



ORCHESTRA NOTES

Your TOP 'Need-to-Know' Notes
for December 2011 &
January 2012!

2011 HOLIDAY CONCERT. The THS 2011 Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 PM in the THS Auditorium is guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit with seasonal favorites, and with music by Brahms, Handel and Leroy Anderson. Start the evening's festivities at the Orchestra's complimentary Pre-Concert Coffee in the Lobby (generously provided by Caribou Coffee), and further warm-up to performances by the Freshman, Concert and Symphony Orchestras, the Troy Country Fiddlers, the Troy Concert Choir and the Treble Choir! Admission to the concert is free; donations to the Orchestra Association of Troy High (OATH) are gratefully accepted.

POINSETTIA SALE. In keeping with tradition, the Orchestra is offering parents the opportunity to purchase red poinsettia plants for \$15.00 each from Telly's Greenhouse in Troy. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the stage for the Holiday Concert on December 15th, and can be picked up immediately after the concert. Laura Jewell needs your order by December 2nd; please email or call her at klmjewell@wowway.com / 879-2884.

LUCKY? Three magnificent baskets will be raffled off at the Holiday Concert, each created with a popular local theme: *U of M*, *MSU* and *Made in Michigan/Detroit*. The baskets make spectacular gifts, and will be available for viewing on the OATH website (www.troyhighorchestra.org) by December 9th. Raffle tickets will be on sale prior to the concert and on the night of the performance. Tickets are \$1.00 for one, \$5.00 for six and \$10.00 for twelve. Please contact Laura Jewell (see info above) if you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets.

2012 GALA CONCERT. A not-to-be-missed evening on Saturday, February 4th, 2012 at THS features Troy High School's three Orchestras, the Troy Country Fiddlers and three special guest soloists: Adrienne Rönmark (Violinist), Debra Fayroian (Cellist) and Laura Rasmussen (Violinist). Tickets are available at the Auditorium Box Office the night of the performance; advanced reserved seats may be purchased via downloadable order form from the OATH website. Admission is \$20.00, and all proceeds benefit the Troy High Orchestras.

UNIFORMS & PHOTOS. Orchestra uniforms will be finalized in school on Monday, November 28th (this includes cummerbunds, ties, tailoring, fiddlers' shirts and final uniform fee payments). Uniforms and hems will be evaluated at the Holiday Concert dress rehearsal on December 14th, and holiday photos will be taken at that time.

SAN ANTONIO TRIP. Mrs Hug will be at school on November 28th to receive the signed slips indicating a student's participation in the spring Orchestra trip to Texas. The first trip payment is due by November 30th, and can be made online at www.brightsparktravel.com using the code **5558032**.

SPOOKTACULAR REDUX. Relive the musical skits of the Spooktacular Concert with a \$5.00 DVD! Downloadable order forms for Spooktacular, Orchestra String Camp and the 2011 Holiday Concert (coming soon) are all available on the OATH website. These DVDs make great gifts for grandparents, and are perfect holiday stocking-stuffers for your musician.

SPOOKTACULAR THANKS. Our sell-out show was wildly well-received by the audience, and seamlessly ushered by a team of volunteer Orchestra parents and NHS students. Thank you to the moms and dads that kept the concession area and the front and back of the house running smoothly!

O-R-C-H-E-S-T-R-A SPIRITWEAR! Order forms for the all-new Orchestra spiritwear will be sent home with your student, and/or emailed to you directly. There are lots of Orchestra logo clothing items to choose from...now you can support your Orchestra with STYLE!

OATH BOARD MEETING. Monday, December 5th at 7 p.m. in the THS Staff Lounge. The Orchestra Association of Troy High meets the first Monday of every month. If you have questions, concerns or would like to become more involved, please contact OATH President Nora Otero (nrodri8849@aol.com) or THS Orchestra Director Alan MacNair (amacnair2@troy.k12.mi.us).

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS in January 2012:

- January OATH Board Meeting - Jan. 9, 7:00 PM, in THS Staff Lounge
- Michigan Music Conference - Jan 21 in Grand Rapids, MI
- MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival - Jan. 28 at Rochester High School
- Note: Student Directories are on sale in the Main Office for \$5.00 and contain our orchestral calendar and the school calendar

On behalf of OATH, we wish everyone a **HAPPY HOLIDAY**
and a peaceful, *musical* 2012!

