



MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
BOOSTER CLUB

President's Letter
August 21, 2019

Dear Orchestra Families,

Welcome back to all returning members and families of the Mira Costa Orchestra Program and a warm welcome to our new members! I am looking forward to meeting everyone and working together with you to support Mr. Park and the musical growth of our student musicians.

Every year brings something new to our booster program. This year we will be offering a black pull over sweatshirt and continue to sell our green zipped sweatshirt and PJ bottoms. Help your musician show their pride and involvement in the orchestra program and get your Orchestra merchandise. We will also continue to sell our **H2GO** water bottles while supplies last. Show your Orchestra spirit and get your sweatshirt/merchandise today!

As most of you already know, this past summer the Orchestras travelled to Spain on a music tour to perform in 4 different cities. It was an amazing trip for all involved. Not only were the performances all fantastic on so many different levels but the students made so many new friends with other Orchestra students they did not know before and we got to experience so many awesome memories of a lifetime together.

All 3 Orchestras also earned Unanimous Superiors at the **SCSBOA** Festivals this past year at Santa Ana High School. We are always so proud of our student musicians as they continue to represent our program and school with such professionalism and talent. This year they will perform at a **SCSBOA** Festival and Philharmonic and Sinfonietta Orchestras will perform at **The Music in the Parks Festival at Disneyland**.

This year Mr. Park has added a 4th Orchestra to our curriculum called **Sinfonietta**, a string only Orchestra like our Chamber group and making Philharmonic Orchestra a full orchestra with wind and percussion instruments as well. We will also focus on some more team building and fun events with the students.

As we begin another exciting school year, Mr. Park's ambitions for musical training and achievement remain high as they do each and every year. Sustaining this level of excellence not only requires great amounts of practice from the students, it also requires the support and involvement from parents to make a meaningful difference. We are continuing to build our "**Orchestra Family**" with fundraising opportunities, and fun events to build community. We really hope you are able to volunteer your time and energy and get involved with the Orchestra Boosters throughout the year. The students really appreciate everything we do for them so please take your time to read through this packet, and have all required forms returned to the orchestra classroom by **Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 either before or bring your checkbooks to the Mandatory Booster Meeting and we will collect your Fair Share and order forms at that time.**

The first **All Parent Booster Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 10, 2019 @ 6:00 pm**. Come meet the 2019-2020 Executive Booster Board, see what volunteer positions are open, hear from Mr. Park what is planned for our students this year, get a budget update from our new VP of Finance, and hear what the boosters have planned to help support the program and the students this year. We really hope to see and meet you there.

To stay informed, we encourage you to visit our website: <http://www.mchsorchestra.com>. Please sign up to receive e-mail and bi-weekly newsletters, if you have not already done so. It is our primary form of communication. You may also “LIKE” the Mira Costa High School Orchestra page on Facebook for updated event info and photos.

As a member of the “**Orchestra Family**,” we invite you to support the Orchestra music program in a variety of ways.

Donate. The Boosters pay all costs associated with the quality music curriculum your student will experience this year. This includes the purchase of new instruments, specialist coaching, music purchases, licensing, financial aide, supplemental festivals and field trips for the orchestras, rehearsal snacks and more. The BEST way to support all of this is via our **Fair Share Donation** – this amount is based on the anticipated costs for the year. The Fair Share Donation amount is **\$275** per string musician and **\$175** per wind and percussion musician. If your family is able to donate more, please do! You may make an online payment on the MCHS Orchestra website <http://www.mchsorchestra.com>, click on the Orchestra Booster Club tab at the top and then go to “Fair Share Donations” for your convenience. Or go on to the MBX website, log on to Boosters and click on Orchestra. You can also pay by **check, which is preferred** as Orchestra pays fees for the online payments so a portion of your donation is used for the fees. Checks can be turned in at the Parent Meeting, or in the black mailbox in class before the 10th of September. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

Volunteer. Volunteering during festivals, rehearsals, concerts, events and activities is a great way to help out and have fun. Please see the attached volunteer form, or use our online volunteer signup to let us know how you’d like to help. We look forward to hearing from you!

Attend Performances and Events. Bring the whole family! Please see the attached calendar.

Stay informed.

- Attend one or all, of the parent meetings scheduled throughout the year. There are 3 budget meetings scheduled and monthly board meetings in which all orchestra parents are welcome to join. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 pm in the Orchestra room
- Sign up to receive email notifications on our website: www.mchsorchestra.com

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the first parent meeting of the year **on Sept. 10th at 6:00 pm in the Orchestra Room.**

Sincerely,
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