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blythewoodorchestra.
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BMS Orchestra News

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BMS Parents and Students,

Welcome back!!! I would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and parents! Please refer to our class website (www.blythewoodorchestra.com) for the most up-to-date information. I am excited about this school year and am looking forward to a year filled with making music together!

In the Spirit of Excellence,

Stacey B. Dobyns

STAND UP FOR A STAND

Some of you have asked about how to get your child's name engraved on the back of one of the classroom music stands. Information on "Stand Up For a Stand" may be found on the documents page of our class website-check it out!

CELLO/BASS CONTRACTS

At the beginning of every year, Richland Two Orchestras ask that all cello and bass students pay a one-time fee of \$40 for the use of the school instruments. This fee covers any repairs that the instruments need throughout the year.

Please return the contract (coming home soon) and payment as soon as possible. Checks made payable to **BMS Orchestra**. Thank you!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Proudly display our magnet on your car! Magnets are only \$5.00 and can be purchased at any time. Checks made payable to **BMS Orchestra Booster Club**.



ORCHESTRA WEBSITE

Save our website as one of your favorites!

www.blythewoodorchestra.com
Check frequently for important information and updates!

ORCHESTRA BOOSTER CLUB

Our Orchestra Booster Club is comprised of orchestra parents who want to play an active role with the BMS orchestra program. We meet bi-monthly in the orchestra room on Tuesday nights beginning at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 30

This is the same date as Open House. Two meeting times offered: 5:00 pm, before Open House begins at 6:00 pm, or at 8:00 pm after Open House concludes.

What's New with BMS Orchestras...

MUSIC EDUCATION ADVOCACY STATISTICS

Why is music education important?

- Music students scored higher on 2009 SAT tests (*2009 College Board web site*)
- 93% parents agree: the arts are vital to a well-rounded education (*2005 Harris Poll*)
- Schools with music programs have significantly higher graduation rates (90.2% vs. 72.9%-*National Association of Music Education-MENC*)

www.100percentclub.org

Thank you for supporting your child and our orchestra program!!!

(Data obtained from the SC Music Educators Association)

LABOR DAY RUN AT THE PLANTATION

Join us on Monday, September 5th for the 2nd Annual Labor Day Run at the Plantation, held right here at Blythewood Middle School! This one and only fundraiser for the orchestra program was a huge success last year and we know it will be again! 6th grade families are invited to come and observe the festivities that morning. 7th and 8th grade parents will be volunteering at various locations on campus and on the race routes. Detailed instructions about report times, locations and assigned duties will be emailed to you soon! If you haven't already, check out the race website at www.laborday10K.com!