

Up Beat

News for the La Cañada High School Band and Orchestra
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Orchestra Parent Meeting

Monday, November 16th, 7 pm, Music Room

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Orchestra Parents of all grades are invited to an informational and planning meeting on Monday, November 16th at 7 pm in the LCHS Music Room. This meeting is to hear what will happen this year with our Orchestras and to give everyone an opportunity to give a helping hand in implementing all the wonderful events and activities that are planned for the year.

I, Mr. Stone, want to apologize to the orchestras for missing the deadline for the application to perform at Disneyland. The day I checked the form for the deadline was the day it was due, three hours until it was due to be precise, and I did not have all the needed materials

necessary to properly fill out the application. However, this has given us the opportunity to try something new out that Disney Magic Music Days has to offer and we will be discussing this event at the meeting on Monday. Again, sorry for the mistake, but I feel you will actually enjoy this activity more.

Please come and support our Orchestra program by being at the meeting. It is with the amazing parental support that we have, that we are able to provide the high level of musicality, events and positive musical experiences for our students. Thank you all, and see you at the meeting.

You are cordially invited

to the

Instrumental Music Winter Concerts

9-12 Band and Orchestra
Tuesday, December 15th

and

7/8 Band and Orchestra
Wednesday, December 16th

Concerts start at 7:30pm

LCHS Auditorium

Budget Crisis: What You Can Do to Help

As we reflect each month at our Music Parents Association (MPA) Meeting, which occurs on the first Monday of the month, the budget is always talked about and updated to make sure we are all staying true to it's boundaries. In reviewing the budget this month, the Music Parents Board is a bit concerned and is now scrutinizing the budgeted expenses and income to guarantee we manage our funds correctly. One area that has come under a closer look is the area of our music fees. Attached at the end of this newsletter is a fee sheet that will give you a breakdown of what our dues cost and a brief explanation of what they purchase.

Our biggest budget item is staff costs. The MPA currently funds nine staff members in order to give our students the best instruction and the attention they need to succeed. Our dues are set up to cover this well needed expense. In addition to the staff costs, the

dues also give each student a return of an article of spirit wear (band shirt, sweatshirt, etc.). It is important that all students pay their dues in order to continue the success of our programs.

Just to give a little bit of insight into our district budget, the entire Visual and Performing Arts Department receives \$500 total. That number is not per area, but total for all areas in the arts: instrumental music, vocal music, drama and visual arts. Through the MPA dues and our Dinner Show, we raise the funds to cover all the immense costs of a music program. If you wish to find out more information about the budget, there will be a budget meeting in the near future, just looko for the announcement through our email system.

One correction to the fee sheet: 7/8 Orchestra dues will be the same as 7/8 Band dues which is \$60.

All-State Honor Groups

It is that time of year when students are polishing their solos in order to audition and make the numerous outstanding honor groups in California. Here is a list of groups and websites so you can get the audition requirements and applications.

All-State Orchestra - www.codaorchestras.org

All-State Band - www.cbda.org

For All-State Band, recordings must be to Mr. Stone no later than Monday, November 30th, as they will be mailed that day. Also, please inform Mr. Stone of your intent to audition by Friday, November 20th.

For any and all recordings, Mr. Stone and/or Mr. Smith are available for recording during Thanksgiving week (there will be a small fee for their time), or you can record with anyone else. On the next page is a listing for a LCHS Band Alum who is local and will give you an outstanding recording for All-State or even college audition tapes.

Marching Band Field Show Information

No one should miss the Marching Band's next two field shows, as they will be spectacular. After a wonderful and positive show at the Hart "Rampage" Field Show, where we took 1st place, our students will travel to the Los Altos High School Field Show on November 14th and the Moorpark High School Field Show on November 21st. We are working hard to qualify for Championships, which will be held at Mira Mesa High School on December 5th. Please come and support our program and cheer loudly always.

Schedule for Los Altos, Nov. 14th

11:30a - 1:30p	Rehearsal
1:30p	Load Truck and Uniforms
2:15p	Meet Buses
3:30p	Arrive at Los Altos
7:03p	Perform <i>-change after performance</i>
8:45p	Awards
10:00p	Return to LCHS

Schedule for Moorpark, Nov. 21st

12:15 - 2:15p	Rehearsal
2:15	Load Truck and Uniforms
3:00p	Meet Buses
4:15p	Arrive at Los Altos
7:57p	Perform <i>-change after performance</i>
9:15p	Awards
11:00p	Return to LCHS

Website information for the Shows:

Los Altos

sites.google.com/site/losaltostournament

Moorpark - www.musketeerband.org/

Parents who wish to help at these events can contact Steve Ma (sma@sjm.com). We also need people to help secure the trailers and truck at LCHS before we leave and once we return. For Los Altos, the home shifts are from 12:30-2:30p and starting around 10:00p. Moorpark's shifts are from 1:15-3:15p and starting around 11:00p. This is a tremendous help and requires only a few hours. If you have a bit more time, come and travel to the show. We always welcome help.

Middle School Music Madness:

Sign Up For Percussion Camp

La Canada High School student, Miriam Pinski, is holding a percussion camp during Thanksgiving Week, November 23 - November 25, 2009 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are all welcome to sign up for a chance to learn new instruments, including snare drums, bass drums, marimbas, vibraphones, and much more! LCHS drumline members will personally teach all campers in the LCHS music room.

A donation of \$45 is greatly appreciated to help Miriam's Girl Scout Gold Award.

To sign up, please contact Cathy-Spindle@sbglobal.net or (818)790-2858. Spots are limited.

Congrats to Our Tournament of Roses Honor Band Members

Bernard Kim – Alto Sax

Teresa Jiang – Flute

Kimi Dohi – French Horn

Joshua Spry – Trumpet

Congratulations to you all and good luck on January 1st!

Sign up for PERCUSSION CAMP

6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

Music!
Rhythm!
Fun!



Everyone
is
Welcome!

November 23-25, 2009
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Place: LCHS Band Room

Get individual
instruction from LCHS award
winning drumline.

Make your own instrument
Learn to play percussion
instruments: snare drums,
bass drums, marimbas,
and much more!

Donations of \$45 appreciated

Contact: (818)790-2858

Cathy-Spindle@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for supporting
Miriam Pinski's Girl Scout Gold Award



Audition Recordings

Professional quality audio/video recordings for Honor Choir, Band, Orchestra and College Auditions. Pro Tools, high quality Mics for Audio and High Definition Final Cut Pro video recording. Quality labeled CD/DVDs and MP3/WAVs provided as required for submissions.

Tuned, Schimmel 6' grand piano available for pianist or accompanist.

Total cost \$50 for up to 3 hours of studio time and 5 media for submissions. Make an appointment via email to: cjameslucas@yahoo.com

Chris Lucas LCHS Grad '07



2009-2010 DUES

Description	Date Due	Amount	9-12 Band	Color Guard	7-8 Band	Orchestra
Band Camp	includes room/board & student meal ticket for In-N-Out BBQ 8/19/09	\$ 260.00				
9-12 Band/Guard Dues	includes t-shirt, instruction, party & Music Parents membership 9/1/09	\$ 180.00				
Marching Shoes	all freshmen must purchase; others as needed 9/1/09	\$ 30.00				
Color Guard Rifle	required for all members 9/1/09	\$ 35.00				
Color Guard Shoes	required for all members 9/1/09	\$ 22.00				
Color Guard Fall Uniform	required for all members 9/1/09	\$ 120.00				
Color Guard Winter Dues	required for all members 2/1/10	\$ 75.00				
Color Guard Winter Uniform	required for all members 2/1/10	\$ 120.00				
Winter Drumline Dues	required for all members 2/1/10	\$ 125.00				
Winter Drumline Instrument Rental	applies to drumline participants from sections other than percussion & pit 2/1/10	\$ 50.00				
7-8 Band Dues	includes t-shirt, party & Music Parents membership 9/30/09	\$ 60.00				
7-8 Drumline	weekly group instruction required for all members TBD	TBD				
Orchestra Dues	includes instructional fees, sweat shirt, Music Parents memb. & party 9/30/09	\$ 150.00				
Instrument Rental - Fall	Grades 7-12: applies to instruments rented for home or band room use and to percussion & pit players for mallet & drumhead wear. 2nd Instrument: 9/1/09	\$ 100.00 \$ 50.00				
Instrument Rental - Spring	Grades 7-12: applies to instruments rented for home or band room use and to percussion & pit players for mallet & drumhead wear. 2nd Instrument: 2/1/10	\$ 100.00 \$ 50.00				
TOTAL - make checks payable to LCHS Music Parents						

NOTE: 9-12 Band & Color Guard ASB Transportation Fee, expected to be \$185, is payable at school registration to LCHS ASB. Must be paid before students can attend Band Camp. (Students who play a school sport will pay an extra \$55 to ASB.)
9-12 Orchestra ASB Transportation Fee of \$45 is payable at school registration to LCHS ASB.

Student Name	Grade (circle)	Group (circle)
_____	7 8 9 10 11 12	Band Guard Orchestra
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Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Return this form with payment to the Band Room or mail to LCHS Music Parents, PO Box 1307, LCF 91012.
Financial aid information available upon request from Cece Guiar at cece.guiar@sbcglobal.net.