

Lake Braddock Orchestra Boosters

Lake Braddock Secondary School
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Dear Orchestra Parents,

Welcome to another exciting year with the Lake Braddock Orchestras! We have a great year planned for our musicians with many concerts and events. There are a few things you can do to make sure your student has the most successful experience possible in the Lake Braddock Orchestras:

- **Join the Lake Braddock Orchestra Boosters**

Your financial assistance buys music, pays for new instruments and repairs, helps subsidize student travel, and helps pay for equipment the orchestra requires to run efficiently. The Fairfax County school system only provides \$6 per student for the entire school year, not even enough to pay for music for one concert! Booster membership entitles your entire family to free admission to all orchestra concerts (*non-members must pay \$5 per person per concert*). In addition, your family will be honored with a listing in all the concert programs.

Do not get caught in the ticket line at the 1st concert. Join the Orchestra Boosters today and we will send family membership cards for free admission to all the orchestra concerts this year!

- **Volunteer your time**

Spending even 1 hour volunteering to help the orchestra will show your student that you support their orchestra experience and help all our student musicians. You can do anything from small commitments, as in transporting instruments, baking for the Election Day bake sale, helping with concerts and checking uniforms, to more involvement such as, helping with a fundraiser, working on the banquet or chaperoning a trip. Most jobs are a commitment of only a few hours, but they are vital to the well-being of the orchestra and our volunteers have a lot of fun!

- **Attend the Concerts**

The students work so hard and want you to hear the finished product. Please come enjoy the music in the Lake Braddock Theatre and bring family and friends!

The Orchestra booster membership form is attached, but you can also visit the Orchestra website (<http://www.lakebraddockorchestra.com>) to download the appropriate forms or submit forms and payment online via PayPal. Forms and payment may be returned to Ms. Reed or Ms. von Bernewitz-Wright as soon as possible via the website, postal mail, at Bruin Blast on Thursday, September 1st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Booster table, or during class.

We hope you have had a great summer and it would be great to see you all before the rush of school begins. Please join us on **Wednesday, August 31st for a Pool Party at Parliament Pool (8510 Parliament Dr., Springfield, Virginia 22151) from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** All Orchestra students and parents are welcome to attend. Our first Orchestra Booster meeting for the parents will be at the pool party from 8-9 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be provided for all. Please RSVP to the pool party by emailing lboboosters@gmail.com.

Thank you,

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The Lake Braddock Orchestra Boosters, Inc. (LBOB) is a non-profit public charity (501(c)(3) incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia. LBOB's mission is to enhance the musical experience of the students who participate in the orchestra, as well as to assist the Orchestra Directors, and to promote interest and support for the orchestra program in the local community. The Lake Braddock Orchestra Program is comprised of seven orchestras involving 300 middle and high school students: Beginning, Middle and High School Concert, Middle and High School String Ensemble, Chamber, and Symphony orchestra.