



YORBA LINDA MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2014

Director's Message

Well, the year is moving right along and the students are doing fantastic. We have already successfully finished a parade, group pictures, band pageant, a Disney performance and one fundraiser. Its only December and the year is flying by with many more events to come. Be sure to check out the music website at www.ylms.org/music for the most current information.

Now on to what is happening in the classroom. Performing Band is finished with its marching season and ready to go for the holiday concert. They have worked incredibly hard all marching season not only on their music, but the numerous times they woke up early for those early morning rehearsals and their continuous dedication to practicing at home. Big thanks for a wonderful marching season. The Advanced Orchestra is off and running with tons of music in their folders waiting to be heard. It is such an honor to work with such a motivated group of students. Both jazz bands are doing extremely well learning the basics of jazz improvisation, style, articulation, and the overall jazz concept. Both intermediate band and intermediate orchestra are reaching new heights musically on a daily basis. No more *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* for these groups. They are working on pieces that have four and sometimes five part harmonies with entrances on different beats of the piece. We are also utilizing many more instruments from the balance pyramid including bass clarinets, cellos, tubas, and basses. Their interest in music keeps me coming to school everyday with smiles on my face.

I would like to thank everyone for making the start of the year at Yorba Linda Middle School a happy one. Your hard work, support, and dedication to the program is appreciated so much. It is because of you that our program is strong.

Dan Methé
Instrumental Music Director

President's Message

What a great start to the school year! So far, Performing Band has completed Pastries in the Parking Lot, many early morning rehearsals, the Placentia Parade, the District Band Pageant and marched down Main Street USA in Disneyland. A big thank you to all of you who helped with registration, uniform fittings, alterations, chaperoning, parade/marching preparation and helped with the hero luncheon. We have been very busy!

The holiday season is upon us and all of our student musicians are working diligently on their performances for the Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 10th. It will be a wonderful evening! On Thursday, December 11th is the Faculty Breakfast. Our YLMS Faculty looks forward to this morning of music and delicious food every year and we will be reaching out for your help and donations to make this event a success.

I hope you took time off from cooking to enjoy Flame Broiler and Rubio's --- our first two dine out events of the year. It is nice for the kids to have an opportunity to see their music friends outside of school AND support the music program at the same time. We plan to have at least one dine out event a month after the first of the year.

Our next parent meeting is on Wednesday, January 14th at 7pm in the music room. Please mark your calendars now for this important meeting - we will be discussing what's going on inside and outside the classroom for the next few months. We need your opinions and input as we plan the rest of the year. Our program strives to enrich our children's lives through music and we need your continued support to succeed. There are still many events and many opportunities this school year for us to work together to keep our YLMS Instrumental Music program going strong.

Lori Arneal
IMBC President

Parent Chaperone Guidelines

The following guidelines were put together to provide a successful and enjoyable fieldtrip for all. Although these expectations may seem harsh for someone who is volunteering to chaperone a fieldtrip, they were established to provide the utmost regard for safety for all within our music program.

The following is a list of expectations for chaperones attending performances or fieldtrips.

1. The position of chaperone is one of major responsibility and is not to be taken lightly.
2. Chaperones should report to the Head Chaperone when arriving at school for instructions.
3. There is to be one chaperone for every ten students.
4. Chaperones must be at least 18 years of age.
5. Chaperones must make baby-sitting arrangements for siblings if helping with a school function.
6. Chaperones must be present for the entire performance or fieldtrip.
7. Chaperones are responsible for seeing that all school rules are observed.
8. Information lines via cell phones and pre-event meetings shall take place to establish a line of communication between students, chaperones, and the director.
9. Each chaperone will be assigned to a bus. The Head Chaperone for the designated event will give you a list of students riding on your bus and that you will be responsible for.
10. As students board the bus, check their name on your list. Students must ride on the bus they have been assigned.
11. Chaperones shall insist on the proper dress code for their designated groups.
12. Chaperones shall share time at the designated check-in location. Times will be worked out prior to the event or fieldtrip. This responsibility will be equally shared with the other chaperones to ensure student safety.
13. Chaperones shall assist the director in enforcing the Student Code of Conduct.
14. When arriving back at school, chaperones are asked to check the bus for trash and/or objects that may have been left on the bus by the students.
15. Chaperones may be asked to help load and unload equipment from the instrument truck.
16. All incidents, no matter how insignificant MUST be reported to the director or head chaperone immediately.

Parent Link Phone Information

The Parent Link phone system is a great way to communicate to all parents in a short matter of time. Are you getting messages from the IMBC phone message system? If not, try changing your greeting announcement to a shorter message without pauses. If you missed part of the message and want it to repeat, try pressing the * key. Within the first three seconds of an answering machine message, the phone tree system decides if the voice is a live person or a machine based upon the opening statement. For example, if the machine states "hello" or any short word and then pauses, the phone tree system thinks the recording is a live person. If the recording talks consistently in the first three or four words such as "Hi this is ... and we are not.... then the machine recognizes this message as an answering machine and plays an alternate message. I thank everyone for your patience and of course not hanging up on me when you hear my voice. If you miss any portion of a live message, remember hitting the star key (*) will repeat the message. You may also visit the YLMS music website at www.ylms.org/music and look under the calendar, flyer, or upcoming events sections. The most current information for your student can be found there.

Music in the Parks Opportunity

Starting again early in Spring, the Instrumental Music Booster Club will host festivals that are part of the Music in the Parks program. The company behind Music in the Parks lines up judges and locations, and provides middle and high school music groups from around the country the opportunity to perform for critique and ratings. Afterward, the groups get to spend the rest of the day at Disneyland or Knott's Berry Farm. Groups have come from all over the U.S.

As host to these festivals, the IMBC provides volunteers for the Saturday morning, and occasional Friday evening, festivals. We set up and take down the performance and audience seating, guiding groups to warm-up and performance locations, and facilitating the performance and judging processes. Volunteers are critical to the smooth running of the competitions and Music in the Parks pays the IMBC \$500 for each day of competition we host. With 10 scheduled festivals this spring, that means we'll raise \$5,000.

Festivals begin in March, so please watch for Crystal Shomph's emails requesting volunteers. Besides parents, we welcome high school students and provide them community service credit. Your help makes a big difference.

Concert Dedications

Deadline December 4th 7pm

On Wednesday December 10th we will be hosting our Holiday Concert. There will be a program handed out to all guests on this special evening and the Booster Club is offering you an opportunity to put a dedication in the program. A dedication is a personal message from you to your child. The cost is \$5 for a 20 word maximum dedication. To participate, please email your 20-word dedication to ymsdedications@gmail.com.

Then place \$5 cash or a check made payable to YLMS-IMBC in an envelope marked Attention: Booster Club. Have your child put it in the Booster Box at the front of the music room -- your child should know where it is.

Remember, 20 words max!

You will get a confirmation email once message and payment has been received.

Faculty Breakfast

On Thursday, December 11th, the instrumental music department will be hosting our annual faculty breakfast. This is a special occasion where we thank the teachers and staff at Yorba Linda Middle School for their support of our music students. There are many times throughout the year when band and orchestra students must be excused from their classes for music, or must attend an all day event. What better time of year to thank them than the holiday season?

The faculty can enjoy their breakfast while listening to music performed by Jazz 1 and Chamber Orchestra. We will be sending flyers home with your students asking for donations to make this breakfast possible, so watch for those soon.

Sweatshirts

As the cold weather approaches us, I just want to remind everyone that we have comfortable hooded and zip down YLMS music sweatshirts available here at YLMS in the music room for \$28.00. We have sizes adult small through extra-large. Quantities are limited so get them while they last!

Website Information

The YLMS instrumental music program has a website that is full of necessary information for your music student. All up to date information needed including schedules, an aeries link, up and coming concerts, policies, materials needed, practice records, pictures, links, etc. for the entire music year can be accessed at www.ylms.org/music. Other items on the website include frequently asked questions, care for an instrument, pictures of events, music store and phone numbers. This is the best way to get current information throughout the year. If you have trouble finding any information on our website, please contact me via e-mail and I will help you the best I can.

Holiday Concert

We are less than one week away from our Instrumental music Holiday Concert Wednesday, December 10th, 7:00 p.m. located at the Tommy LaSorda Field House. Just a friendly reminder to try-on your concert attire items soon. Many of you have grown taller since the beginning of the year. The flier has already been posted on the website. I look forward to a great concert. Each class has worked extremely hard on their holiday choices and is anxious to show you their progress.

Parent Meetings

The parent meetings were put into place to help inform parents about up and coming events, instrumental music policies, and help make decisions that affect all instrumental music students at YLMS. It is the best place to find out what is happening, ask questions, exercise your vote on items that apply and bring you into the everyday classroom. I know that everyone has busy schedules with sports, scouts and jobs but these meetings are for you, the parent. I look forward to a full house at our next meeting, January 14th.

YLMS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT ATTIRE

Dear Parents,

As our first concert approaches, I want to communicate with you the appropriate attire for all concerts. All of the Instrumental Music groups (Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra, Jazz Band 2, Intermediate, and Performing Band) will be wearing the following items for concert performances:

Standard/ work style, black “Dickies” pants (No Bell Bottoms or skinny style), solid black belt, solid black socks, solid black shoes (no sneakers or Tom’s shoes – must meet school dress code; ask if you are not sure), a white long-sleeved button down shirt with collar (Not cream or ivory) that must be tucked in at all times, and a long music tie available through the YLMS music boosters for \$10. Jazz Band 1 members will substitute their white button down shirt for a shirt and tie combination that has been selected. The above concert attire items will insure our groups look uniform and give a visual presentation that is pleasing to the audience.

The Beginning Months in a Glance



YORBA LINDA MIDDLE SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
 2014 – 2015

Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.....	Holiday Concert @ Field House (All classes)
Thursday, December 11, 7:30 a.m.....	Faculty Holiday Breakfast (Jazz 1 + Chamber Orch.)
Thursday, December 11.....	YLMS Holiday Assembly (Jazz 1, PB, AO)
Friday, December 12	Holiday Elementary Concerts (Jazz + Chamber Orch)
Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.	Music Parent Meeting (all parents)
Thursday, January 29	Lampost Pizza Dine-Out Fundraiser
Friday, February 6, all day	Disneyland Performance (Jazz 1)
Thursday, February 12.....	Dine-Out Fundraiser (Location TBA)
Monday, March 2 – March 13	Instrumental Music Spring Fundraiser
Saturday, March 8.....	South Hills Jazz Festival (Jazz 1)
Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.	Pre-Festival Concert @ LaSorda FH (PB + AO)
Wednesday, March 18, 2:30-4:00 p.m.	Mandatory Sectionals (PB + AO)
Tuesday, March 24 a.m.	SCSBOA Festival @ EDHS (Perf. Band)
Wednesday, March 25 a.m.	SCSBOA Festival @ EDHS (Adv. Orch.)
Wednesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.	Parent Meeting (all parents)
Thursday, May 7	EHS 8 th Grade Band Rehearsal
Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.....	VHS 8 th Grade Band Rehearsal
Monday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.....	EDHS 8 th Grade Band Rehearsal
Monday, May 18, 6:00 p.m.....	Area Band Festival @ VHS (PB + Jazz 1)
Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 p.m.	Area Orchestra Festival @ VHS (AO)
Wednesday, May 20 a.m.	Little Big Jazz Concert Rehearsal (Jazz 1)
Thursday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.	Little Big Jazz Concert @ LaSorda Fieldhouse (J1)
Monday, May 25, 4-6 p.m.	YLHS 8 th Grade Band Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert @ Field House (All classes)
Thursday, June 4, a.m.	YLMS Music Assembly (Jazz 1, PB, AO)
Friday, June 5, 3:45-4:45	End of the Year Party @ LaSorda MPR
Friday, June 12, a.m.	Promotion Ceremony (Jazz 1)

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