

2010-11 School Year

Dear Orchestra Families:

Welcome new and returning students and families to the Roosevelt High School Orchestra from the Boosters! We have an exciting year ahead of us and hope this packet is helpful in giving you an overview of what to expect.

The Roosevelt Orchestra Boosters is a registered nonprofit (501(c)(3)) which supports three orchestras: Concert, Chamber and Symphony. Our purpose is to assist these groups and our director, Anna Edwards, in both financial and organizational ways.

PARENT ORIENTATION & FAMILY POTLUCK

Wednesday, September 1st, 6:30 pm in the orchestra room at Roosevelt High School. Bring a dish to share—main, salad or dessert. The Boosters will provide drinks, plates and cutlery.

FORMS (included in the packet)

Contact information
Medical Form/Emergency Contact
Financial Aid Form
Retreat (Pack Forest) Permission (for symphony and chamber orchestras only)

Please fill out all forms and bring them to our orientation; or, send them with your student on the first day of school.

FEES and CONTRIBUTIONS

Lab Fee

This mandatory lab fee is *\$60 per year* (may be paid in two \$30 installments.) These fees will be used for sheet music and instrument maintenance. All music students pay lab fees at Roosevelt. Make your checks for this fee to ***Roosevelt High School*** and write “orchestra” and your student’s name on the memo line. Mail your checks to the orchestra boosters PO Box (see below), turn them in at the potluck or send them in with your student. Let Anna know if you need financial assistance with this fee.

Instrument Fee

Students may use school instruments. *\$100* per school year pays for instrument maintenance, repair and string replacement. If you wish to borrow a school instrument, send your check for \$100 made out to the ***Roosevelt Orchestra Boosters***, with your student’s name and instrument on the memo line.

Annual Coaching and Orchestra Support Contribution

The costs for running this vibrant program far exceed the funding by the school district. The booster's goal is to provide financial support to the orchestras. Two of our highest priorities are paying for professional coaches that cannot be paid from lab fees and funding financial aid for students in need.

Costs for both have increased while families have less time to devote to fundraising. Some of the fundraising events including the online auction are taking more time than the parents are able to give, and have not provided enough funds to justify the work involved. Limited volunteers have necessitated streamlining of fundraising efforts and the elimination of the online auction for this year. We are adding a special benefit concert that will have a silent auction component and raffle.

You can help the orchestra program by making an **Annual Coaching and Orchestra Support Contribution of \$120** (or 3 installments of \$40.) **Checks can be made to the Roosevelt Orchestra Boosters**, and online credit card giving through **PayPal** on our website is also available. Both are 100% tax deductible.

Your contribution will fund the following:

- Outside coaches (vital to all students – these professionals provide much needed support to sectionals, and small groups.)
- General operating expenses that cannot be paid by lab fees (insurance, postage, supplies and taxes)
- Financial Aid for fees and trips
- Festival Entry Fees
- Assist in the purchase of new instruments
- Symphonic Recordings and recording equipment

If you are not able to make the full supporting contribution, please contribute whatever you can afford and *rest assured that whatever your contribution, it is greatly appreciated.*

All-State Orchestra / All State Band / All Northwest Applications

The deadline for these groups will be posted on the website after September 1st. The All-State groups will perform Feb. 17-20 in Bellevue. You may find a list of music excerpts required and deadlines at www.wmea.org.

VOLUNTEERS

Our booster organization relies on orchestra parents to serve on our board, organize trips/retreats, chaperone trips, fundraise, write our newsletter, maintain our website and help out with concerts. Please consider helping out in any way that you can. Board meetings are open to all and are usually held on the 2nd Thursday in the orchestra room at school.

CONCERT DRESS

Concert dress for our Concert Orchestra is solid black, including shoes. For the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras, tuxes are required for the boys and solid black for the girls. **No mini skirts, yoga pants, leggings, slits or tank/halter tops are allowed.**

ADDRESS/COMMUNICATION

For mailing in forms and checks you may use the following address:

Roosevelt Orchestra Boosters
PO Box 31781
Seattle, WA 98103

Please insert your student's name on the memo line.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

There are several ways to receive information about upcoming orchestra activities:

- Check our website at: www.rooseveltorchestra.org for a calendar of activities, forms and updates.
- Make sure we have your email address so you are on our electronic mailing list
- Contact Ms. Edwards with any questions or concerns: anedwards@seattleschools.org or at (206) 252-4948

Sincerely,
The Booster Board