

Up Beat!



Music Department Newsletter

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Spring Concerts Close out the busy year!

Orchestra- "Concerto Concert" May 2, 2008

Nine LCHS fine soloists will be featured in the annual Concerto Concert, to be held on Friday evening, May 2 at Lanterman Auditorium. The concert begins at 7:30 pm and requires tickets which can be purchased from any orchestra member or at the door.

Featured soloists with the Chamber Orchestra are singer **Zach Wetzel**, oboist **Jordan Edberg**, and flute duet **Joanne Kang** and **Sally Choi**.

Performing with the award-winning Symphony Orchestra will be violinists **Jessie Cho**, **Denny Choi** and **Tim Joo**; cellist **Daniel Lim**; and pianist **Jeff Johnson**.

Conductors for the concert will be Mick Wetzel, Connie Speltz, and Susan Hamre.

HS Band- "Pops Concert" May 15, 2008

For the first time, the Bands will have their own end-of-the-year concert separate from the Orchestra as they present the Pops Concert at LCHS Auditorium on Thurs., May 15 at 7:30 pm. No admission will be required.

Featured with the Symphonic Band will be senior trumpeter **Jimmie Myers** and senior euphonium player **Tim Elftman**. The **LCHS Tuba Quartet** made up of **Tim Elftman**, **Tomas Kanholm**, **Kien Warren**, and **Charlie Davidson**, will perform "Sing, Sing, Sing".

The Symphonic & Concert Bands, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Bands will all perform final end-of-the-year selections.

7-8 Strings Spring Concert May 8, 2008

Our outstanding 7-8 "Stringettes" will have their own Spring Concert on Thurs., May 8 at the LCHS Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 pm. Admission is free.

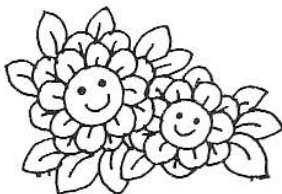
Also performing will be the 7-8 Chorus, and the two groups will perform an Andrew Lloyd Webber medley at the end.

Don't miss this great night!

7-8 Band Elementary School "Tour" Fri., May 9, 2008

If you've never been on our "tour" of the elementary schools, you're missing out. We perform a "light" concert at each of the K-6 schools during the school day, plus have a pizza lunch in Memorial Park. Here's our schedule:

9:25 am	Paradise Canyon
10:50 am	Palm Crest
11:40-12:40	lunch in the Park
1:15 pm	LCE



Solo-Ensemble Festival Highlights LCHS Musicians

74 LCHS 7-12 graders earned either Superiors or Excellents at the District Solo-Ensemble Festival held at our school Apr. 19.

Junior DeDe Mann, sophomore Grace Yun, and Administrative Assistant Betsy Kraft organized the all-day festival, which saw nearly 400 students participate in 6 different rooms. Judges were supplied by the So. CA School Band and Orchestra Association.

Students winning Superior ratings are eligible to continue on to the Regional Festivals at El Segundo HS on May 17 or Valley College on May 31.

If a student was the "best of the day," the judge awarded him/her with a "CP" or Command Performance.

Students earning superiors include the following:

7th grade: Josh Spry (CP) and Kevin Marchetti, trumpet; Rikio Inouye, Eugene Lee and Laura Malholtra, clarinet; Elizabeth Asher, viola; Justin Yew, Michelle Lavner, Kelvin Zheng, and Jonwei Hwang, violins; Jerry Joo, cello; Michael Kapla, alto sax; Kristen Kurihara, and Elizabeth Upton, flute; and the 7th grade String Trio.

8th graders: David Cho, flute; Brian Mellstrom, trumpet; Minjoo Kim, cello; Shea Gaier, violin; Alice Michel, clarinet; and Sam Reynolds, Aiden Park, and Ryan Lee, alto sax.

9th graders: Albert Ji, alto sax; Meera Gudipati (CP), Jasmine Moh (CP), Kimi Dohi, Celine Aenlle-Rocha, Jane Lee, flute; Kyle Kurihara, oboe (CP); Jessie Cho and David Mkrthchian, Violin; Cayley Coren and Janice Lee, viola; Raymond Ma, clarinet; 9th grade String Trio; and 9th Flute Quartet.

10th grade: Hana Bae, and Annabel Lee, (CP) flute; Katherine Cho, cello; Zoe Kumagai, string bass; Stephen Tran, violin; Ling Rao, harp.

11th grade: Connie Suh, Joyce Lee, April Jung, Chris Omae (CP), DeDe Mann, Ellen Pak, Kira Bartholomew, all flutes; and 11th Flute Quartet.

Students earning **Excellent** Ratings include:

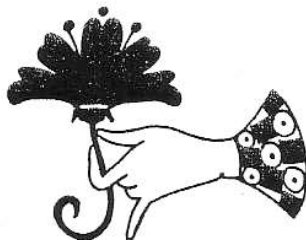
7th grade: Isaac Jin and Sharon Kim, cello; Andrew Kim, violin; Caroline Palmer, marimba; Cameron Aenlle-Rocha, trumpet; Kavitha George, clarinet; and Ryan and Eric Kim, oboe.

8th grade: Joey Lemchen, baritone; 8th Trumpet Trio; Brad Cavanagh, trombone; Sujung Hahn, violin; Brian Choi, alto sax; Alec Zwaneveld, trumpet; Caroline Gordon, clarinet.

9th grade: Teresa Jiang, flute; Ariel Lan, violin; and Kimi Dohi, french horn.

10th grade: Chanel Fu, flute; Michelle Cho, cello; String Bass Quartet.

11th grade: Peter Asher, trumpet.



Spain Trip Memorable For All

The recent LCHS Instrumental Music trip to Spain was an incredible learning experience for 145 Band, Orchestra and Color Guard students. We performed four times: twice in Madrid, once in Reus outside Barcelona, and a final concert in the Santa Maria del Pi cathedral at a historic Barcelona plaza.

"Performances were great on this trip," wrote senior Erik Shaw in an essay after returning home. "One in particular was great – our final performance in the church. With its lofty ceilings and great acoustics, it gave us a performing experience that will be hard to forget. Not only was the venue amazing, but I think we all played very well. The best part of my trip was hearing the final chord of 'The Perilous Skies' resounding throughout the church."

Ms. Hamre agreed. "Musically, our students were outstanding," she said. "In previous years, our music has peaked before the trip, but this time, we improved throughout the tour. Each performance was better than the last. This made the concerts the highlight of the trip."

Many students appreciated learning about Spanish culture, history, language, architecture and music. Sophomore Tina Zdawczyk particularly enjoyed our visit to the historic village of Toledo. "I absolutely loved it," she wrote. "The winding stone paths, the old-fashioned buildings worn from years of use, and the saved cathedrals and statues all completed the experience."

And there was so much more to learn:

"Seeing all of the architecture, art and eating the food were fantastic experiences, but only tell half of what makes band trips so fun," wrote junior Jordan Del Guercio. "It is the opportunity to go on such a fantastic trip with some of your closest friends... My best memories probably won't be of all the places we saw, but the memories of me with my friends."

Annabel Lee, a sophomore, added: "The trip made me feel extremely mature since I was responsible for myself ... Being on my own was a completely different experience for me."

And senior Tim Eftman summed it up: "This trip showed the staff and parents how great the band kids really are. By being responsible and on-time, band students showed just how truly awesome they can be."



Don't miss

"Man of La Mancha!"

May 28-31 @ 7:30 pm

May 31 and June 1, @ 2 pm

Jazz Band Spring gigs

Tues. May 6 - "Club LC"

LCHS Auditorium, 7-9 pm

Sat. May 10 - Coronado JazzFest

Coronado HS (San Diego)

2 pm concert

9 pm (return to LCHS)

Mon, May 12 - Les Tupper Awards

JPL, 6:45 pm

Sun., May 25 - Memorial Day Concert

Memorial Park, 6-8:30 pm

Sun. June 8 - local private parties

Laura Mead Lead Oboe at Cal Poly!

Junior Oboist, Laura Mead, sat principal oboe at the Festival Honor Band held at Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo April 19-21! The honor band featured musicians throughout California, and culminated in a final grand concert. Congratulations, Laura!

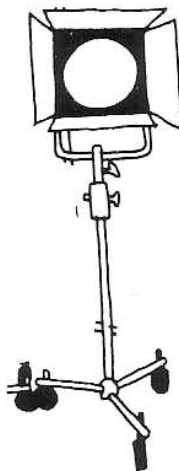
Marching Band Summer Schedule:

Band Workshops - Aug. 18-22, 2008
(LCHS)

Band Camp - Aug. 24-27
Cal Poly University, Pomona
(cost: appx. \$275)

Not Too Late for Idyllwild!

One key benefit to being a LCHS Instrumental Music family is that we get an incredible discount at the Idyllwild Arts summer music camps! Our students can go for half price, and it's a fantastic deal! The most popular camp at Idyllwild has been the Symphonic Band, and students can go after their 7th grade year. It's an incredible way to spark and encourage an interest in music. (It also gets your child to do their own laundry, at least for two weeks!) Students perform a wonderful concert after the first week and then again at the end of the second week. Other popular Idyllwild camps include the Orchestra and the Jazz Workshop. Three of our students already have signed up for the Symphonic Orchestra, and more are welcome. Let Ms. Hamre know right away if you're interested!



Next Work Day: May 3

Eagle scout candidate, Josh Wickersham, is planning a new and improved storage space in the "Big Boy" metal storage unit located behind the band room, and he needs our help!

His plans are to redesign the area to accommodate all the current equipment already there, plus have room to store our golf cart and Gator.

We could use your help on Sat., May 3 from 10 am-2 pm when we clean out the shed, build new shelving in the middle of the unit, and rip off the old golf cart "compound."

If you can spare any time on Sat., please join us! It's always time well-spent!

Calling All Flutes!

The 28-member high school flute section has been invited to be a part of the JPL Open House, scheduled Thurs. June 12 at 4:50 pm. The "mini-concert" is just part of all-day entertainment which features community groups.

Memorial Day Highlights

- * **Sun., May 25:**
Jazz Band at Dinner, 6-8:30 pm
- * **Mon. May 26:**
9 am - Ceremony in Park (HS Band)
10:30 am - Fiesta Days Parade (both bands)

Awards Nights-Parties!

7th Grade Band/Orchestra Party
3-5:30 p.m. Friday June 13
Location TBA

8th Grade Band/Orchestra Party
3-5:30 p.m. Friday June 13
Location TBA

9-12 Band Awards
7 p.m. Tues. June 10
Auditorium, formal attire
(Music Parent meeting at 6:30 p.m.
before ceremony)

7-12 Orchestra Awards:
In The Auditorium,
No Potluck This Year!
7 p.m. Wed. June 11
LCHS Auditorium
Formal attire