction donations, and more. Together, our orchestra families can accomplish great things!





EHS ORCHESTRA CAMP

By Dan Brannan

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On June 24, Edwardsville High School's orchestra director Victoria Voumard hosted the 2015 Summer Orchestra Camp for students entering 4-11 grades from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. who play the violin, viola, cello, and bass.

The students, who all came from surrounding schools in District 7, were proud to wipe some of the dust that may have accumulated on their instruments since the beginning of summer vacation for a chance to play with the distinguished director.



With the help of Kelly Honda, Melissa O'Neal, Karen Bratton, and some of EHS's graduated orchestra students, Voumard instructed the students through numerous exercises including

scales, rhythm studies, proper articulation, and fine-tuning their listening skills. Improvisation was also used to get students to think outside of the box and to play to their hearts' content.

Several pieces of music were on display at the camp, which was held until June 25. The 9-11 grade musicians took on a solemn piece, titled "Nocturne," which was reminiscent of "Claire De Lune." The same group played a piece with a little Latin flavor, entitled "Libertango." The younger, middle school-aged kids were faced with an Irish jig, titled "Fiddle O'Finnigan" which had their toes tapping.



"These pieces were chosen in consideration for Illinois Music Education Association All-District Orchestra, which the middle schoolers and high schoolers participate at in the fall," Voumard said.

The elementary students were separated from the larger group to learn some music theory and composition techniques. "We have some fun music activities planned for them this week, as well as proper bow technique and posture," Voumard said.

The cost of the camp was \$30.



The Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters extends its gratitude to **Scott Credit Union** for its ongoing generosity in its sponsorship of the EOB and support of the District 7 Orchestra Program.



SAVE THE DATE!



Airplane Park (Township Park)

Doors open at 1pm Ride starts at 2pm

Your class could win a **PIZZA PARTY!**
Everyone in your class will earn a free prize for every 25 registered riders!

Registration
\$10



FREE Kona Ice for every finisher!

T-Shirts \$17

All participants eligible to win a **NEW BIKE!**

More Details to Come

Wear your team color!



Registration begins August 31 at www.orchestraboosters.com



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The Sixth Annual Tour de Strings is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2015 at Township (Airplane) Park. Watch for emails and flyers for more information.

Meet the Teachers

There have been a few changes but we continue to have the best! Please allow us to introduce the new District 7 Orchestra lineup:

Elizabeth Jankowski received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education with a minor in music from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). She joins our district with performance experience with the Tulsa Symphony, Northwest Arkansas Symphony, Arkansas Symphony, Fort Smith Symphony, and the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra. She has been an instructor in the Music Preparatory Program at Lewis and Clark Community College, and is currently the conductor for the Alton Junior Youth Symphony. She loves teaching stringed instruments and has a private studio that is the source of much joy in her life. She is looking forward to working with the exceptionally supportive Edwardsville community at the elementary and middle school levels.

Marie Brown is a native of Alton, Illinois, and a recent alumni of SIU Edwardsville. She graduated with a degree in Music Education and Music Performance on cello. Her music background started at the age of three with her mother as her first teacher on piano. She then started playing cello in fourth grade and continued through high school and college. Since then, Miss Brown has taught with the SIUE Suzuki string program and Edwardsville's summer string camp, as well as with her own private students. She has played for several musicals at SIUE -- including their most recent production of *Shrek*. She will continue to play in SIUE's university orchestra in the fall and enjoys playing for weddings and other events in her spare time.

Miss Brown is the primary elementary string teacher for the Edwardsville school district. She is so excited to work for such a supportive school district.

Missy (O'Neal) Banker is a 2012 graduate of SIU Edwardsville, where she earned a Music Education degree and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She began playing cello at the age of 3, studying with Carolyn Suda.

While at SIUE, Mrs. Banker participated in many opera productions, musicals, and symphony concerts. In 2010, she performed as a soloist with the SIUE symphony. She also worked closely with the Suzuki Program. Since graduating, she has performed with the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra and the Stretta String Quartet.

This summer has been very exciting for Missy. In addition to getting married on July 25, she was invited to play cello with the Pink Floyd Tribute Band, El Monstero at the Hollywood Casino Amphitheater for a crowd of 12,000!

She greatly enjoys sharing her love of music with her students and is looking forward to taking things over at the middle school!

Victoria Voumard (formerly Brannan) is a violist, fiddle player and music educator. A native of Greenville, SC, Mrs. Voumard received her bachelor's degree in music education from Furman University, where she studied with violist, Leonard Schranze. She continued her viola studies at the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton, Florida, and then, SIU Edwardsville.

Previously, she has directed orchestra programs in Spartanburg, SC, and Alton, IL, and has been an instructor at Lewis & Clark Community College and Greenville College. She has adjudicated various contests, guest-conducted a variety of orchestras, and has been a clinician for workshops in ten states.

Currently, Mrs. Voumard plays viola with the Union Avenue Opera Theater in St. Louis and the Crusell Quartet. She also plays a Blaze acoustic-electric five-string violin in the string band Fiddleback. Mrs. Voumard has performed in orchestras with headliners Jimmy Page & Robert Plant, Josh Groban, Peter Cetera, Mannheim Steamroller, Frank Sinatra Jr., Clay Aiken, Barry Manilow, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Warren Haynes, Idina Menzel and Rod Stewart.

Mrs. Voumard values her role as a music educator/orchestra director at Edwardsville High School, and is looking forward to another fabulous year!