



Orchestra *notes*

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A Message from the Board of Directors...

After months of anticipating and planning for the 2011-2012 year in orchestra, it is hard to believe it's go time. Welcome to those students new to Walton's award winning orchestra and welcome back to all returning students and parents. This year's orchestra will be the largest in Walton's history and by far the largest high school orchestra in Cobb County. To give a point of reference, Walton's orchestra will be over three times larger than neighboring Pope's orchestra this year. This size and constant yearly growth is a testament to the wonderful work Dr. Holbrook and Miss Duncan are doing with our students.

All pertinent orchestra information can be found on the website, www.waltonorchestra.com; please visit often. Student handbooks have come home (and are available on the website) and, being orchestra president, I decided to actually read it this year. To my surprise it was more than the contract to sign and the check to write. The handbook answers most, if not all, of the question you will have about the year in orchestra. Please take the time to read it and you will have a much better idea of what is going on in orchestra this year.

I'd like to thank all those parents that have volunteered so far this year and encourage all parents to find somewhere within the orchestra program to lend a hand. I would especially like to thank Vicki Mullis for all her work in planning and executing an amazing camp this summer. There would be no way for Dr. Holbrook and Miss Duncan to run organization of this size and quality without the help of many, many volunteers.

This year looks to be an exciting year and I look forward to seeing and hearing six orchestras grow and improve this year!

Neil James, President

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2011-2012 ORCHESTRA

- August 21- Mandatory Meeting 3:00pm WHS Theater
- September 12- Mandatory Orchestra Pictures
- September 23- Rock-a-Thon
- October 19- Full Orchestra Concert (Chamber & Philharmonia)
- October 20- Freshman, Serenade & Sinfonia Concert
- October 22- All State & Cobb County Honor Orchestra Auditions
- November 11 & 12- Cobb County Honor Orchestra
- November 17- Chamber Music Concert

Director's Notes...

Welcome back to the 2011-2012 school year. We hope each of you had a wonderful, relaxing summer. We are excited to have your students back in our orchestra classes.

This year we have 270 students in orchestra, which is a record for Walton! With this many students in the program, we have a very busy schedule with six orchestras plus AP Music Theory in the orchestra room. There is a class in the orchestra room all seven periods this year. With so many students, please help us communicate effectively with you by checking the Walton Orchestra website (www.waltonorchestra.org) and your student's Charms log-in for the most up-to-date information. Our calendar is constantly updated, and times/dates on our calendar supercede all other calendars. You can also find handouts, check on attendance and forms, points for the orchestra letter, and even volunteer to help. The Request for Orchestra Absence form is available with digital submission on the website too. Please note that we are always available via e-mail and phone for any questions or concerns. However, please check the website first. E-mails are always the quickest way to reach us.

As we begin the school year, we wanted to take a minute and talk about instrument accessories that will help your student be a better musician. The right equipment is vital for success on an instrument!

1. Every violin, viola, and cello student should have 4 fine tuners on their instrument. Fine tuners help developing students tune their instrument more quickly and accurately than if they were using just pegs. A set of fine tuners should be under \$10 at any local music store. If you purchase the fine tuners, we would be happy to put them on your student's instrument. Dorian and Lydian students are required to have fine tuners by Monday, August 29, 2011.

2. Every violin and viola student needs a shoulder rest made of plastic or wood. Shoulder rests help with posture and position. A sponge was ok for middle school, but sponges compress over time and do not provide the support that high school musicians need. All students are required to have a shoulder rest by Monday, August 29, 2011.

3. An individual tuner can really enhance your student's playing and intonation skills. To truly play in tune, students need to learn to see and hear "in tune." Many smart phones have tuner apps that can be purchased. Students are allowed to have their phone on their stand for the purposes of tuning. Music stores also carry clip-on tuners that make for easy tuning.

4. An easy way for your student to sound instantly better is to replace their strings. Strings go false and start sounding less brilliant over time. There are three main types of strings: gut core, steel core, and synthetic core, and they come in different gauges: medium, soft, soloist. For our typical high school student, a synthetic core, medium gauge string will be great. If you need individual advice on selecting strings, please talk to one of us. Also, for a more detailed explanation, there is a great article on different types of strings on the web: <http://www.theviolinist.com/wiki/violin-strings>

We are looking forward to a great year. Thank you for sharing your students with us!

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**Don't forget the
Mandatory Parent & Student Meeting
August 21
3:00pm**

Rock-a-thon 2011 has begun, it is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Orchestra Program. Funds raised help provide music and equipment needed for our outstanding program. We hope your student has had the opportunity to obtain sponsorships/ ads. Ask your dentist, orthodontist, lawn care service, hair stylist, etc for ads and don't forget you can get sponsorships from friends and neighbors in any amount. Students need \$100 in ads/sponsorships to attend the RAT Party on Friday, September 23rd. They won't want to miss our Harry Potter themed event! Lots of fun activities are planned!!! Early check-out from the party is 2 a.m., forms must be turned in or students will be required to stay until the end at 6 a.m. We encourage participation in Rock-a-thon as a portion of your students collections will go into his/her account and can be used to offset Orchestra related expenses, such as camp.

Fundraising at a Glance...

1. **Rock-a-Thon 2011** is already in full swing. Students seek to obtain sponsorships/ads from area businesses. After the first \$100.00 in collected proceeds, 50% of proceeds will be deposited into the student's accounts.
2. **Fruit Sale.** Band and orchestra students join forces to sell Indian River oranges, tangelos, and grapefruit. The sale should begin in October with fruit delivery in December. A percentage of every sale will be deposited into your child's student account.
3. **SCRIP.** Families place orders to purchase gift cards from participating stores. In return, a pre-determined percentage is donated to WBOP. For the entire 2011-2012 school year, 100% of that donation will be deposited into your student's individual account. Scrip order forms and payment may be dropped into the ORCHESTRA box, or submitted in person every Wednesday morning from 7:15 to 8:15 AM or with each Wednesday WEB from 12:30 to 2PM. Scrip orders will be delivered the following Wednesday. Parents must pick up and sign for their scrip orders in person with a picture ID. NO STUDENT will be allowed to sign for these gift cards. All orders must be paid for in advance with cash or by check. Kroger gift cards will also be on hand for immediate sales every Wednesday.
4. **California Pizza Kitchen/Panda Express.**
 - a. Eat at CPK every second Tuesday of the month throughout the school year starting 9/13. See flyer.
 - b. Eat at PE on August 22, September 19, and October 17. See flyer.
5. **Publix swipe cards.** When you shop at Publix, please remember to swipe your Walton Orch Publix card because Publix donates a percentage of your total sale to the Orchestra's general fund.

There are numerous business/corporations that have matching gift programs. If you or someone you know would like to make a contribution to WBOP, please let us know. Should you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Barnes at hehebarnes@att.net or Grace Cover at covers4@bellsouth.net.

Help Raise Money for Walton High School Orchestra!!!

Upcoming Events:

- **August 22, 2011**
 - 4:00 pm -10:00 pm
- **September 19, 2011**
 - 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- **October 17, 2011**
 - 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Be sure to mention this flyer and **20% of your purchase will be donated** to the organization.

ROSWELL RD & JOHNSON FERRY
4275 Roswell Rd.
Marietta, GA 30062
(770) 509-6708



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Walton Orchestra Parents, Inc / Marietta, GA

Please add your phone number and student's name to the order form. Thank you!

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Apparel & Accessories			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Aeropostale \$25	7.00%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25	10.00%		\$
Brooks Brothers \$25	16.00%		\$
Eddie Bauer \$25	10.00%		\$
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy Options \$25	9.00%		\$
Gymboree \$25	13.00%		\$
J. Crew \$25	13.00%		\$
Lands' End \$25	16.00%		\$
Lands' End \$100	16.00%		\$
Men's Wearhouse \$25	8.00%		\$
Payless Shoes \$20	13.00%		\$
Ross Dress for Less \$25	8.00%		\$
Talbots \$25	13.00%		\$
The Children's Place \$25	12.00%		\$
TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25	7.00%		\$
Department Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Belk \$25	7.00%		\$
Bloomingdale's \$25	12.00%		\$
Bloomingdale's \$100	12.00%		\$
Dillard's \$25	9.00%		\$
Dillard's \$100	9.00%		\$
JCPenney \$25	5.00%		\$
JCPenney \$100	5.00%		\$
Kohl's \$25	4.00%		\$

Kohl's \$100	4.00%		\$
Macy's \$25	10.00%		\$
Macy's \$100	10.00%		\$
Sears \$25	4.00%		\$
Dining - Casual			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Applebee's \$25	8.00%		\$
Boston Market \$10	12.00%		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$10	4.00%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25	5.00%		\$
Chili's \$25	11.00%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25	9.00%		\$
O'Charley's \$25	**15.00%		\$
Outback \$25	8.00%		\$
Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25	9.00%		\$
Restaurant.com \$50 Value Card (Cost \$20)	50.00%		\$
SweetTomatoes / Souplantation \$25	8.00%		\$
TGI Friday's \$25	9.00%		\$
Dining - Fine			
Product	%	QTY	Total
P.F. Chang's \$25	8.00%		\$
Ruth's Chris \$50	10.00%		\$
Stoney River \$25	12.00%		\$
Dining - On The Go			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Arby's \$10	8.00%		\$
Bruster's Ice Cream \$10	8.00%		\$

Burger King \$10	4.00%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10	10.00%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10	8.00%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10	4.00%		\$
KFC \$5	8.00%		\$
Panera Bread \$10	9.00%		\$
Panera Bread \$25	9.00%		\$
Papa John's \$10	8.00%		\$
Pinkberry \$10	5.00%		\$
Starbucks \$10	7.00%		\$
Starbucks \$25	7.00%		\$
Subway \$10	3.00%		\$
Subway \$50	3.00%		\$
Wendy's \$10	4.00%		\$
Discount Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Burlington Coat Factory \$25	8.00%		\$
Target GiftCard \$25	2.00%		\$
Target GiftCard \$100	2.00%		\$
Walmart/Sam's Club \$25	2.00%		\$
Walmart/Sam's Club \$100	2.00%		\$
Electronics & Office			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$25	3.00%		\$
Best Buy \$250	3.00%		\$
GameStop \$25	3.00%		\$
Office Max \$25	5.00%		\$
Office Max \$100	5.00%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *WBOP or Walton Band & Orchestra Parents, Inc / GA*

Total Due All Columns:

\$

****Limited time bonus offer. Participating retailers and products are subject to change without notice.**

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Please add your phone number and student's name to the order form. Thank you!

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

RadioShack \$25	4.00%		\$
Entertainment			
Product	%	QTY	Total
AMC Theatres/Loews Cineplex \$25	7.00%		\$
AMC Theatres/Loews Cineplex Single Ticket \$9.50	16.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25	9.00%		\$
Dave & Buster's \$25	13.00%		\$
Gas & Auto			
Product	%	QTY	Total
BP Gas Stations \$50	1.50%		\$
BP Gas Stations \$100	1.50%		\$
Chevron \$50	1.50%		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30	8.00%		\$
Shell \$25	2.50%		\$
Shell \$50	2.50%		\$
Grocery			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Whole Foods Market \$25	3.00%		\$
Whole Foods Market \$100	3.00%		\$
Home Decor			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25	7.00%		\$
Crate & Barrel \$25	8.00%		\$
Pier 1 \$25	9.00%		\$
Pottery Barn / Williams Sonoma \$25	8.00%		\$

Pottery Barn / Williams Sonoma \$100	8.00%		\$
Home Improvement			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25	4.00%		\$
Home Depot \$25	4.00%		\$
Home Depot \$100	4.00%		\$
Lowe's \$25	4.00%		\$
Lowe's \$100	4.00%		\$
Online & Mail Order			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Amazon.com \$25	4.00%		\$
Amazon.com \$100	4.00%		\$
iTunes \$15	5.00%		\$
iTunes \$25	5.00%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25	15.00%		\$
L.L.Bean \$100	15.00%		\$
Omaha Steaks \$25	11.00%		\$
Shutterfly \$25	9.00%		\$
Service			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Great Clips \$25	8.00%		\$
Specialty Retailer			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works \$25	13.00%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10	13.00%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25	8.00%		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$25	**7.00%		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$100	**7.00%		\$

Hallmark \$25	4.00%		\$
Honey Baked Ham \$10	12.00%		\$
Michaels \$25	4.00%		\$
PetSmart \$25	4.00%		\$
The Container Store \$25	9.00%		\$
Ulta SALONS \$25	4.00%		\$
Walgreens \$25	6.00%		\$
Walgreens \$100	6.00%		\$
Sporting Goods			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bass Pro Shops \$25	9.00%		\$
Cabela's \$25	11.00%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25	8.00%		\$
REI \$25	8.00%		\$
Sports Authority \$25	8.00%		\$
Travel			
Product	%	QTY	Total
American Airlines \$100	8.00%		\$
Carnival Cruise \$100	8.00%		\$
Comfort Inn (Clarion, Quality, Sleep Inn) \$100	4.00%		\$
Disney \$100	2.00%		\$
Hyatt Hotels \$100	9.00%		\$
Marriott \$100	8.00%		\$

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Join us at
California Pizza Kitchen
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Just bring in this flyer, present it to your server,
and **20%** of your check will be donated to our organization.
Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering and all beverages!

Fundraiser in support of

Walton Orchestra Night
Tuesday September 13th 2011

(All Day)

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Marietta, GA 30062
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Camp...from a student perspective

By: Jennifer McDaniel, President of Social Activities
Senior, Violin, Sinfonia

Every year when orchestra camp is right around the corner, the memories from last year spring into mind and everyone tries to top them with more outrageous ones. One way people try to top camp from last year is by wearing ridiculous and exotic costumes ranging from fairies, dragons, Lady Gaga, Justin Beiber, Thor etc... My favorite spirit day is class colors day when freshmen wear green, sophomores wear yellow, juniors wear red, and seniors wear blue. When we sit in rehearsal it looks like a giant rainbow, and later that night we have odd games to establish one class as number one. This past year the senior class blew every game out of the water, and from what we heard no other class has ever won every single event until the class of 2012!

Forced fun is what we call our morning shenanigans when everyone is split into small groups and you get to learn everyone's name. We play small scale games like red rover, the human knot, and tag. Every morning when I was put into a different group, we would play the human knot. One unfortunate morning we were in a never ending game where we managed to make a circle inside another circle and we had people jumping over others, some crawling under others and a lot of twisting and turning but nothing seemed to work. Eventually, we were forced to give up when it was time for rehearsal. Later I said, "Only orchestra kids would be able to make that game impossible."

The dance is considered the social highlight of the week, it's the only night when we get to dress up in our normal clothes and show off our fly dance moves. This year we wear able to overpower Doc and Duncan and make them join us for a nice fist pumping song but the second they found a way out they took off for the door. Too bad we are all orchestra kids because we can only keep a rhythm not many of us actually know how to dance. However throughout the week some of us practiced our dance moves on the Kinect game Dance Central but it didn't really help any of us look better when we tried to actually dance.

One thing that makes camp fun is the spontaneous nature of our director Ms. Duncan. Because of her we got the play dodge ball with peeps and called it angry birds, like the iPod touch game. Also when we are in sectionals, to practice our parts away from a full orchestra style, she would randomly pop her head in to take videos of us. Some of us who are shy of cameras would pull our stands up so we couldn't be seen. Another spontaneous thing that she does is in the morning, when we work on the basic playing posture and position, she will toss around a stuffed animal (which I named Doug) and you have to get up and introduce yourself to everyone on stage and say what kitchen utensil you would want to be and why. I didn't really understand it but it sure helped relieve tension up on stage.

Even though the faces may change from year to year camp is always the highlight of my summer.





