

Red-hawk Booster Meeting
September 2, 2010

I. Your Booster Club Officers for 2010-11 are:

Laura Poynor, President
Deborah Owens, Treasurer
Heather Rinaldi, Secretary

II. Sectional Rehearsal

Mr. Hohmann stressed the importance of sectional rehearsals for both the Chamber Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra. Each student has one rehearsal per week either from 7:30-8:30am or 4:00-5:00pm. Sectionals give Mr. Hohmann the opportunity to hear each student play individually and give tips on improving performance technique. This is the “Year of the Bow” and we will be spending a lot of time improving sound production and the various styles of bowing ie. Martele, Staccato, Spiccato, etc.

All Chamber orchestra students are required to turn in a signed practice sheet. It will count as 20% of their six weeks grade.

All Symphony students are required to attend 1 sectional rehearsal a week. It will count as 20% of their six weeks grade.

III. Booster Club

We were very fortunate to have Joe Robles serve as booster president 2 years ago. He set up the Booster Club as a 501c tax free organization. If you, a company you work for or know of would like to make a donation to the Booster Club, it can done as a tax deductible donation. We also have a web-site at Redhawk Orchestra.com.

IV. Spring Trip

In class, students were given a chance to vote on their Spring Trip to one of three place; San Antonio, Corpus Christi or Colorado Springs. The students voted unanimously for Colorado Springs. R & R Travel quoted \$440 per student for the trip. Mr. Hohmann has offered to book the trip to save travel agent fees and believes he can get the price down to around \$300-\$350 per student. FISD sets the limit on trip expenses to \$300. Any additional funds have to be raised by the Booster Club.

The main purpose of the meeting was to see if the parents were in support of this plan. The parents indicated to Mr. Hohmann that they were. The decision was made to let the students earn money for the trip by working as car-hops at Sonic. They will sign up 2-3 times from Sept. through March to spend a 4 hour shift on a Saturday working. Four parents will need to serve a 4 hour shift for each of these events to supervise and handle money. No

parent should have to work more than 1 shift for the year. We plan to spend one Saturday a month in Sept, Oct. Nov, Jan, Feb, and March. This should raise around \$4000 dollars or more to pay down the overall price of our trip. All funds raised go into the booster club account. They are not credited to each student individually. This is a UIL rule. The Booster Officers make the decision on how these funds are spent.

V. Concert Receptions

It was decided that we should have a reception after each concert this year. Sign up lists were available and everyone signed up to help with the receptions and Sonic. If you were not at the meeting, you will be e-mailed to offer your participation in these activities. If everyone makes a contribution of their time for one event, no one will be over-burdened by doing everything.

Thank you for your support. I know you will see a difference in the Red-Hawk spirit of our orchestra because of your support.

Hold the press announcement:

PARENTS NEVER GET TO HEAR OUR MOST POLISHED PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR; UIL CONCERT AND SIGHT-READING CONTEST.

Sooo... We will have an international (pot-luck) dinner in the cafeteria and the orchestras will perform their UIL programs while the parents enjoy their dinner.

Please put the date on your calendar: MARCH 10, 2010 7:00PM LHS Cafeteria