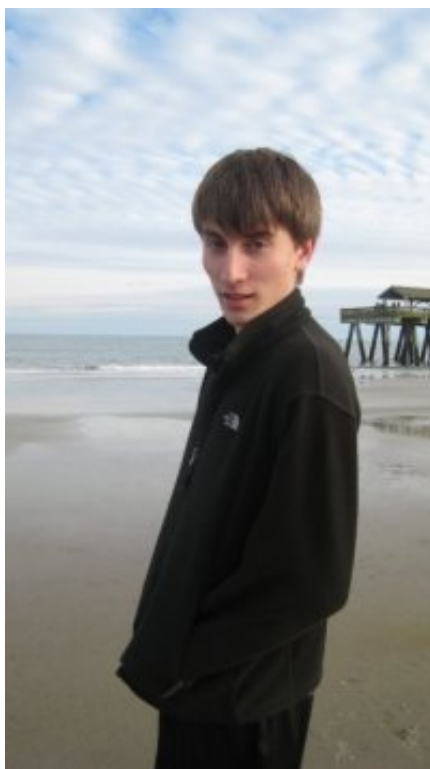


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*Walton High School
Orchestra Notes*

Colin William Green Barrera

October 1, 1992 – March 28, 2009



**Colin is loved by all who knew him.
We will miss you our dear friend, fellow
athlete, scout, and musician.**

Donations may be made to:
Colin's Boy Scout Troop

Friends of 1776
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FUNDRAISING NEWS

DESSERT CONCERT

The Dessert Concert, held on April 16th in the gym, featured all the Walton orchestras plus the 8th grade Dodgen and Dickerson Orchestras. The evening was a perfect combination of music and desserts and gave us the chance to welcome the rising 9th graders and their families to Walton. The highlight of the evening was a composition of Coldplay's "Viva La Vida" arranged by **Bennett Kane** and **Dr Holbrook**. As always, the concert ended with The Russian Sailor Dance performed by over 230 musicians at warped speed! We especially thank **Mary Frances Hamlin** and **Neera Mathur** for chairing the event, and to **Gay Stiltz** for designing the program. Also, the Dessert Concert could not have been such a big success without the volunteers who helped with planning, setup and working of the event. We greatly appreciate all our volunteers!

WHY FUNDRAISING?

What parent or child would not want the benefits of a music education? Each student who participates in Walton orchestra is improving intellectual, motor, and social abilities and skills outside the realm of music, while improving success in their "regular" courses of study. Through their years in orchestra, students learn the value of sustained effort, of teamwork, and of reaching for and achieving at a level above the mediocre.

- Of all U.S. seniors taking the SATs, students in music programs scored 63 points higher on verbal and 44 points higher on the math, than did students with no arts participation.
- Music participants receive more academic honors and awards than non-music students, and their grades were much more likely to be higher.

- Data supports significant increases in self-esteem and thinking skills among participants in music programs.
- Secondary students who participated in band or orchestra reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (alcohol, tobacco and drugs).
- Spatial reasoning skills, crucial to such functions as complex mathematics and science increase dramatically.
- The best engineers and technical designers in the Silicon Valley industry are, nearly without exception, practicing musicians. More music majors are accepted into medical school than are biology majors!

When we hold fundraisers, please remember there is an income number we must meet to provide this musical enrichment program for your children. We cannot do this without you! Thank you.

PUBLIX SWIPE CARDS

Please continue to use your Publix Swipe Cards so the Orchestra will get a percentage of what you buy. Additional cards will be available at the July 12th mandatory meeting.

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DODGEN CONNECTION

The Dodgen 7th and 8th grade Spring Concert will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Dodgen Theater.

Joyce Kemper

Dodgen Orchestra Liaison

770-509-5486

DICKERSON CONNECTION

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade orchestras which both made all Superior ratings at the CODA festival that was held at Dickerson this year. We are so proud of all of our students for their hard work this spring semester. Please remember the following concert dates and plan on coming out to see them play; you will enjoy the music and the fun. The Dickerson Middle School Orchestra concert dates are as follows:

May 5

Spring concert

May 12

6th grade Showcase

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The Rising freshmen from Dodgen and Dickerson performing with the Walton High School Orchestra at the Dessert Concert April 16th in the Walton Gym.

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

SPRING PACKETS/CAMP FORMS/ MEDICAL FORMS FOR FALL 2009

All spring packets forms were due April 16th at the Dessert Concert. If you have not turned them in, please be sure to deliver them to the orchestra director at your middle school or to the drop box at Walton before school is out. **ALL students must turn in medical forms, regardless of whether you are attending camp. These are for fall 2009 too.**

If you are not going to camp, write NOT ATTENDING on the top of camp forms and turn them in. Please make every effort to get your paperwork in as soon as possible, and save us a lot of phone calls over the summer! Thanks!

The Orchestra Banquet will be held on Friday, May 15th at the Marriott on Windy Hill Road. This is always one of the highlights of the year for the students. We hope that all of our parents and students come to reminisce about the exciting events of the year, bid farewell to our seniors and celebrate the achievements of our talented students.

Congratulations to the following orchestra students who were spring semester recipients of the Raider Pride Award:

**Christina Cantore
Catherine Cheng
Madison Ernst
Kathryn Hamlin
William Kent
Kamaria Laing
Elise LaPlante
Tyler Liu
Ian Peterman
Marguerite Venable**

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*Congratulations to **Stephanie Ng** who was one of the winners in the Ruth Kern Young Artist Concerto Competition. She played the Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor with the Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra April 19th.*

PHILLIP SILVERMAN MEMORIAL FUND CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

In our second year to award this camp scholarship, we had 11 fantastic nominees to choose from. These nominees were nominated anonymously by fellow orchestra students over the past two months. All of the nomination forms go directly to the Silverman family where they read them all and then take markers to blacken out all the names on the form after assigning it a number. The Silverman family seals a list of names with corresponding numbers in an envelope and then delivers everything to the nomination committee.

Reviewing the nominations is always an enlightening experience for the committee. The nominee's acts of kindness, or voluntary contribution toward the betterment of society at large, and why it prompted the nominator to nominate them for this scholarship are usually activities/acts that the committee has no knowledge of prior to the readings. The opening of the sealed envelope after a decision is made is the highlight of the readings and it is always anticipated with delight. Because of our enjoyment of this experience we thought it would be fun for everyone to know who the

TUXEDO RETURN

Tuesday, May 5th, 7:15– 8:20 a.m.

Tuxedo return procedure:

1. Tuxes have to be **dry-cleaned**.
2. Tuxes must have the **name** of the student on the dry-cleaning bag.
3. If you want to have the same tux for next year, you must mark **reserved** on the tux.
4. You may NOT leave the tux in the orchestra room without officially checking it in with Mrs. Fulkerson.
5. Dropped off tuxes will be marked 'lost' and the student will be responsible for replacing it.

Contact Susan Fulkerson at sfulkerson@bellsouth.net with questions.



***Nicole Smith**, recipient of the Phillip Silverman Memorial Fund Camp Scholarship, 2009.*

nominees for the 2009 Phillip Silverman Memorial Fund Camp Scholarship were this year (in no specific order): **Bryan Ahn, Tyler Liu, Zenas Han, Christina Cantore, Fares Hosseinzadeh, Michelle Jeng, Nolan Hacket, Nicole Smith, Eric Graves, Brad Fulkerson, and William Kent.**

Last year's recipient, **Raya Siddiqi**, was honored to announce the 2009 recipient, **Nicole Smith**, at this year's Dessert Concert.

Calendar of Events

May	2	SAT Exam
		Taste of East Cobb, Band Fundraiser
May	4	Philharmonia rehearsal, 5:00–7:00 pm
May	5	Tuxedo return 7:15–8:20 am
May	5-8	AP Exams
May	8	WEB
May	10	Mother's Day
May	11	Philharmonia rehearsal, 5:00–7:00 pm
May	11-15	AP exams
May	13	WEB
May	14 - 18	Senior finals
May	13	Board Meeting @ Doc Holbrook's
May	15	Banquet , 6:30 pm @ Marriott Windy Hill
May	17	Senior Concerto Concert
May	18	Senior Evening of Inspiration
May	19	WEB
May	20-22	Final Exams
May	22	Last Day of School
		Graduation Ceremony
May	25	Memorial Day
May	29	Report cards distributed
June	6	SAT exam
June	13	ACT exam
June	21	Father's Day

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

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