



EMERSON ORCHESTRA

October Newsletter



Greetings, Emerson Orchestra Family -

Thank you for your support at our Fall Orchestra Concert and thank you to our wonderful EOBC Board Members for the cookie reception that followed. I hope you enjoyed our production as much as we enjoyed preparing and performing for you. It served as an excellent starting point for our musicians and I could not be more proud of their performance on stage! Congratulations to all who performed and we're looking forward to new music and developing our skills further!

Sandra M. Mour

WRITE-A-CHECK CAMPAIGN BEGINS!

We are kicking off our Write-A Check Campaign this month and hoping to raise \$10,000 to fund a few initiatives as well as off-set some Spring Trip expenses. Please see the incoming email with specific details. All students are expected to participate but it will require minimal effort. Prizes will be given out to the top 3 earners, and to the class with the most amount raised (percentage wise).

LINKS/FORMS

- [Pay Fees Here](#)
- [Volunteer Questionnaire](#)
- [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- [Night at the Symphony](#)
- [Write-A-Check Campaign](#)

ALL-REGION CONTEST

We want to wish our 32 All-Region Participants good luck in their blind-audition on Oct. 14. It is a nerve-wracking experience which only gets better with time, experience, and loads of preparation. The outcome is hardly ever what we expect but so much is learned in the process. Our students take turns performing specific excerpts alongside other students from Region 24 while judges deliberate and rank solely based on what they hear. Our All-State hopefuls vying for the top spots in order to qualify. Specific contest info will come in the days leading up to the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/10 EOBC Meeting (6:00 PM)
- 10/13 DSO Ticket Sale Ends
- 10/14 All-Region Auditions
- 10/23 Auditions (Musical & Full Orchestra)
- 10/27 Halloween Social
- 10/28 All-State Auditions

NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY

The Emerson Orchestra will be traveling via bus to hear Maxim Vengerov perform with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra at the Meyerson Symphony Center. Please consider joining us. We have reserved 50 tickets but will return those that do not sell. We will dress up in semi-formal attire, experience the surrounding areas and enjoy a wonderful concert filled with Brahms and Sibelius. Bus pickup/drop-off will be from Emerson at 5:30 PM and we will return at approximately 11:00PM. **Deadline to purchase your ticket is Oct. 13. Concert Date is Saturday, Nov. 4.**

ORCHESTRA HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE AND SOCIAL

The Orchestra Council invite all students our yearly Halloween Haunted House and Social scheduled for October 27 from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. The orchestra room will be transformed into a haunted spectacular while the choir room will become our main hangout space. Costumes are encouraged with prizes awarded to those voted most ghoulish, most creative, and crowd favorite. The EOBC will provide pizza as the "main course" but parents are encouraged to drop-off Halloween themed snacks and drinks. To ensure a variety of snacks, we ask parents to adhere to the following:

- Freshman:** Single serve Drinks
- Sophomores:** Savory snacks
- Juniors:** Sweet snacks
- Seniors:** Fruit or Veggies with dips.

SOLO & ENSEMBLE SEASON BEGINS

Solo & Ensemble season means students will begin working on their music for solo (with piano accompaniment), small ensemble (duet, trio, quartet, or quintet), and/or both. Because we must also work on our Winter Concerts material, we spend only small chunks of class time preparing for this event so we get the wheels in motion quite early. Soloists and ensembles will be able to choose the piece they will perform with help and guidance from myself and their private lesson teacher. S&E is scheduled for Jan. 27.

JOIN US AT OUR

NEXT MEETING:

OCT. 10 @ 6:00PM

- Isabel Patino
- Triveni Dupati
- Megan De La Houssaye
- Gabriela Garza
- Saavithri Vlswanathan

YOU Can Join the EOBC TODAY

MUSICAL AUDITIONS AND FULL ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

Preparation for our department-wide musical has begun and we are looking for musicians to fill in some spots for our Pit Orchestra. Pit Orchestra is what we call the ensemble that performs for the musical. We literally sit in a pit in front of the stage. Auditions will take place during Power Hour on Oct. 23. We are looking to fill 2-3 spots in our violin, viola, cello, and bass sections.

Full Orchestra auditions are also scheduled for Oct. 23. Full orchestra involves band and orchestra. This project will culminate in a performance at our Fine Arts Holiday Showcase on Dec. 12. We are looking to fill approx. 8 violin, 4 viola, 4 cello, and 2 basses. Interested students will be able to audition for both groups as rehearsals do not overlap. Auditions will be judged by Ms. Roberts, EHS band director, and Mrs. Mour.

PRIVATE INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE

It is recommended that private-owned/rentals be serviced at your local luthier once a year - our musicians are teenagers after all. Strings should be replaced yearly for quality sound production.

SPRING TRIP UPDATE

We are happy to report that 69 orchestra members are attending this year! Thank you to those parents who will brave traveling with this many teenagers! A total of 257, band, choir, and orchestra students are participating!

AMAZON WISHLIST

If you're able, please help complete our classroom by donating supplies off our Amazon Wishlist.