



*Maury High School Orchestra  
Newsletter  
November 2009*

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*A Note from the Director*

I want to thank all the parents for their strong support over the last few weeks. I take my hat off to all the students for their superior work; they have worked very hard within the past few months to prepare for this first concert. I am sure all will enjoy our opening concert of the year on November 18<sup>th</sup>.



In this month's newsletter you will find information concerning the Wreath Fundraiser, Yard Sale and other upcoming events. As always, please contact me should you have any questions.

Ryan E. Featherer, Director  
Maury High School  
Orchestras

*Wreath Sale*

Believe it or not the wreath sale has come and gone.

The pick-up is scheduled for the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>. A bulk e-mail will be sent, giving everyone 24 hours notice of the delivery. Please make sure all orders are claimed by 5:00 PM on the specified day! If you have not been receiving emails, please contact me @

[rfeatherer@nps.k12.va.us](mailto:rfeatherer@nps.k12.va.us), so you can be added to this list!

Finally, I want to thank Mrs. Dearborn for organizing everything for this annual wreath sale!



## Yard Sale



The Saturday fundraising day has come and gone! I am happy to announce that we raised close to \$350 towards the Orchestra for much needed supplies and music. A special thanks goes to all the parents who worked the event and to Lauren Callahan who chaired the event. Mrs. Callahan is "graduating" this Spring so we need to find someone who can fill her shoes!

## Spring Trip

Just to let everyone know, we still have two student spots and two chaperone spots remaining. If you are interested please contact Mr. Featherer ASAP.

The next payment for the Spring Trip is due by November 25<sup>th</sup>. Account balance sheets will be emailed to everyone by the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> so be on the lookout. This month you will

receive credit for the September Fundraiser, Wreaths AND the ad campaign.

## Fall Concert

The first concert of the school year is Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

Students are required to be in the Orchestra room ready for warm-ups at 6:00 PM.



Please adhere to the concert dress code. Students who are not appropriately dressed will NOT perform and receive a zero for their performance grade.

To prepare for these concerts, both ensembles will hold dress rehearsals (see the dates to remember for the schedule). As per the Orchestra calendar, these rehearsals are mandatory.

See you on the 18<sup>th</sup> for our first concert of the 2009-2010 Concert Season!

### **Maury Website**

The new and improved Maury Website is coming!!!! We would like to thank Mr. O'Donnell for serving as our Web Master for this year - hopefully for a while longer! If you have any questions regarding the website, please contact Mr. O'Donnell via the website at

[www.mauryorchestra.org](http://www.mauryorchestra.org)

### **Southeastern Regional Orchestras Auditions**

Many weeks ago, several members of the Maury Orchestras audition for the Southeastern Regional Orchestra. Congratulations to the following students for placing in the 2009 Southeastern Regional Orchestra:



**Michael Adkins, Bass**  
**Christiana Nguyen, Cello**  
**Gabe Rodela, Viola**

### **Norfolk Public Schools Private Lessons Scholarship**

Congratulations go to Sabrina Satterthwaite of the Concert Orchestra for winning the Norfolk Public Schools Private Lessons Scholarship! Sabrina is an up and coming violist in 3<sup>rd</sup> block! Congrats Sabrina!

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **November 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Combined Concert  
Orchestra Rehearsal  
6-8 PM**
- **November 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Chamber Orchestra  
Rehearsal 6-8 PM**
- **November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Concert: Call for students is at 6:00 PM and the Concert begins at 7:00 PM
- **November 25<sup>st</sup>:** Trip Payment Due: \$200.00
- **Week of December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Wreath Delivery ☺