

Instrumental Music Newsletter



OFF TO A GREAT START!

Director's Report

Only a few weeks in and we are up and running! It was a pleasure to get to meet many of you at our back to school night last week. That evening, our Jazz Ensemble greeted the student and parent body with some Stevie Wonder and Count Basie in the quad! Then, that same weekend on Sept 3rd, the instrumental music students had a chance to perform the National Anthem at the Oakland A's game against the Los Angeles Angels. We even had an opportunity to brush shoulders against Shoei Ohtani as we waited in the tunnel! Pictures of the event can be found [here](#).

September is the month where we prepare for the business and excitement of October. The bands and orchestras are hard at work preparing for their Fall Pops Concert entitled *Grammys, Oscars and Tonys* while the bands are also reading through their pep band stand charts. Pep Band leadership is set, the newly formed Chamber Orchestra is established and our newest edition of the Acalanes Drumline had its first information meeting last week.

Through the business of the start of the school year, it is important that students take time to practice mindfulness and exhibit grace towards each other. The process is everything!

On the upbeat,
Edwin Cordoba

Instrumental Program Travels To SoCal

	Thursday 10/19/23	Friday 10/20/23	Saturday 10/21/23	Sunday 10/24/23
Morning	8:00 AM Depart from School Board your luxury motor-coach equipped with TV's & DVD reclining seats and a restroom.	Breakfast at the Hotel (All you can eat) Universal Studios Hollywood	Breakfast at the Hotel (All you can eat) Disneyland & California Adventure	Breakfast at the Hotel (All you can eat) UCLA Campus Tour
Afternoon	Lunch Stop (Fast food - on your own) 4:30 PM Arrive at the Embassy Suites Hotel	Universal Studios Hollywood	Soundtrack Recording Workshops Disney Recording Studios	12:30 PM Depart for Home Lunch Stop (Fast food - on your own)
Evening	Pizza dinner at the hotel (All you can eat) Broadway Musical Ain't Too Proud Seegerstrom Hall	Universal Studios Hollywood	Disneyland & California Adventure	8:00 PM Arrive back at School

Upcoming Dates

October 5th

Grammys, Oscars and Tonys
Fall Pops Concert

October 6th

Football Game vs Northgate

October 13th

Homecoming Game

October 19th-22nd

SoCal Tour

November 3rd

Football Game vs Campolindo

At A Glance

Review [Handbook](#) and [Calendar](#)

[September Academy Rehearsals](#)

[SoCal Itinerary](#)

[SoCal Permission Slip](#)

Birthdays This Month

15th Ruby Deeming
25th Zoe Garcia Lares
26th Jackson Crinnion
26th Nathan Joseph
27th Adelina Zheng
28th Jonathan Ding

Thank you...





PEP BAND

We are green-lighting Pep Band at 3 of our home football games this season! The dates are as follows: October 6th (Northgate), October 13th (Homecoming) and November 3rd (Campolindo). Students are required to attend at least 2 of the 3 games.

We are feeding our student musicians this year before each game! Here is a [sample itinerary](#) of what each game will look like. If you have any dietary restrictions please be sure to email Mr. Cordoba at ecordoba@auhsdschools.org

Congratulations to our Student Pep Band Leaders:

Conductor: Rohini Vrajmohan

Associate Conductor: Nathan Joseph

Football Liaison and Manager: Sophie Graves

SOCAL TOUR

Buses, tickets and hotels are secured; students have signed up for rooms and buses. We are ready to go! If your student has not completed their [PERMISSION SLIP](#), be sure to get that turned in as soon as possible!

OAKLAND A'S GAME

Pictures from the Oakland A's Game can be found [here](#). Also be sure to find the blueprint article posted very soon!



What do LPIE and APAB Fund?

LPIE: In the classroom!

- Music Class Sections
- Music Library
- Instruments

APAB: Out of the classroom!

- Festival Entry Fees
- Transportation
- Concert Support
- Scholarships

Donate to LPIE

Donate to APAB

Note "Instrumental Music"

ALL STATE

Being selected for the All-State Ensembles is the highest honor any high school musician in California can receive. Regardless of the results, the “process” of preparing for the All-State band and orchestra auditions will make our students a better musician and performer. We encourage all members to audition! Here are the links. Be on the lookout for recording instructions as we approach the recording deadline.

[All-State Orchestra Audition Link](#)

Orchestra Recordings due November 8th, 2023

[All-State Band Instructions](#)

[All-State Band Scales](#)

[All-State Band Excerpts](#)

[All-State Jazz Band Etudes](#)

Band Recordings are due November 1st, 2023



CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the orchestra members selected to the newly formed chamber orchestra! We will play a distinct piece at every concert.

Violins

- Maor Ziskind
- Leo Wang
- Miela Hsu
- Adelina Zheng
- Theo Horwath

Violas

- Ash Lee
- Sam Kolovyansky

Cellos

- Nathan Feng
- Vedant Todi
- Kailee Van Handel

Bass

- Ruby Deeming

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HONOR BANDS

The Contra Costa County Honor Band process is separate from All-State in that it is limited to high school band musicians from Contra County. The audition requirements are more simple: The All-State Scales and one prepared etude or solo that best demonstrates the student's ability.

[Contra Costa Honor Band Application](#)

\$30 due Monday, October 23rd and

Recording/Application due Tuesday, November 8th.

CODA DECEMBER HONOR ORCHESTRA (STRING AND BAND)

The CODA Honor Orchestra process is similar to All-State, but the audition excerpts and solos are a little easier- it is still very prestigious but not as difficult to get into the CODA Honor Orchestras. Wind players are also encouraged to apply as part of the SYMPHONY orchestra!

[Coda Honor String and Symphony Orchestra Audition Requirements](#)

Recordings are due October 9th

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

On Friday, September 8th students will hold their first club day. We have various musical clubs on campus that we are very proud of!

One is the Community Music Club with presidents Sabrina Koo and Monique Khouw. Another is our Jazz club, with presidents Lucian Krage Zillas and Spencer Tantameng.

Sophomore Miela Hsu will be hosting a string instrument petting zoo at the LPIE booth at the Art and Wine Festival on Sunday, September 24th to introduce young kids to string instruments. Volunteers are needed to help supervise and explain to kids how to play the instruments. You will get volunteer hours. There are two shifts, from 10-12 and from 12-2. Students can sign up using [this link](#).

Thank you to all of our students for providing valuable musical enrichment to our community!