

Welcome to the 2014/15 School Year

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Hello everyone and welcome to the 2014/15 year.

Already the orchestra schedule is filled with events.

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent meeting on August 26. During the meeting Mr. Griffin described many of the activities that are planned for this upcoming year.

Much was accomplished during the evening, such as: measuring for tuxes and dresses, a description of fundraising opportunities, funds were paid, orchestra forms were completed, CHARMS data was updated, and much more.

Concerto Competition Winners

Congratulations to the Orchestra Concerto winners, **Sarah Byres—violin, Karl Singletary—viola, and Claudia Beshears—cello.**



The Concerto Concert, which includes, both orchestra and band students is scheduled **October 28, 2014, 7:30 pm** at Jacksonville University in Terry Hall.

Parents, grandparents, guests, neighbors, and anyone who enjoys orchestral music is invited to attend this wonderful event showcasing the talents of our students.

Uniforms

Tuxedos:

Most of the Sinfonia and Chamber boys have been fitted for tuxes. Quite a few remain to be fitted in Repertory. If you are able to spare an afternoon between 1:30 – 3:10 pm to help with this process, it would be greatly appreciated.

A BIG thank you to those parents who helped measure their students, and others, at the parent meeting. It has made the process much easier.

Dresses:

The dresses have been ordered for our new female students. Delivery should be sometime the first week of October. The dresses will require hemming (floor length formal).

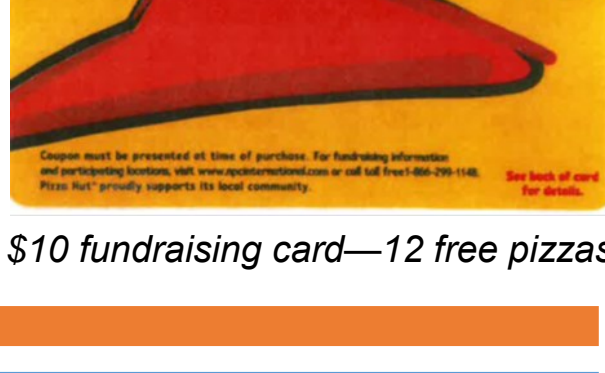
FUNDRAISING

Our new Fundraising Coordinator, Scott Lineberger has lined up some wonderful fundraising opportunities for this school year.

At the present time the **Pizza Hut Card fundraiser is underway.** Keep in mind the deadline is the end of September. If you were unable to attend the parent meeting, and need the sign up form, please contact Scott at: scottjaxfl@yahoo.com

Future fundraising opportunities include:

- Spirit Cup Sales
- Adventure Landing Fun Night
- Shuffle and Dine Card Sales



\$10 fundraising card—12 free pizzas

Candy Sales

Every **Tuesday, from 2:50 - 3:45 pm**, Orchestra Booster volunteers sell candy and soft drinks in the back of the school, by the bus stop. This is an important fundraiser for our orchestra and raises needed funds for supplies and events.

The process is quite simple, and frankly selling to the kids is a lot of fun. All of the supplies are kept in a cabinet in the orchestra room so the preparation is minimal.

Volunteers, who participate can receive \$10 in their student's account for each day of volunteering. Of course, donations of time, candy, and drinks are always appreciated. Volunteers are always needed.

College Night

Wednesday October 1 6:30pm DA

College Night is held each year for students attending the music programs at D.A.

All Juniors and Seniors, and their parents, are encouraged to attend.

Over twenty colleges will be represented this year, many of them bringing multiple representatives to converse with the students about everything from scholarship opportunities to extracurricular fun.

The Band Boosters are coordinating the event this year, however, each music department has been asked to help by supplying volunteers and food. Requests for help will be sent in a separate email.



College Night 2013

Calendar of Events*

- **Thurs Sept 25** 3:30 – 5 pm Symphony Orchestra practice (chamber & repertory)
- **Saturday Sept 27** Time: TBA All-State Auditions at DA Required Chamber students, optional rep and sinfonia
- **Wednesday October 1** 6:30 pm College Night at DA Required for all Juniors and Seniors
- **Thursday October 2** 3:30 – 5 pm Symphony Orchestra practice (chamber & repertory)
- **Thursday October 9** 3:30 – 5 pm Symphony Orchestra practice (chamber & repertory)
- **Thursday October 16** 3:30 – 5 pm Symphony Orchestra practice (chamber & repertory)
- **Thursday October 23** 3:30 – 5 pm Symphony Orchestra practice (chamber & repertory)
- **Monday October 27** 6:30 – 9 pm Symphony Orchestra Dress Rehearsal
- **Tuesday October 28** 7:30 pm Concerto Concert Jacksonville University Terry Hall

* Events and times change frequently. Be sure to check CHARMS often for updates.