



ORCHESTRA NOTES

Your TOP 'Need-to-Know' Notes for October!

September's String Camp launched the 2011-2012 Orchestra Season with new music, guest conductors, food, improvisational skits, section camaraderie and really decent weather! A large influx of talented freshman forced this year's String Camp organizers to book additional dorms - an excellent indicator of the continued growth and success of our renowned THS Orchestra Program. String Camp ended with the traditional concert for parents, and with a poignant "America the Beautiful" orchestral tribute in memory of 9-11. THANK YOU to all of the parent chaperones, teachers and volunteers who efficiently organized and facilitated a wonderful camp experience for our students. We're looking ahead to a busy October...

OCT. 2 - THS 5K & Fun Run. 10:00 am / Boulan Park. First annual race to benefit THS's award-winning Orchestras. FREE Fun Run for kids aged 12 and under! Download a registration form from www.troyhighorchestra.org. On-site registration begins at 8:00 am.

OCT. 3 - OATH Board Meeting. 7:00 pm / THS Teachers' 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).

OCT. 19 - 8th Grade Welcome Potluck. Mrs. Griffith, Mr. MacNair, and OATH board members will be hosting a potluck welcome dinner and dress rehearsal at THS for the Smith and Boulan Park Advanced Orchestras, who are both participating in the Spooktacular Concert on Oct. 27th.

OCT. 20 - \$5 THS Student Directory Sale. The directory sale directly benefits our orchestra program, so please purchase a copy of this handy THS resource! Find our directory table in the orchestra hallway from 12:15-3:30 pm and from 5:15-8:30 pm during Parent Conferences.

OCT. 26 - Spooktacular Rehearsal. 6:00-9:00 pm / THS Auditorium. Please note: Orchestra Production Fees need to be paid by, or on, this date in order to release orchestra uniforms to students! The \$30 check is payable to 'OATH'.

OCT. 26 - Uniform Distribution. For your convenience, a tailor from Earl Cleaners will be on-site during uniform distribution. The tailor charges \$7 for pants hemming and \$15 for dresses. Turn-around time is two weeks (students do not wear uniforms at the Spooktacular Concert). If you would like to use this service, please bring cash, or a check made out to 'Earl Cleaners' for the proper amount. It is not required to use a professional, but it is highly advisable since improper hemming can damage uniforms.

OCT. 27 - SPOOKTACULAR CONCERT. 7:00 pm / THS Auditorium. The Spooktacular Concert combines THS Orchestra's fabulous musicians with wildly funny student skits. This year's theme: "Twisted Tales". Plan to arrive early to browse the unique baskets up for Raffle (and to sample the Bake Sale!).

OCT. 28 - Spooktacular BOWLING Get-together! 6:00-8:00 pm / Troy Lanes. Friday pre-Halloween fun for all orchestra members. Just \$11, and includes pizza, soda, shoes and three games!

NOV. 3 - Solo and Ensemble Application Deadline!!!



The Troy High School Orchestras

present the

Spooktacular Concert

“TWISTED TALES”

Featuring performances by Troy High
Freshman, Concert and Symphony Orchestras
and Boulan Park and Smith Middle School Orchestras

Thursday, October 27 • 7 p.m. THS Auditorium