



# ORCHESTRA NOTES

## Your TOP 5 'Need-to-Know' Notes for September!

1. **STRING CAMP! September 9-11:** Under the directorship of Alan MacNair, Symphony, Concert and Freshmen Orchestras gather at Camp Copneconic in Fenton, Michigan to make music, kick off the new season and set the stage for their drama-filled Spooktacular Concert in October!
2. **\*NEW\* THS 5K & FUN RUN! - October 2:** The Orchestra Association of Troy High (OATH) and Symphony, Concert and Freshmen musician-volunteers have organized the first annual race to benefit THS's award-winning orchestra program. The THS 5K & Fun Run begins at 10:00 a.m. at Boulan Park, and registration includes a t-shirt, a certified course, medals for the top competitors and orchestral entertainment! Adults may register **online** now at [www.RunReg.com](http://www.RunReg.com) OR download a **mail-in** registration form at [www.TroyHighOrchestra.org](http://www.TroyHighOrchestra.org) (students *must* use a paper registration form). Note the special pricing for K-12 students running the 5K, and the FREE Fun Run for kids aged 12 and under! Bring your friends and family as *100% of the race proceeds will benefit THS orchestra student programming!*
3. **SPOOKTACULAR CONCERT! - October 27:** Extraordinarily popular, this 'DON'T-MISS' concert combines the THS orchestra's fabulous musicianship, thematic skits and wildly funny orchestra student acting. Plan to arrive early!
4. **OATH'S ORCHESTRA WEBSITE!** This incredibly helpful resource contains almost everything you need to know about current orchestra events, orchestra trips, information packets, volunteer opportunities and OATH Board Member contacts. The site is updated frequently during the school year and even contains professional-level photography of all three THS orchestras! Bookmark us at: [www.TroyHighOrchestra.org](http://www.TroyHighOrchestra.org).
5. **UNIFORM CARE & ALTERATIONS!** Mundane but necessary ... where can you go to have orchestra dresses or pants hemmed, and which uniform pieces require drycleaning? 'M Drycleaners' (248-828-1035) on Square Lake and Livernois is recommended for alterations. Hemming typically takes 2-3 days and is specially discounted for THS Orchestra members at \$10 for pants and \$12-13 for dresses. Note to parents and seamstress/tailor: NO fabric should be cut from any of the garments.  
Freshman and Concert dresses and *all* tuxedos should be **drycleaned** if they become soiled. If they are washed in water the fabric will be ruined. (The Symphony girls' dresses are the only water-washable uniforms.) The least-expensive place for drycleaning in the area is the \$1.99 'Dryclean Depot' (248-549-4802) at 32778 Woodward, between 13 and 14 Mile Road, across from Art Van Furniture.

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## Orchestra Production FEE and FORMS are Due Now!

The \$30 Production Fee covers various ancillary orchestra costs that are incurred on behalf of your child (awards, refreshments, uniform cleaning, transportation, etc.) over the course of the school year. Your completed registration forms and payment by check can be mailed directly (or dropped off) to:

Orchestra Association of Troy High  
c/o Mrs. Leigh Huang  
4020 Wentworth Drive, Troy MI 48098

The fee and forms were *included* in String Camp registration. However, if your student will NOT be able to attend String Camp, please complete and submit the **Registration Form** and **Student Information Form** along with the **\$30 Production Fee** payment so that we have your student information packet complete for the 2011-2012 orchestral school year. Both forms can be downloaded from the OATH website ([www.TroyHighOrchestra.org](http://www.TroyHighOrchestra.org)) under the [2011 Fall String Camp Info Page](#) .