

# **Liberty Instrumental Music**



**Annual Parent's Meeting**

**September 2, 2009**

**Auditorium**

# Agenda

- Rehearsals, Performances and Absences
- Instrument Loan & Equipment Usage
- Concert Attire & Departmental Wear
- Fundraisers & Volunteer Opportunities
- Current Needs & Donations
- Spring Trip 2010
- Parent Questions
- Instrumental Music Boosters Presentation

# Rehearsals and Performances

- All rehearsals and performances listed on the blue Dates of Importance & ensemble syllabi are mandatory. (Distributed in class)
- The spring and winter concerts are **required** by CCPS as part of the high school instrumental curriculum. They are a graded assessment.
- The Pops Concert (03/05/10) is a fundraiser program featuring all LHS instrumental ensembles & outside performing artists. Students prepare music in class.

# District Festival

- Wind Ensemble and Full Orchestra are required to attend the Carroll District Festival at WHS on 03/19/10 as part of MD music assessments.
- These ensembles may go on to compete in the MD State Band and Orchestra Festival if a superior rating is earned.

# After School Rehearsals

- Each ensemble has one evening after school rehearsal scheduled before the winter, spring and pops concerts. (Each after school rehearsal is 10 points.)
- All after school rehearsals are listed on the ensemble syllabi and blue Dates of Importance.
- Students may have one excused absence during the year from an after school rehearsal.
- Excused absences are personal illness, death in family or emergency.
- Athletic practices and other extracurricular events are not excused absences.
- Ms. Jason will allow students to miss a rehearsal (only) for an athletic game or major school event.

# Absence Request Form

- Students must submit an Absence Request Form (located in the bin on the music library door) prior to all missed rehearsals and performances.
- The Absence Request Form must be filled out in entirety (top and bottom) with a parent signature.
- An Absence Request Form does not guarantee an excused absence.
- Only a portion of the concert grade can be redeemed for missed performances- CCPS policy.
- Students may not miss a concert for any reason and expect full credit- CCPS policy.

# Unprepared For Class

- Students are expected to have an instrument in good playing condition, instrument accessories, ensemble music, a theory folder, staff paper, and a pencil.
- Students who forget to bring an instrument or music to class lose participation points for that class period.
- Students are responsible for keeping their instrument in working condition.
- On occasion Ms. Jason will have a loaner instrument for a student to borrow, but this is only a temporary solution. Most music repair shops will give students a loaner to use while their instrument is being repaired for no additional cost.

# Performance Critique

- Two 100 point papers due each quarter
- One is of a live performance
- One is a recording listening  
(from a given list)
- Typed double spaced
- Include music terminology
- Include “proof” (program, ticket stub, web address, parent note, CD, etc.)

# Missing!

Some students have yet to get their syllabus signed by a parent. This was due the second day of class. Please encourage your student to show me a signed syllabus or I will have to mark a zero in the grade book.

# Friendly Reminders

This slip of paper is given to students who (in my opinion) need a gentle reminder to practice, complete assignments, or stay on-task in class.

# Instrument Loan

- LHS has a small inventory of instruments in excellent playing condition. Students who rent an LHS instrument must pay the \$75 rental fee to cover the instrument's annual care and maintenance.
- All percussion students must pay a \$75 equipment usage fee to help maintain and purchase new equipment and mallets.
- The \$75 usage fee is assessed only once. Students may checkout more than one instrument or have a practice instrument at home (if available).
- The usage fee is good for one school year. All instruments must be returned in June.

# What is Concert Attire?

## Gentlemen

\*Tuxedo Pants

\*White Tuxedo Shirt

\*Cummerbund

\*Bow Tie

Black Socks

Black Laced Dress Shoes

## Ladies

\*Black Concert Dress

Black or Nude Hose

Black Close-toed Shoes

\*= purchased through the  
department

# How much does it cost?

## Gentlemen

Tuxedo Pants     \$38

Tuxedo Shirt     \$17

Cummerbund     \$12

Bow Tie            \$3

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Total:              \$70

## Ladies

Concert Dress     \$75

Checks made payable to  
Liberty High School

# Why do we have concert attire?

- It has become a standard for high school musical programs across the nation in order to present a more professional and sophisticated appearance.
- It is needed for outside performances in the community, and a requirement for performing arts festivals- like District Festival, Disney Magic Music Days, Fiesta-Val performing tours, etc.
- It creates a clean, uniform look for all concerts.

# Concert Attire Procedures



- Students are measured for concert attire during their regularly scheduled music class.
- Exact date and time TBA
- Wear thinner type clothing on the day you are to be measured to get a more realistic fit.

# ATTENTION

- Tuxedo pants and concert dresses are delivered straight from the factory and are not hemmed.
- All dresses and pants must be hemmed prior to the December concerts.
- We have found the “iron on” hem to be a cheap and effective alternative for those with limited sewing skills. (Sold at Walmart in Eldersburg.)

# Attention Ladies!!

- Please be present in class to be measured for a gown. Once the bulk order is placed, the cost for individual dresses raises to \$90-100.

# Procedures (continued. . .)



- Concert Attire must be purchased through the LHS music Department- no exceptions.
- Payment in the form of a check is due by October 30, 2009.
- Students who fail to pay for concert attire prior to the December concert will receive an obligation card for semester two.

# Payment Plans

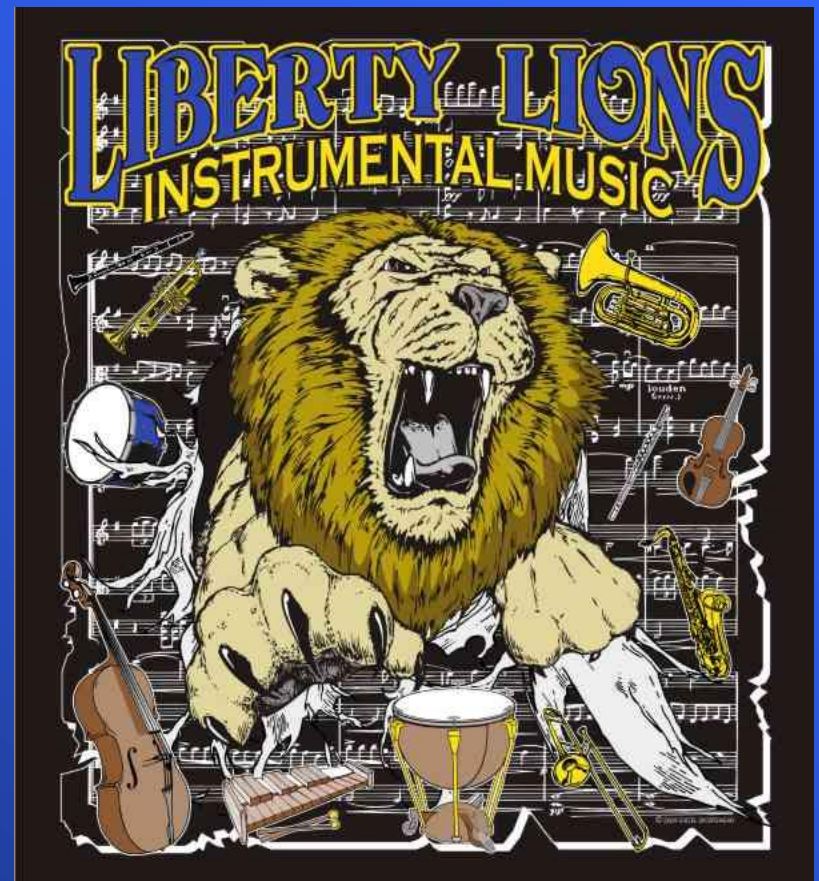


- Students may purchase used concert attire from current students or alumnae. These items are sold for a discount cost at a price determined by the owner.
- Ms. Jason has used concert attire for sale through the Instrumental Music Department. It is half-off the original price.

# Payment Plans (continued. . .)

- Parents who are unable to pay in full for concert attire may opt to pay in monthly installments rather than pay in full.
- Ms. Jason will work with parents to create an appropriate payment schedule.

# Instrumental Music T-Shirts and Hoodies



# Cost

- T-Shirts \$12
- Hoodies \$22
- Sizes: Adult x-small to 3XL
- Only available in black

# Fundraisers

- Gianni's Pizza 9/14-9/25
- LHS Extravaganza 9/26 LHS
- Fall Craft Fair 11/21
- Pops Concert 03/05
- Gift Card Bingo 02/19
- Funnel Cakes at Carnival TBD

# Why should we fundraise?

- To provide students in all LHS ensembles with the tools and materials to be successful

<b>Music</b>	<b>Instruments</b>	<b>Equipment</b>
<b>Guest Clinicians</b>	<b>Audio Recordings</b>	<b>Masterclasses</b>
<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>Band Staff</b>	<b>Recording Equipment</b>
<b>Chairs</b>	<b>Stands</b>	<b>Awards</b>
	<b>Instrument Maintenance</b>	

- To supply our students with current, up to date instruments and technology comparable to other high school music programs nationwide.

# Top Priorities

- Buffet Bass Clarinet- \$6,000
- English Horn- \$3,500
- Guard Floor- \$3,000
- Jazz Ensemble risers- \$1,500
- Timpani Cart- \$1,500

# How can I further benefit from fundraising?

- Service Learning Hours are given to students and siblings who volunteer their time and efforts at events. We can find a use for every pair of hands.
- Some fundraisers offer incentives and rewards that go towards field trips and outside events offered through the department.

**Did you get Orlando trip  
information sent home the first  
day of class??**



# Spring Trip to Orlando

## April 6-11, 2010



- To provide all students with an adjudicated performance and the opportunity to compete in a competitive arena before a select panel of judges.
- To celebrate musical achievements by performing live in a Disney theme park alongside other nationally recognized high school bands/orchestras.
- An overnight trip is taken once every two years. A small day trip to an amusement park or other destination is planned for the year in between.

# Eligibility

- The trip is open to any student in a year-long instrumental music class, or in the marching band or indoor guard program.
- Students must be academically eligible at the time of the trip.
- Students cannot be on suspension or in the midst of disciplinary action at the time of the trip.

# How much does Orlando cost?

- \$480 for students with the option to lower the amount to \$380 with five Service Learning Hours given exclusively to the Boosters.
- \$580 for chaperones.



# What does this include?

- Transportation
- 3 night hotel accommodations
- 3 buffet breakfast
- 4 Disney dining vouchers
- Entrance fees to Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios
- Disney Magic Music Days performance
- Draw string backpack
- Visit to Downtown Disney

# Payment Schedule

- **STUDENTS**

- 9/25      \$50
- 10/30     \$110
- 12/4      \$110
- 1/29      \$110
- 3/5      hours or  
            \$100

- **CHAPERONES**

- 9/25      \$100
- 10/30     \$130
- 12/4      \$130
- 1/29      \$110
- 1/29      \$110

# Refunds

- \$50 non-refundable after 9/29/09
- \$200 non-refundable after 2/2/10
- All monies forfeited after 3/10/10

# How can students lower trip costs?

- Students must give 5 full hours to the Music Boosters by participating in our fundraisers or work behind the scenes with Ms. Jason.
- Students must complete all 5 hours (in full) to receive the \$100 discount- no exceptions.
- All hours must be completed by the end of the Pops Concert on 3/5/10.

# Financial Need

- The Boosters will provide partial or full “Scholarships” to students with financial need.
- All information is strictly confidential and will be shared with no one.
- Ms. Jason and Mr. Clowes will make the decision as to who will benefit from the “scholarship” money.
- Parents may speak privately to Ms. Jason if interested.

# Volunteer Help Needed

- LHS Extravaganza- 9/26
- Chaperones (for MB and all field trips)
- Pit Dads (MB)
- Fall Craft Fair- 11/21
- Fundraiser Sales Concert Attire Measurements
- Gift Card Bingo- 2/19
- Pops Concert- 3/5
- Secretarial Help/ Music Office Support Team

# Music Preparation

- There will be **one** mass band performance, and one full orchestra and indoor guard performance.
- All music will be rehearsed in class.
- Required after school rehearsals:
  - 3/30 band**
  - 3/31 orchestra**

# Chaperones

- All chaperones must have volunteer training and an overnight background check, or be a CCPS employee
- Only chaperones and school staff can have “contact” with students.
- Chaperones must be loyal to their assigned students.
- Chaperones may be limited if we meet our “goal” number, rather than turning away students.
- Chaperone groups should be between 5-8 students; CCPS says 10.

# Basic Information

- Gunther Charter Buses  
(Hanover, MD)
- Hampton Inn & Suites  
South Lake Buena Vista  
(Kissimmee, Fl)  
Website on Internet  
(with photos)
- Kaleidoscope  
Adventures  
  
Agent :  
Karla Tomasewski

# Facts

- All trips are purely optional, but we do want to get as many students participating as possible.
- Most all instrumental music programs nationwide offer such trips to students. All CCPS instrumental music programs do travel in the continental U.S. and abroad.
- Students will miss three days of school, but it does not count toward the five day absence policy. Students are marked “present”.

# More Facts...

- All students and chaperones must travel on the transportation provided
- The hotel is above average- pool, hot tubs, workout room, restaurant, two queen beds per room, mini fridge, etc.
- Breakfast buffet is an “open buffet” in the dining area for all patrons.

# More...

- Students may not carry medications (of any kind) on their person. All medications must be handled by Ms. Jason.
- Students are in same-sex rooms with a same-sex chaperone room close by.
- Students have assigned seats on the bus with chaperones close by.
- Students may select roommates, chaperone groups, and bus buddies; however, Ms. Jason has the right to move student(s) to a more appropriate grouping if necessary.

# Major Infractions

- Drugs, alcohol, smoking, inappropriate contact, illegal activity, vandalism, insubordination, etc.
- Students are subject to detention, suspension, expulsion and any disciplinary action deemed appropriate by law enforcement and/or CCPS.

# Sample Itinerary

- 04/06 (Tuesday)

Students in school all day

Check-in at 5:30 pm

Depart LHS at 7 pm

Stop twice before midnight

Sleep through night on bus

- 04/07 (Wednesday)

Fast food breakfast

Mini break at FL rest area

Arrive to Animal Kingdom  
by 12 noon

Meal Voucher

Downtown Disney

Check-in at hotel

Lights out at 11:00 pm

# Sample Itinerary

- 04/08 (Thursday)

Breakfast Buffet at hotel

Disney park, all day

Meal Voucher

Lights out

- 04/09 (Friday)

Breakfast Buffet at hotel

Disney performances in park

Disney park, all day

Meal Voucher

Lights Out

# Sample Itinerary

- 04/10 (Saturday)

Breakfast Buffet

Check-out of hotel

Disney Park, all day

Meal Voucher

Depart for MD at 9:00 pm

- 04/11 (Sunday)

Fast food breakfast

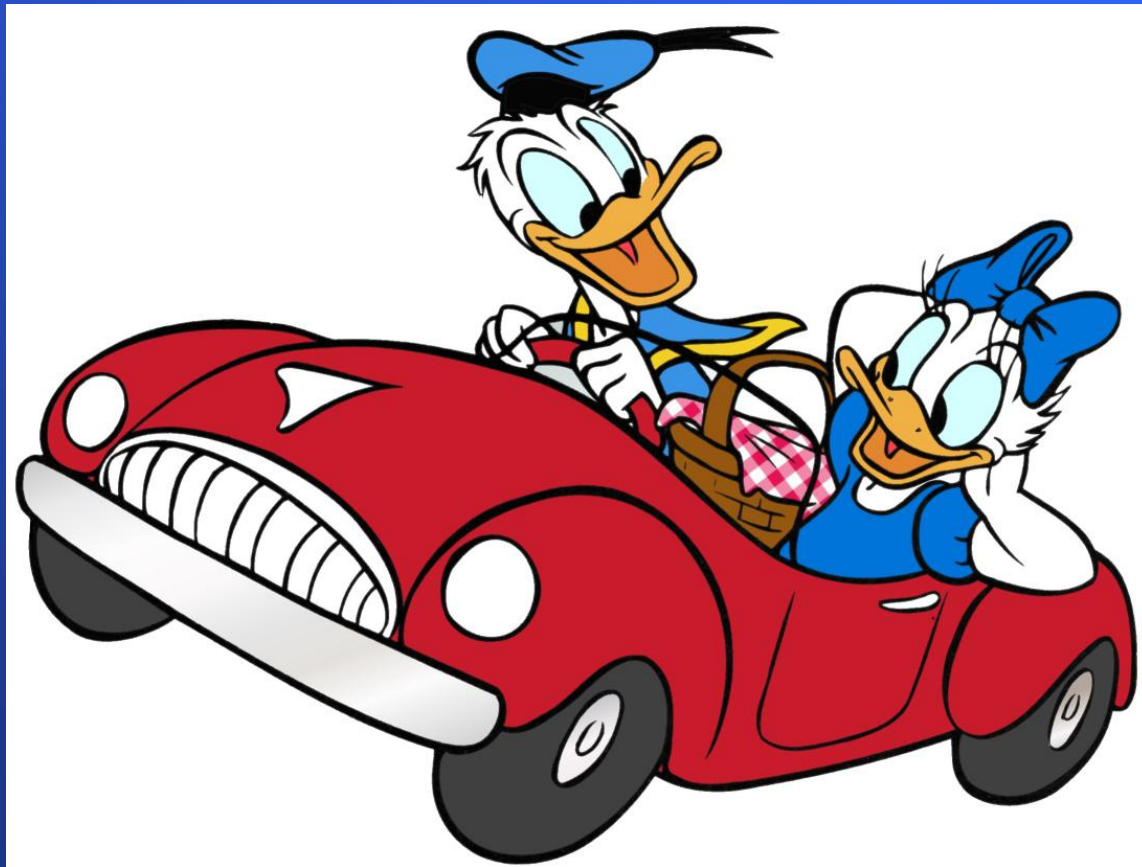
Fast food lunch

Arrive back to LHS by 2 pm

# Disney Meal Vouchers

- Good for any entrée, sides, dessert and drink
- Can be used at any time during the day
- All vouchers have to be used within a year- meaning students can opt to not use the voucher any given day
- Disney is very health conscientious- all fruits and vegetables are from the “Disney Greenhouse”, lots of whole grains, not a lot of “fast food” entrees
- A brief description of each “food area/restaurant” is given on the park map- choose wisely

**And we'll return home with  
happy memories!!**



# Additional Information?

- Extra copies of all handouts are kept on the trapezoid table outside the music office.
- Feel free to call: 410-549-6213
- Email Ms. Jason: [bdjason@k12.carr.org](mailto:bdjason@k12.carr.org)
- Email Jim Mullen:  
[dabblenbabble@comcast.net](mailto:dabblenbabble@comcast.net)
- Regularly check the e-school newsletter.

# Web Site

- Please visit our web site at [www.lhsimp.com](http://www.lhsimp.com)
- A sincere thank you to Steve Kahn and all who helped to create the new site.
- Go to the web site for current calendar information, ensemble syllabi, recent handouts, media files, recent photos, etc.

# Parent Questions?

# **Music Boosters**

**Jim Mullen**

**Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator**