



EMERSON ORCHESTRA

September Newsletter



Greetings, Emerson Orchestra Family –

August proved itself to be one wild month! Thank you to everyone who attended our first ever Howdy Party last weekend. Not only did we get to meet so many wonderful parents, but we were able to answer many questions about what we do as an organization. The sea of different foods was amazing to witness! The booster parents and volunteers that arrived early to set up and stayed behind to tidy up made this event a breeze to put together, too. Thank you for your generosity. Howdy Party will undoubtedly become a yearly tradition – a time where we welcome new members and reconnect with each other after our summer breaks. I'm so excited for Howdy Party 2024!

Sandra M. Mour

FORMS AND FEES

Please refer to the **Emerson Orchestra Links** page for specifics.

We ask that all parents fill out the **Volunteer Questionnaire**. The simple truth is we need your help and no matter to what degree you're able to contribute, there is something for everyone. This information will make it easier for our booster club to reach out to parents when such help is needed.

LINKS/FORMS

- [Pay Fees Here](#)
- [Emerson Orchestra Links](#)
- [Volunteer Questionnaire](#)
- [All-Region Registration Form](#)
- [Concert Program Ads Sale](#)
- [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- [Private Lesson Registration](#)

COMBO MEALS

Concert days are long days for our student musicians. On these days, students will be unable to go home after school due to rehearsals and pre-concert activities. Combo Meals are a great way for parents to ensure their child has a warm meal to eat on those long days. Combo meals consist of cheese pizza slices, a cookie and drink with options for 2-4 slices of pizza.

Deadline to purchase your child's Combo Meal is September 15. Volunteers will be needed for pick-up, distribution of meals, and clean up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/6 Fees and Forms Due
- 9/8 Program Ad Sales Due
- 9/12 EOBC Meeting (6:00 PM)
- 9/15 Combo Meal Deadline
- 9/27 Fall Cluster Concert!
- 9/28 All-Region Sign-Up Due
All-State Intent Deadline

EMERSON ORCHESTRA SPIRIT GEAR SALE

Stock up on the latest Emerson Orchestra swag while supporting the Emerson Orchestra Booster Club by purchasing this year's EHS Orchestra Spirit Gear. We have a variety of items for our fans ranging from metal yard signs to comfy pajama pants embroidered with the Emerson HS logo and name. We must sell a minimum of 15 items each in order to place our order. Don't miss out on sporting the latest Emerson Orchestra gear! **Deadline to purchase is September 6.**

FALL CONCERT

Students will remain at school for after-school final rehearsals. Students will need to bring their uniform (including dark dress shoes) in their assigned travel bags to hang in the orchestra room before school. Cello, bass, and harp students will also need to bring their home instruments for their performance.

All family, friends, and fans are invited to attend.

6:00 PM – Scoggins MS Orchestra

7:00 PM – Emerson HS Orchestra

CONCERT PROGRAM ADS

Emerson Orchestra will begin printing a Concert Program Book for each of our Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts opening up spots for advertising and "shout-outs". [Click link for more information.](#) Send us your specific ad or have one created for you by our designers.

Deadline to buy an ad spot is Friday, September 8.

ALL-REGION CONTEST

All-Region Orchestra competition is a great way for students to challenge themselves on an individual level. This local competition requires students to individually perform four excerpts with meticulous attention to detail. Competitors are evaluated, ranked, and the top players given membership in one of two All-Region Orchestras. It is a great feat to rank high enough for membership in the All-Region Orchestras. Deadline to register is September 28. Date of competition is October 14.

INTRODUCING OUR WONDERFUL EOBC BOARD MEMBERS!

Isabel Patino

Triveni Dupati

Megan De La Houssaye

Gabriela Garza

Saavithri Vlswanathan

[Join the EOBC TODAY](#)

ALL-STATE CONTEST

All-State Orchestra competition is the highest level of individual competition for orchestra students. In order to be able to compete at this level, students must rank high enough at the All-Region level. Students typically begin working on the material beginning in May and work closely with their private teacher. Those selected for All-State Orchestras perform in San Antonio in February. Students declare All-State intent when registering for *All-Region*. Date of competition is October 28.

WE NEED YOU!

Many hands make light work and our students deserve the absolute best. If you are able to volunteer 2-3 hours a month to help create wonderful experiences for our orchestra students, please consider joining our EOBC at their next meeting.

Sept. 12 at 6:00 PM @ EHS

PRIVATE INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE

It is recommended that private-owned/rentals be serviced at your local luthier once a year – our musicians are teenagers after all. Strings should be replaced yearly for quality sound production.

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AMAZON WISHLIST

If you're able, please help complete our classroom by donating supplies off our Amazon Wishlist.