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Walton High School Orchestra Notes

LETTER FROM THE ORCHESTRA CO-PRESIDENTS

ROCK-A-THON 2009

Some of you may have noticed that we are no longer sending out monthly newsletters. Parents and students should use the website as a first point of reference for ALL orchestra events (academic and fundraising) as Dr. Holbrook is keeping an up-to-date calendar, hyper-linked for additional information, located at www.waltonorchestra.org. The newsletter will now be mailed on a quarterly basis.

We are very grateful to our directors and volunteers for helping make all the wonderful events you'll read about in this publication come to fruition. It is going to be a challenging year for fundraising so we sincerely appreciate the enormous volunteer efforts put into past and upcoming events.

Our orchestra program relies on funds from the WBOP booster organization to purchase additional materials to achieve the high level of instruction that the students currently enjoy. It is only with parent and student help and participation that it is possible to raise the funds needed to keep the program at the current level.

Please take note of the upcoming fundraising and volunteering needs and we hope you'll contact us to join in on some or all of these fun events that make us a great orchestra family.

Your Co-Presidents
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As toga-clad citizens "Romed" the halls of the Walton Empire Friday night, there was food aplenty and games to entertain. Although 2009 was not our best budget year, a good time was had by all. Once again WBOP's parents came through with a great event.

Many thanks to all our orchestra chaperones, and in particular **Neera Mathur** who stayed all night chairing the crafts area; **Meliss** and **Bill Paule** who ran the photo booth and more and **Valerie Kilpatrick** who has stepped forward to run Rock-a-thon for us next year. Thank you **KJ Pulver** and crew who put together Roman decorations of historic proportions and **Eric Graves** for running our Guitar Hero Tournament.

Congratulations to the following winners of our various tournaments:

Mr. Raider: Alex Listur, Justin Holt, Will Haupte

Poker: Luke Hendon

Dodgeball: "Finland Team" Matthew Petersen, Phillip Hamilton, Alex Sovitch, Matt Williams, Jake Brewer, Patrick Boyle

Team Trivia: Rachel Paule, Jenna Meredith, Michael Foo, Marcus Minton

Guitar Hero: band freshman and nationally-ranked Guitar Hero competitor **Rohil Thopu** shredded the tournament!

Rock-a-thon continues to be our most important fundraiser and biggest night of fun. Start thinking now about the merchants you'll approach next year. We encourage orchestra families to patronize our sponsors. We could not do this without them. Bookmark www.Rock-a-Thon.com to see this year's sponsors.

Jean Graves
Rock-a-thon Chair



Rock-a-thon 2009
Top left L-R: Luke Hendon, Nolan Hackett and Ian Peterman enjoy refreshments
Bottom left: Morgan and Connor play foosball
Above: Ms. Dosch prepares to get dunked.

PHOTOS OF ORCHESTRA CAMP 2009



ORCHESTRA CAMP 2009 CLIQUE IT @ REINHARDT COLLEGE

To say our camp at Reinhardt College this summer was fantastic is an understatement; it was a blessing after our two years at UGA. The campus, the exquisite performing arts center and dorms were wonderful. Some of the campers will agree that the food wasn't always as good as UGA, but the service from the dining hall employees was by far the nicest group of people we've ever had. I think we have found a long term location to call home for our orchestra camp.

Many of you know that the Reardon family and I devoted several hours a week for planning this camp at Reinhardt, but what you don't know is that student officers meet at my house every two weeks in the summer, to work on and plan various projects. The officers worked on traditional camp projects such as games, movies and leadership activities, lanyards, designed individual door signs, created a music list for the DJ, the rotation schedule for Forced Fun, designed the T shirt, and dreamed up the questionnaires for superlatives and such. Student officers also shopped for and filled goody bags, superlative gifts were purchased, and leis were ordered. They were a fabulous group of officers to work with. **K.J. Pulver, William Kent, Tim Reardon, & Brad Fulkerson**; I want to thank you all for spending so much time with me, working so diligently and making this experience such a fulfilling and joyful time for our campers. I can't remember enjoying a group of officers more; you are the best!

While Barbara, Tom and I had our crew of officers helping us; Doc and Ms. Dosch had officers and students working tirelessly in the orchestra room at school too. The orchestra room at Walton was not quiet over the summer!

It takes a great number of people to make Orchestra Camp run smoothly; we had 100 Students, 10 Chaperones, 2 Music Directors, 7 Clinicians and 3 Camp Directors this year. We are appreciative of all who participated in any way. Thank you to our terrific chaperones who gave up a great deal of sleep to make sure our kids were safe:

Brad Kent, Armande Kooijman, Barbara and Tom Reardon, Mark Graves, Nanette Luna, Mitch Halpert, Vicki Mullis, Laura and Tim Pulver, Angi Smith and Lisa Smith.

Thank you to **Tim Reardon** for restocking and delivering our medical bags to camp. Everyone please thank **Brad and Susan Fulkerson** for driving up to run our Field Night; we appreciate your continued service to our orchestra.

We also would like to thank our Walton High School principal **Ms. Judy McNeill** for driving all the way to Reinhardt College to listen to our concert and then take the podium to direct our traditional closing piece of music; the Walton Fight Song.

Last, but not least **Dr. Holbrook, Ms. Dosch** and all the clinicians; the concert was one of the best camp concerts we have ever been to. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated; thank you.

If we've omitted anyone, we apologize.

Orchestra Camp Director
Barbee Kent

Orchestra Camp Co-Directors
Tom & Barbara Reardon



SAVE THE DATE
Orchestra Camp 2010
July 25-30, 2010
Reinhardt College
Waleska, GA

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanks to the engagement of our orchestra families, we are off to a good start in this year's fundraising efforts. Orchestra photos were completed on August 24 with over \$2600 worth of purchases. We know you will enjoy this record of orchestra participation for years to come and we appreciate your participation.

In addition, Rock-a-Thon was held on September 25. This annual lock-in is the culmination of one of the year's biggest fundraisers. **MANY** thanks to **Jean Graves** for chairing this event for the orchestra and for summarizing the outcome in a separate newsletter article.

SCRIP ORDERS

In addition to the event-based fundraising efforts, you can take advantage of the **SCRIP program** at any time.

When orchestra members purchase Scrip, they're purchasing negotiable, gift certificates that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by national and local retailers where many of you already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores.

You can use scrip to purchase everyday items like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, the WBPO receives between 3% & 13% of the purchase you make using the scrip card. Scrip cards also make great gifts.

Please visit www.glscrip.com to learn more about this fundraiser and for a list of hundreds of merchants that you can order gift cards from. The Scrip order form is available on the Walton Orchestra website www.waltonorchestra.org under "Forms."

The next Scrip order dates are:
November 5 and December 3

Please place your completed Scrip order form and check in the orchestra room box by the dates listed above.

Please check with **Elizabeth Barnes** at hehebarnes@att.net or Tel # (770) 992-5771 if you have questions about the program.

PUBLIX Swipe Cards

This is perhaps the easiest way to donate to the orchestra. "We all gotta eat." Please continue to use your Publix Swipe Cards so the orchestra will get a percentage of what you buy. Why not grab a few for your neighbors, grandparents, or friends?

FRUIT SALE

This is another favorite! We will once again offer high quality Indian River fruit. Orders will be taken in October and fruit will be delivered in December. This is another opportunity to support our orchestra. So think about holiday gifts for friends, family and business associates. Look for order forms to be sent home in October.



BORDERS GIFT WRAP

Walton Orchestra will be wrapping presents at Borders at the Avenue East Cobb during the holiday season. At this event, we accept donations for wrapping gifts and often collect tips by providing beautiful music. How are you with Scotch tape and tying bows? We have an opportunity for you! Details are coming soon!



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We will be updating the orchestra website:
<http://www.waltonorchestra.org/>
to add a number of new features, one of which will be an up-to-date calendar that should become your **FIRST POINT OF CONTACT.**

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

Thanks to the following parents who volunteered to head administrative positions this year; your hard work is certainly appreciated!

Dodgen Liaisons: **Joyce Kemper** and **Robin Sanders**

Dickerson Liaison: **Kim Johnson**

Uniforms: **Armande Koojiman** (dresses) and **Alice Bragg** (tuxedos)

Banquet: **Vicki Mullis**

Parent involvement is always needed and welcomed. Please contact someone on the Orchestra Board if you are interested in helping in any capacity.

MEDICAL FORMS PAST DUE

Medical forms are long past due. Only a few students have not submitted yellow medical forms. Be sure forms are notarized and include a copy of the front and back of your insurance card, or write "no insurance" in the space on form. Please turn them in to the orchestra drop box in front of orchestra room. Thanks.

GEORGIA ALL-STATE AND HONOR AUDITIONS:

The first round of **Georgia All-state and Honor auditions** will be October 24th at Kell High School. Good luck to the students who will be auditioning. The second and final round for All-state is January 16th, at the Westminster School and the All State finalists will go to Savannah March 4-6, 2010 to perform. Honor Orchestra Sectionals are November 2nd at Sprayberry High School and the event is November 13-14th at Kennewick Mountain High School.

YOUTH SYMPHONY PARTICIPANTS 2009-1010

ASYO

Catherine Cheng, Zenas Han – viola
Alex Li, Tatsuya Kudo, Ashley Park – violin

Gracie Sommer – cello

EYSO

Elizabeth Park – violin

MYSO

Gerald Pace – viola

Hannah Kim – violin

GYSO

Will Fulkerson, Anna Alongi- violin
Brad Fulkerson, Jordan Sanders – viola

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following orchestra students who won National Merit scholarships:

Catherine Cheng, Eric Graves, Supum Lee, Abhi Ramesh

We would like to recognize our orchestra members for any academic, leadership, or sports awards received. Please send any information to me at the e-mail below, and also let me know if your name has been inadvertently omitted from a list.

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DICKERSON ORCHESTRA NEWS

It is a busy fall for all middle school orchestra students practicing for concerts, fundraising, and auditions. Sixth grade is off to a tremendous start with over 100 orchestra students.

We are so proud of all of our students for their hard work this fall. Please remember the following Dickerson Orchestra concert dates and plan on coming out to see them play; you will enjoy the music and the fun:

November 16th – 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Orchestra Concert
March 2nd – Orchestra Concert
March 9th – 7th Grade Orchestra LGPE
March 16th – 8th Grade Orchestra LGPE
April 29th – May 2nd - 8th Grade Chorus and Orchestra Trip
May 11th – 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra Concert

Kim Johnson

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DODGEN ORCHESTRA NEWS

Good luck to the 20 Dodgen students auditioning for All-state orchestra on October 24. Dodgen's orchestra has grown by leaps and bounds; we have a total of 303 students in orchestra in 6th, 7th and 8th grades and have gained a half-time orchestra director to work with Mrs. Culley. Welcome Elizabeth Oladele!



Elizabeth started playing violin at age five and piano at nine, has a dual degree in Music Education and Music Performance from the University of Georgia and received her teaching certificate for music P-12. At UGA, she studied solo and chamber repertoire with Dr. Michael Heald and was a member of the UGA Symphony Orchestra. She also taught for the UGA String Project; a string pedagogy music studio, with kids ranging from ages 5 to 18. From her student teaching experience at both elementary and high school levels, Elizabeth believes everyone should have an opportunity to learn music and gain an outlet through self expression in music.

Elizabeth was a member of the Talent Development Program, a learning community of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and studied privately with ASO members Judith Cox and Sandy Salzinger. She also served as concertmaster of the Dekalb Youth Symphony Orchestra in 2003/ 2004 and went with the orchestra on a music tour to Beijing, China in 2004. She is currently an assistant orchestra director at Dodgen Middle School, a private studio teacher at the Little Five Points/Decatur Music Centers, and an orchestral aide for Grady High School under the Music Center.

Joyce Kemper

Dodgen Orchestra Liaison

Calendar of Events

October 24	All-State auditions Kell high School
October 2009	Fruit sale orders taken
November 5	Scrip order deadline
November 16	Dickerson Concert
December 2009	Fruit sale deliveries
December 3	Scrip order deadline
July 25-30	Orchestra Camp, Reinhardt College

Calendar Sources: www.waltonhigh.org & www.charmsoffice.com

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