

# Down Beat

News for the La Cañada High School Band and Orchestra  
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## 7/8 and 9-12 Orchestras Begin Day 2

The 7/8 and 9-12 Orchestras will begin to meet at zero period beginning the second day of school. This is to allow all students to be in attendance for valuable information concerning the 2009-10 Orchestra Season. Be sure to be there on time at 7 am each day so that we can achieve the highest levels of technique and musicality.

Mr. Kyle Smith will be directing the 7/8 Orchestra while Mrs. Connie Speltz will again have the 9-12 Orchestra under her command. Please look at the dates to remember below in order to clear those dates now. Have a great season of music.

### Dates to Remember

Oct 7	7/8 Orchestra Concert
Oct 28	Fall Orchestra Concert
Dec 11	9-12 Elementary Tour
Dec 15	9-12 Winter Concert
Dec 16	7/8 Winter Concert
Jan 31	Dinner Show
Mar 11	7/8 Fine Arts Concert
Mar 23	9-12 Fine Arts Concert
Mar 25	La Cañada Festival
Apr 29	Concerto Dress Rehearsal
Apr 30	Concert Concert
Jun 8	Orchestra Awards Night

## Football Game Performances

The band and color guard will be a significant part of the spirit that makes our Friday night football games exciting and entertaining. We will be performing before the game, during halftime (get a sneak peek at our field show and watch it develop throughout the season) and during the game to stir up the spirit and root our team to victory. Come be a part of the fun we will have in the stands. Just a reminder to all Band and Color Guard members, Home football games are mandatory to attend. Away football games will be performed attended by our newly formed Pep Band. The goal is to have a spirit flowing from the band and color guard no matter where the game may be played. Listen for details of the Pep

Band during the first week of school.

### Football Schedule

Sep 4	Burroughs	Home
Sep 11	Alhambra	Away
Sep 18	Glendale*	Away
*we will miss due to LA County Fair Parade		
Sep 25	CV	Home
Oct 2	Firebaugh	Away
Oct 9	Arroyo	Home
Oct 15 <sup>Thurs</sup>	Temple City	Home
Oct 23	Blair-Homecoming	Home
Oct 30	San Marino	Away
Nov 6	Monrovia	Home
Nov 13	South Pasadena	Away



## LCHS Music Parents Meetings

As we begin the school year and gear up for the band and color guard's marching season and the orchestra season, it is important to note how valuable the Music Parents Organization is to our program. Music Parents enlist volunteers to assist at all events, fund raisers and just help with the everyday activities of the music program. Every parent is encouraged to join and actively participate in order to make the music flow smoothly at each event. Music Parents will be meeting the first Monday of every month in the

LCHS Band Rom at 7pm. Please note that the first meeting will be Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day Holiday. Thank you ahead of time for all your help.

### Music Parents Meetings

September 14 <sup>th</sup>	October 5 <sup>th</sup>
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	December 7 <sup>th</sup>
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	February 8 <sup>th</sup>
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 12 <sup>th</sup>
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	June 9 <sup>th</sup>

Note: September, February, April and June are not the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

### All State Groups

If you wish to tryout for an all state group, look on the CBDA website for audition materials.

Recordings for all state will be due to Mr. Stone after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

[www.cbda.org](http://www.cbda.org)



## Celebrating Successes

Thank you all for a wonderful welcome home on Thursday during our Marching Band Preview night and In-N-Out BBQ. Despite all the distractions of the fire coming over the crest (and my thoughts and prayers have been with all of you as the fire pushed towards La Cañada), the evening was a great success. Thank you to Dona Mitoma and Krista Peitzman who organized a wonderful evening for us.

Band Camp was a phenomenal success with all students working hard, being responsible and having a lot of fun in the process. We have a long way to go to make the field show a winner, but we are in the flow

of making it happen and ahead of where we would be if we stayed home. My favorite moments were listening to the students say wonderful things about each other and the program at the candlelight service on our final night and finally hearing the students say "Let's Do It Again! We want to make it right." All in all it was a great 4 days and we are all excited about the possibilities and moments of fun our show will create. Come see us often and cheer loud!

