



Orchestra Newsletter 1/26/18

Director's Corner:

- **ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble**
 - The ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble is on **Saturday, January, 27th** at Doe Creek Elementary in New Palestine.
 - The schedule (and competition details and directions) is [available to download](#), or packets are in the orchestra room.

- **Our next Important Thing!**
 - We are getting ready for our next concert on **Wednesday, February 7 at 7pm at the Fall Creek Valley Middle School Auditorium**. We are preparing pops music and establishing a relationship with the 8th graders at FCVMS as they prepare for their transition to High School next year.
 - An itinerary will be sent soon.

- **Fundraiser – SNAP!**
 - We have kicked off a new fundraiser this year using the '**Snap!**' program. It allows us to use email, social media, and text messaging to quickly raise money for our team. All that is asked of each participant is that they gather 20 or more email addresses of family, relatives & potential supporters that may be willing to donate to our cause. Your contacts are strictly private & protected; they will simply receive a personalized donation request on behalf of your student during our fundraiser.
 - We really need full participation in order to reach our team goal. Many of our students still need to add 20 emails to their fundraising profiles. The organization has an incentive if we can get 70% of our students to participate, and there are individual incentives also.
 - PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT AT HOME INSTRUCTIONS: Students have already created an account on the Snap website with the help of his/her team leader and Snap Fundraising Coach. PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A SECOND ACCOUNT.
 - Ask your child to log into their account (check top of this page for their login credentials)
 - Ask your child to enter A MINIMUM OF 20 email addresses of their biggest fans
 - Follow the steps in the *pop-up share* wizard to share via Facebook & text message

- **Expectations for class.**
 - Please help your young musician make time for personal practice at home. This is a requirement, like homework for other classes. When we get together in the classroom, we are supposed to be putting the different parts together. For Sinfonia and Sonatina, students

should practice 30 minutes at home to learn their parts and remember the lessons taught during the day. More time is expected for students in Concertino and Chamber orchestra.

- **Club de Mariachi**

- We are still looking for musicians for the Mariachi Program. Singers, violinists, guitarists are welcome. We meet weekly in the orchestra room (#153), on Mondays from 4 – 5pm.

- **Reminders**

- **Orchestra Fees** help pay for our sectional coaches so, please send your orchestra fees in right away.
- **Tissues for Extra Credit.** Yes. I am amazed at the number of students coming in to school who are ill. *Bring in a box of tissues to earn extra credit.*

- **Orchestra Booster Club.** Our fledgling Orchestra Booster Club will help organize the following:

- The next meeting is on **Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 pm in the Orchestra Room** at LNHS. Please send an email to me if you are interested, josevalencia@msdlt.org.
- Fundraiser for the orchestra
 - Help fund trips to be inspired by the great orchestras available to us in our region.
 - Help fund trips for the orchestra to participate in festivals just about anywhere.
 - Help fund enhancements to our program, such as increased sectional coach time with renowned coaches, more activities that develop camaraderie within the orchestra.
- Chaperones for trips to festivals and competitions
- Assistance with uniform adjustments
- Decorations and signs to boost the spirits of the four orchestras.

- **Private lessons:**

- **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 A list of private teachers is on the LN Orchestras Website or by following this link:
<http://lnorchestra.weebly.com/private-lessons.html>

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Other Fundraising News:

CONCESSIONS

- Orchestra families have the opportunity to fundraise alongside LN Band families selling concessions at various LN Athletic events.

- The winter sports concession positions have been posted to [CERVIS](#), our volunteer registration site. Check frequently for updates. Currently, the following positions are open:
 - **Boys v's Center Grove: Friday, Jan 26th, 5:30pm arrival - 5 position open.**
 - **Boys v's Fishers: Saturday, Jan 27th, 5:30pm arrival - 4 positions open.**
 - **Girls Sectional: Tuesday, Jan 30th, 5:30pm arrival - 4 positions open.**
- All family members, 16 years of age and above, are welcome to participate. Each person receives \$20.00 per shift, which goes directly into your student's account, \$30 for stand managers.
- Please contact Tonya Laudadio for more information. Email: tonyalaudadio@yahoo.com.
- To sign up: Go to www.lnband.com. Click on [CERVIS](#) (in the upper right hand corner). Create an account, or log in. Look the available shifts and sign up. Check back frequently for updates!

BREAKFAST SALE FUNDRAISER

- Orchestra families have the opportunity to fundraise alongside LN Band families helping at the Breakfast Table, selling concessions every morning in the LN commons.
- We need **3 adults each morning from 7:50 – 9:05**. A \$5 stipend is paid into your student's account for every morning you help!

How to join in:

- Go to the [CERVIS](#) link on the LN Band website and sign up.
- Contact Gayle Cartwright gmic031154@comcast.net or 317-439-4020 with questions.

SCRIP – Gift Card Fundraising

- **Turn Everyday Shopping into Fundraising – no selling, just earning!** Scrip is an ongoing fundraiser, which earns you money while you shop at all your favorite stores! [Click here to find out how.](#)
 - **The next Scrip order date for plastic cards is Tuesday, January 30.**
- Go to the Scrip website at www.shopwithscrip.com to place your order, enroll in PrestoPay, reload cards, search for special offers and more.
- For Scrip questions, please contact Kaye Schoenling KSchoenl@comcast.net or 317 709-0039.
 - **KROGER UPDATE:** Kroger shoppers, please register your [Kroger Plus Card](#) and direct a percentage of your purchases to the LN Orchestra General Fund. We are listed as *Lawrence North Orchestra # 10225*. Register annually and benefit the orchestra with every purchase.