



## Orchestra Newsletter 9/29/17

### Director's Corner:

- **We're Very Excited for our first concert!**
  - **The concert is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, in the LN Auditorium and starts at 7 pm.**
  - The students are required to attend for a large portion of their grade.
  - Students need to arrive by 6:30 pm, they lose 20% of their grade for late arrival. Students (and families) stay for the entire performance. We estimate it to last less than one hour.
  - Performance attire (tux pants and dresses) needs to be hemmed to the correct length before the concert.
  - If you have a cello at home, please bring to school for the concert.
  - Please attend with your family! Your students are working hard to make beautiful and exciting music.
  - **We need chaperones** for students in each of the orchestras:
    - Help with attendance
    - Help maintain order and quiet and help young musicians focus before the concert.
    - Help keep the students quiet and off their cell phones during the performance when other students are playing
    - *Contact Mr. Valencia* if you are willing to act as a chaperone. Email: [josevalencia@msdlt.org](mailto:josevalencia@msdlt.org), telephone: 317.964.7917
- **Reminders**
  - We have started an **after-school Mariachi Program**. It meets in the Orchestra Room, #153, on **Mondays from 4 – 5pm**. Here is a link to an award-winning high school Mariachi group in Texas. [Texas High School Mariachi Champion](#)
  - **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 Fees** help pay for our sectional coaches so, please send your orchestra fees in right away.
- **Orchestra Booster Club**. We need to start an orchestra booster club to help organize the following:
  - 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](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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## In Other News:

### CONCESSIONS

- Orchestra families have the opportunity to fundraise alongside LN Band families selling concessions at various LN Athletic events.
- Concession positions have been posted to [CERVIS](#), our volunteer registration site. Check frequently for updates.
- 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\* (with training). Please note: There will be a limit of 3 signups per family until everyone has a chance to signup (no limit on Friday night football games). A message will be sent when families can sign up for additional shifts.
- Please contact Tonya Laudadio for more information. Email: [tonyalaudadio@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyalaudadio@yahoo.com).
- To sign up: Go to [www.lnband.com](http://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!
- \*Stand Managers are needed! A Stand Manager helps open/close the concession stand and is the person "in charge". Please email Tonya Laudadio if you are interested in becoming a Stand Manager. There will be a training session.

### BUTTER BRAID and JAVA JOE FUNDRAISERS

- Butter Braid and Java Joe orders will be delivered to LN Door 16 on 10/18/17, pick up between 6:00 – 8:00pm.
  - Please make arrangements to have your items picked up during that time. We DO NOT have freezer storage, and Butter Braids must be kept frozen!
  - Contact Jen Jansen for Butter Braid information at [jjbean3030@gmail.com](mailto:jjbean3030@gmail.com)
  - Contact Wendy Manubay for Java Joe information at [wendymanubay@gmail.com](mailto:wendymanubay@gmail.com).

## WREATH SALE

- The 2017 Wreath Sale is coming soon! Fresh balsam and noble fir wreaths will be available, along with many other beautiful holiday greenery items.
  - Items will be ordered from the Hiawatha Company and a full 40% of sales will be credited to your student account.
  - You may [click here](#) to download the order form and get an early start!
  - All orders are due by Tuesday, November 1st, and delivery will be on Wednesday November 16th.
  - Contact Kaye Schoenling [kschoenl@comcast.net](mailto:kschoenl@comcast.net) or 317-709-0039 with questions.

## 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!
- **If you are available to work weekdays from 7:50 – 9:05 a.m. we can use your help.**

How to join in:

- Go to the [CERVIS](#) link on the LN Band website and sign up for the mornings you are available.
- Watch your email for a reminder of your commitment.
- Meet your team in the LN front office (we sign in and go up together)
- There will always be an experienced person to show new volunteers the procedures.
- 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.

## SCRIP – Gift Card Fundraising

- **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 for plastic cards is Tuesday October 17.**
- 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 band 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:** 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. Last quarter, our orchestra families raised \$107.06. Thank you!