



## Newsletter 11/29/16

### Director's Corner:

- **Reminder: Big Announcement of Concert Time Change:** Our next concert for ALL orchestras will be **December 7 at 6 pm at the LNHS Auditorium**. Help make sure your student is practicing their part of the music so that we can work on making the music more in tune with the other parts. The reason for the time change is that there is a basketball game between LN and LC that evening and we will not have any parking available to us if we start the concert at 7 pm.
  - o **Sinfonia, Sonatina, and Concertino** Orchestras are going to stay after school 4:00 – 5:00 pm for a combined rehearsal on Wednesday, 12/7, to prepare for that night's concert. We will have pizza after that rehearsal. (We need 2 parent volunteers to help serve pizza – see below!) Students need to bring their concert clothing, instruments, and music in to school that day to be prepared for the concert. Participation in the combined rehearsal is required to perform in the concert.
  - o Extra rehearsal for the Chamber orchestra portion of the concert is Monday evening, 6 – 8 pm December 5.
- **LN Orchestras Hosting soloist from American Pianists Association (APA).**
  - o Competition Finalist, Sam Hong, will be performing the first movement of Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 with our top orchestra, the chamber orchestra, on our concert 12/7. This is a really big deal! Very special!
  - o LN families are encouraged to come out to a special competition concert featuring our guy, Sam Hong, and support and cheer him on as he competes for the Grand Prize of the APA Classical competition. All student in any orchestra is encouraged to come! Sam Hong's concert will be Sunday, 12/4 at 3:30 pm at the Indiana Historical Center along with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Valencia will be performing in that orchestra accompanying him. Special link to very inexpensive tickets here: \$5 for tickets that cost \$10 - \$30!
  - o <http://bit.ly/AwardsLN>
  - o The promo code for \$5 tickets is: Concerto
- **Orchestra Booster Club.** We have immediate need for help. Won't you please consider helping strengthen this program?
  - o **Need parents on 12/7, 5:00 – 5:45** to help coordinate pizza for orchestra dinner for students because they need to stay after school.
  - o **Need parents on 12/8** to help in the concession stands for the Varsity Girls Basketball game. Need one stand manager at 5:00 and 4 others to work the stand starting at 5:30. You earn \$20 toward your student's account. See **Concessions** below for details.
- **Private lessons:**
  - o Private lessons are highly recommended for our any of students who want to excel at their level or make progress towards earning a spot in the Chamber Orchestra. Private lessons

help at any level, regardless of how good you may be or how badly you feel you play. Really, the more you play, the better you play, and the more fun it is to play! **Please let Mr. Valencia know your student's interest and when they are available during school by using the following form on page 15 of the student handbook:**

[http://lnorchestra.weebly.com/uploads/5/8/1/3/58131833/orchestra\\_handbook\\_2016.2017.pdf](http://lnorchestra.weebly.com/uploads/5/8/1/3/58131833/orchestra_handbook_2016.2017.pdf) A list of private teachers is on the LN Orchestras Website or by following this link: <http://lnorchestra.weebly.com/private-lessons.html>

- **Practice for orchestra grade**

- A strong reminder for students in orchestra each orchestra class. They are expected to practice at least 30 minutes, five times a week. This will make it easier for them to learn the techniques we spend time on in class and, eventually, will lead to more fun playing. Also, when students learn their assignments, the orchestra gets to do what it supposed to do – we then start to make music instead of just playing notes. That leads to excellence in music-making. And, I know your young musicians can do it!

Thanks for listening.

*Mr. Valencia*

**Other News:**

**1. ISSMA SOLO & ENSEMBLE**

- **Forms and payment are past due!** Make sure all forms are turned in with payment to the Performing Arts Office by November 30. The cost is \$15 for a solo performance or \$7 per ensemble member.
  - District Contest is Saturday, February 4. (State Contest is February 25, for those students who attain a gold rating in level 1 performance at District.)

**2. BREAKFAST SALE FUNDRAISER**

- Keep checking the [CERVIS](#) volunteer link on the LN Band website to sign up for shifts.
- There is ECA testing between December 5-14, so Gayle is unable to fill in those days. We need 3 people each day to make the sale run smoothly.
  - Join us from 7:50 – 9:05am for each day's sale and earn \$5/day for your student account.
  - If you have any questions or need help signing up on CERVIS please contact Gayle Cartwright [gmic031154@comcast.net](mailto:gmic031154@comcast.net) or call 317-439-4020.

**3. CONCESSIONS**

- HUGE need for the Thursday, December 8 basketball game, as it coincides with the holiday band concert.
- Please keep checking the link to [CERVIS](#) for current openings, and to sign up. Thank you!
- Contact Julie Wilson for more information at [mjcwilson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjcwilson@sbcglobal.net) or text 317-523-7357.
- Please Note:
  - All workers must be 16 years or older.
  - The time listed is your arrival time – this is usually 30 minutes before the game.
  - There is security at all LN events – please allow time for this.

- Dress appropriately! Closed toe, comfortable shoes are a must, you will be on your feet! The gym concession area is HOT.
- Varsity Football Games – check at the Snack Shack to see which concession you will be working at. This is right by the ticket office at the main gate.
- If the weather is not looking good – check your email! Notification will be sent if a game is cancelled.

#### 4. SCRIP – Gift Cards

- **Turn Everyday Shopping into Fundraising – no selling, just earning!** Scrip is fundraising while you shop at all your favorite stores! [Click here to find out how.](#)
- **The next Scrip order date is Tuesday, December 13**
- Go to the Scrip website at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to place your order, enroll in PrestoPay, reload cards, search for special offers and more.
- Orders paid by cash or check must be received by Alison Goller in the Performing Arts office by 2:00 pm on the order date. Online orders paid by PrestoPay must be made by 7:00 pm on the order date.
- The shipping fee on plastic cards is \$8.50 for standard delivery. This fee is divided between everyone who placed orders for plastic cards on that date, and is deducted from any earned rebate. If you are the only person ordering cards, the entire shipping fee will be deducted from your rebate.
- For Scrip questions, please contact Kaye Schoenling [KSchoenl@comcast.net](mailto:KSchoenl@comcast.net) or 317 709-0039.
- **KROGER UPDATE:** If you register your [Kroger Plus Card](#), a direct a percentage of your purchases to the LN Orchestra General Fund. We are listed as *Lawrence North Orchestra # 10225*. **It is time to renew your annual registration to benefit the orchestra program with every purchase.**