

# YORBA LINDA MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2015

## Director's Message

Music provides opportunities for and expression of feeling, a discovery of what the self is like, and builds bridges of understanding, respect, and appreciation between individuals and groups in ways that no other part of the educational experience can duplicate.

Wow, summer has just flown by! I hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. As for me, I have been playing as many gigs as I can get my hands on, completing the honey-do list around the house and of course carting around my kids to lessons, practice, swim parties.

With summer almost to an end, I would like to mention a couple of the great things that have happened in the YLMS music program over the summer. We have 40 new music stands, uniform racks and instrument racks in the trailer compliments of the district, a new set of drum set cymbals on their way and all of the string basses have had a long due overhaul this summer. In addition, our student teacher, Jennifer Landaverde, from this past school year accepted a position and is the new music director at Valadez Intermediate here within the PYLUSD.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you again and hope that you have had a relaxing couple of months off and of course, utilizing the SmartMusic program, been taking private lessons and practicing everyday over the summer. If not, please start now! Speaking of Smart Music, many of you have probably received a message letting you know to renew the program before it expires. The YLMS music boosters will handle securing the codes for this year. Once I receive the codes, I will send out a mass email with your code to renew the program. If you are new to YLMS, please attend the Smart Music orientation before the parent meeting so that I can give you an overview/ refresher on this fantastic software. Remember, the success of our program depends on each individual musician and everyone is important. If you need to contact me for any reason, the best way is to e-mail me at [dmethe@pylUSD.org](mailto:dmethe@pylUSD.org) and to get the most up to date information including our calendar for the year, please visit our website at [www.ylmsmusic.org](http://www.ylmsmusic.org). I will see you at the first booster meeting Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the music room. Your suggestions and opinions count. It is because of your involvement that we are strong.

Mr. Dan Methé  
Instrumental Music Director

## President's Message

Hello, my name is Lori Arneal and I am the Yorba Linda Middle School Instrumental Music Booster Club president. I would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year and our exceptional YLMS music program.

You might wonder..... 'isn't my child's music class just like any other class?' In some ways, yes it is. It is a regular graded class meeting every school day all year long. In other ways, it is different. Instead of textbooks and pencils our kids will be using sheet music and instruments. Practice time at home with SmartMusic is homework. All music students will have opportunities to showcase their musical talents and growth at performances during the school year – so it isn't your typical class. Expenses like sheet music, instruments, and SmartMusic along with other activities that enhance the learning experience mean that the YLMS Music program requires support. That support is the Yorba Linda Middle School Instrumental Music Booster Club and because your child is in band, orchestra or percussion you are part of the booster club. The most important part!

Booster volunteers help our program run smoothly all year long. With a quality program like ours there is always something to be done. We need volunteers throughout the year to help at registration, size band uniforms, provide supplies and refreshments, haul equipment to and from performances, set up for concerts, help serve at parties, and tie ties. And the list goes on! Also, we run a few fundraisers (and collect Participation Contributions) each year to help cover the costs associated with the music program.

Please take a moment and add the important dates from the calendar included in this newsletter to your calendar. Also, please join us at our first meeting of the year on **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for all music parents**. In addition, we will be having a **SmartMusic training session at 6:00pm just before the main meeting** on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Both events will take place in the music room (M-1).

I look forward to working together for the continued success of all of our music groups here at YLMS. Be sure to visit [www.ylmsmusic.org](http://www.ylmsmusic.org) for more information, too!

Lori Arneal  
ylmspresident@gmail.com

## Dear YLMS Instrumental Music Parents,

I cannot begin to emphasize the importance of private instruction on your student's instrument. The private instruction will increase your child's note reading skills, tone quality, self-esteem and self-confidence.

I have been in contact with Mr. Samson and Mr. Davis (El Dorado's and Esperanza's band directors) regarding outstanding students who would be available to teach private lessons. Most of these student musicians have themselves taken private lessons and are interested in providing your child with excellent instruction. Each of these high school students has been hand picked by Mr. Samson and Mr. Davis and usually charges \$10.00 per half hour. In most cases the high school student will also come to your house. This is indeed a bargain, as professional musicians usually range from \$35.00 - \$50.00 per half-hour! If you are interested in this great deal please let me know and I will give your child a list of student names for their desired instrument. On the other hand, if you desire a professional instructor, I have a very long list by instrument. Just drop me an e-mail and I will promptly get back to you.

NOW is the time to begin building your child's confidence on his/her instrument. This confidence will directly transfer to most other areas of their life. Please give this some consideration. It is an optional part of being in music at YLMS, but the benefits are tremendous! Should you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at [dmethe@pylusd.org](mailto:dmethe@pylusd.org).

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### Parent/ Child Success Tips

1. Schedule all musical activities on your calendar.
2. Encourage your child to practice regularly.
3. Organize a daily practice routine with your child.
4. Increase your child's abilities with private lessons.
5. Please communicate concerns and suggestions to me first.
6. Volunteer by attending performances/ meetings

Sincerely, Mr. Methe  
Instrumental Music Director

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## Remind 101 Communication

A form of communication that I use often is called Remind 101. It is a communication device that allows me to send you text messages with up to date information without disclosing my phone number or yours. Below is a unique parent code for your students' class that you can use in addition to the phone messages, website and emails. If you are interested in utilizing this form of communication, simply text your code to this number (Remind101 Phone number 669-200-6281) and it will automatically enroll you in the Remind 101 program. I have also included a student code as well if you would like for your student to receive reminders as well.

Performing Band  
@3af8

Intermediate Orchestra  
@intorch

Performing Band Parents  
@pbpa

Advanced Orchestra  
@7c56d

Jazz Band 1  
@mrmeth

Advanced Orchestra Parents  
@aopar

Jazz Band 2  
@mrmethe

Music Parents  
@3af8

Intermediate Band  
@713a5

## **Fundraising helps our Program!**

What is it that keeps our program so strong and successful? It is the incredible support we get from our parents, and the supplemental income from fundraising we use to pay for expenses that the district does not cover. Successful fundraising is vital to our organization and provides our students with all the tools necessary for a successful program. In recent years, the State has decreased the amount of support it will provide; therefore our booster organization has had to cover more expenses. As in the past, we will have only two major fundraisers this year.

Your students will have the opportunity to participate and help out the program. Not interested in selling? We do offer a voluntary buyout alternative for \$100 which offsets your student from participating in both fundraisers for the year. However, your child is still welcome to participate just for the fun of it.

Thank you for helping keep this program so strong, and in doing so giving our children some of the best musical experiences of their life.

## **New and Used Instrument Purchase**

It is that time again where you may be looking to rent or buy a new instrument for your student. I would like you to know that I am here to help if you are interested. A few questions to think about when renting or purchasing an instrument: Why is this instrument so cheap? Why can I also purchase food products at this store? Why am I waiting 6-8 weeks for the catalog to deliver? If you have been looking and have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at [dmethe@pylusd.org](mailto:dmethe@pylusd.org). I cannot tell you where to rent or purchase but I can let you know where I shop, Imperial Band Instruments in La Mirada (562-245-6043). If you let them know you are from YLMS when purchasing an instrument, they always give you a great deal For string instruments, please contact me before purchasing. This is a whole new ballgame!

## **What is a Participation Contribution?**

A participation contribution is a **tax deductible** donation that offsets a depletion of funding from the State. These funds, along with fundraising monies, are used to cover the many necessary expenses incurred throughout the year. Festival entry fees, Smart music, instrument purchases, instrument repairs, insurance, sheet music and a year-end

party are just a sample of the many expenses incurred each year. If the donation is a hardship for your family, please let me know privately.

## **T-Shirts, Polos, Hats and Sweatshirts**

Instrumental music T-Shirts will be available at the registration table. We do wear the music shirt on all field trips for safety reasons and some off-campus performances. (We will also be wearing our shirts once a week every Thursday for Music Day!) Very stylish v-neck t-shirts for girls and polo's are also available for parents aspiring for that spirited look. Flex-fit hats, Viscors or Beanies can be purchased and worn on school fieldtrips and outside of school. We will also have navy, hooded and zip down sweatshirts with the same logo as the shirts

## **Telephone Message Machine**

The Message machine is an important communication tool! If you miss the message, please try the following: 1) Push the \* key to repeat the message, 2) Check your student's backpack 3) Check the instrumental music website 4) E-mail Mr. Methe at [dmethe@pylusd.org](mailto:dmethe@pylusd.org). If you experience any troubles receiving the messages, please contact Mr. Methe.

## **Music Clothing Donations**

Please consider donating your outgrown but still presentable music clothing items to the Instrumental Music Program, please bring it to Registration, Uniform Try-on, or the first days of school. We are accepting the following, clean and in good repair:

1. Dickies brand black pants
2. White, collared, full sleeve dress shirts
3. Music ties
4. Marching shoes

**Please recycle music tee shirts, caps, sweatshirts, etc. on your own. We have limited volunteer resources.**

If you know previous band or orchestra members who may wish to donate their concert clothing, please contact them with this information.

Donated pants, shirts and ties will be available to students and their families throughout the school year. The music room will be open during regular registration hours and a box will be available to receive donations. Thank you!

## **A Special Note to 6<sup>th</sup> Graders' Parents**

If this is your first child attending YLMS, or participating in Instrumental Music, you're in for a real treat. This coming year you will see your child's musical ability grow beyond what you can imagine. It's one of the benefits of daily band or orchestra instruction. Here are some hints to help you feel comfortable with the program and make the most of this year.

1. At Registration on August 18, be sure to stop by the music table. It's right after the photographer stop. Meet Mr. Methé, the music Board members and other music parents. Drop off your music registration materials. The music tee shirt and tie will be available there. That tee shirt's a great deal; your child will wear it every Thursday all year!
2. During the school year, volunteer to help the Instrumental Program. We have plenty of volunteer opportunities, both big and small, and all important. Believe it or not, your middle school student still wants you involved.
3. Ensure your child practices regularly and brings his/her instrument and music to school every day. Their progress, both individually and as part of a large group, becomes its own reward.
4. Along with checking your child's backpack daily, check his/her music folder too. Flyers with important information will be sent home on occasion, especially before performances or other events.
5. Encourage the musician in your child. The real rewards of being in orchestra or band are just beginning.
6. Join us for a special Smart Music lesson on September 10 at 6pm. Smart Music is an outstanding music education software your child will be utilizing all year long.
7. Plan on attending ALL parent meetings (there are only 3 a year) -- the first one on September 10th at 7pm in the music room (right after the Smart Music lesson).

## **Volunteers Needed**

Welcome to another great year at YLMS. Our music program is a unique group of people that we are fortunate to have here at YLMS. This includes our students, amazing teachers and our parents. Parental involvement is an important part of the music program. We have many events that without volunteers would not be possible.

There are many opportunities this coming year for volunteers to get involved. Some of the rewards are getting to know the students and other parents, working side by side with them, as you help behind the scenes and donate requested items. As you take a look at the Volunteer Sign-up sheet, please review each event. We feel there is something for everyone to do. If you are not able to volunteer your time, we are hoping you can donate requested items. Some events take many parents working together.

Our students will be working diligently from day one until the final concert. You can show your appreciation by volunteering throughout the school year.

Please take a look at the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet and let us know where you think you can volunteer your talents. As each event gets closer to their dates, you will be contacted through e-mail with more details. Also, please look for e-mails throughout the year for other help or donations that might be needed. Please help make this memorable year for our students!

Sincerely,

Crystal Shomph

Vice-President, Volunteer Coordinator YLMS Music Program

## YLMS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT ATTIRE

Dear Parents,

As we begin this school year, I want to communicate with you the appropriate attire for all concerts. All of the Instrumental Music groups (Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra, Jazz Band 2, Intermediate, and Performing Band) will be wearing the following items for concert performances:

Standard/ work style, black “Dickies” pants (No Bell Bottoms), black “Dickies” belt or other solid black belt, solid black socks, solid black shoes (no sneakers – must meet school dress code; ask if you are not sure), a white long-sleeved button down shirt with collar (Not cream or ivory) that must be tucked in at all times, and a long music tie available through the YLMS music boosters.

Jazz Band 1 members will substitute their white button down shirt for a shirt and tie combination that will be selected at a later time.

The above concert attire items will ensure our groups look uniform and give a visual presentation that is pleasing to the audience.



**Please bring the attached forms,  
completed,  
to registration!**

**See you There..**

**YORBA LINDA MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**  
**2015 – 2016**



August 18-20, during registration.....	Uniform Try-on (Performing Band)
Wednesday-Friday, September 9-11.....	Jazz Band Try-Outs
Thursday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. ....	Music Parent Meeting (All parents)
	<i>Optional SmartMusic training session from 6-6:45 p.m.</i>
Monday, September 21-October 2.....	Instrumental Music Fall Fundraiser
Friday, October 9, 7:45a.m. ....	Pastries in the Park (Performing Band)
Saturday, October 10.....	Placentia Parade (Performing Band)
Wednesday, October 14, 2:30-5:00 p.m.....	Group Pictures (Perf. Band + Adv. Orch)
Friday, October 16, 2:50-5:00 p.m.....	Group Pictures (Jazz, Int. Orch, Int. Band)
Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.....	Band Pageant @ Bradford Stadium (Perf. Band)
Friday, November 6, all day.....	Disneyland Performance (Perf. Band)
Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. ....	Holiday Concert @ Field House (All classes)
Thursday, December 10, 7:30 a.m. ....	Faculty Holiday Breakfast (Jazz 1 + Chamber Orch.)
Thursday, December 10.....	YLMS Holiday Assembly (Jazz 1, PB, AO)
Friday, December 11.....	Holiday Elementary Concerts (Jazz + Chamber Orch)
Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 p.m. ....	Music Parent Meeting (all parents)
Friday, February 5, all day.....	Disneyland Performance (Jazz 1)
Monday, February 29 – March 11.....	Instrumental Music Spring Fundraiser
Saturday, March 5.....	South Hills Jazz Festival (Jazz 1)
Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. ....	Pre-Festival Concert @ LaSorda FH (PB + AO)
Wednesday, March 16, 2:30-4:00 p.m.....	Mandatory Sectionals (PB + AO)
Tuesday, March 22 a.m.....	SCSBOA Festival @ EDHS (Perf. Band)
Wednesday, March 23 a.m.....	SCSBOA Festival @ EDHS (Adv. Orch.)
Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. ....	Parent Meeting (all parents)
Thursday, May 5.....	EHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Rehearsal
Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.....	VHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Rehearsal
Monday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.....	EDHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Rehearsal
Monday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.....	Area Band Festival @ VHS (PB + Jazz 1)
Tuesday, May 17, 6:00 p.m. ....	Area Orchestra Festival @ VHS (AO)
Wednesday, May 18 a.m.....	Little Big Jazz Concert Rehearsal (Jazz 1)
Thursday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.....	Little Big Jazz Concert @ LaSorda Fieldhouse (J1)
Tuesday, May 24, 4-6 p.m. ....	YLHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. ....	Spring Concert @ Field House (All classes)
Thursday, June 2, a.m. ....	YLMS Music Assembly (Jazz 1, PB, AO)
Friday, June 3, 3:45-4:45.....	End of the Year Party @ LaSorda MPR
Thursday, June 16, a.m. ....	Promotion Ceremony (Jazz 1)

**5/22/2015**

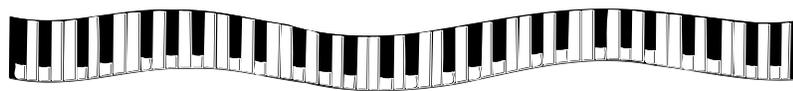
**YLMS Instrumental Music**

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**\*\*\*Important YLMS Music  
Registration Information Enclosed\*\*\***

**Please complete all enclosed forms  
and bring to registration  
August 18-20!**



**Please fill out the music forms in this packet and bring with you to your YLMS registration day.**

