

# Kamiak Symphony Orchestra Newsletter

Welcome to our busy season!!! There is so much going on, I thought you might enjoy a little info about what is happening in the symphonic world. After each item, in parentheses, are the students included in the event, to help you figure out what applies to your child. Of course, everyone is welcome to attend any event with an audience!!!!

## Events

### **2/4/12 Solo/Ensemble** (all students who signed up to compete)

This coming Saturday, February 4 is a big day for us. Many of our students will be competing at the new Lynnwood High School in the solo/ensemble festival. Be sure to come out to support our kids. Come and hear your child and stick around to catch some others, as well. It is well worth the time to listen to the kids play. For me, it is such a thrill to hear the caliber of performers that we have in our programs. The schedule and directions to the site are on the orchestra page of the KPAB website.

On a financial note, if your student is playing in a trio, quartet or a large ensemble, ASB is covering the fee. If your student is performing as a soloist, you must get your \$15.00 payment (made out to Kamiak ASB, if you write a check) to the Kamiak Bookkeeper. Students in other ensembles may have other ASB fees. Your student can check with Mr. Steves as to what their fees are. Failure to pay these fees will interfere with obtaining future parking permits, getting a year book and graduating. These fees will not show up on your student's KPAB account, they will show up on your student's Zangle account balance. If your student has funds in his/her KPAB account, you can opt to pay these fees by transferring money from your student's KPAB account to the bookkeeper by contacting KPAB Student Accounts at [kpab.studentaccounts@gmail.com](mailto:kpab.studentaccounts@gmail.com).

### **2/11/12 Vienna Ball** (PSI and PSII strings will perform, IO students are welcome to come, free of charge)

Before you can even catch your breath from solo ensemble, it is time for the Vienna Ball. The fun starts at 6 pm on Saturday, February 11 in the Kamiak Commons with dancing lessons from professional dance instructors, from the Arthur Murray Studio in Everett. And then at 7 pm Mr. Steves will take up his baton and you can waltz the night away. Ticket envelopes were sent home this week with PSI and PSII students and are due back on Wednesday, February 8 with \$ and/or unsold tickets to Mrs. Werenka in the Commons at lunch. If you haven't seen this envelope yet, check those backpacks!!! Tickets will also be on sale in the Commons during lunch on Wednesday, February 8 and Friday, February 10, as well as at the door. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults. Additional tickets, if you need more to sell, are available by contacting Judy Werenka at [werenkaja@hotmail.com](mailto:werenkaja@hotmail.com).

In addition to dancing the night away, at the Vienna Ball you can purchase desserts and beverages, raffle tickets for a romantic getaway, complete outstanding paperwork and bring your student's account balance up to date. It is not too late to volunteer to help with this fun event. If you want to pitch in, contact me at [orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org](mailto:orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org)

### **2/17/12 All State** (Students who auditioned and qualified)

Congrats to our all-state musicians!!! We will be well represented at this honors event taking place February 17 – 19 in Yakima. Again, the fees associated with this event must be paid to Kamiak ASB with the Kamiak Bookkeeper. The participation fee is \$175. The Kamiak bus is leaving school at 8:30 AM. The cost for the bus is \$15 for each student, and again, payable to KHS ASB. Note that there is no transportation back from Yakima! Most parents will want to watch the Gala Concerts on President's Day – if not, please make carpool arrangements to get your student back home. We need a parent to ride the bus to Yakima with the kids and then come right back home, you'd be

returning to Kamiak around 2:30. If you can help out with this, or are interested but need more information, please contact Mr. Steves at [StevesBP@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:StevesBP@mukilteo.wednet.edu).

### **3/3/12 Gresham Orchestra Camp** (PSI, PSII, Wind Ensemble and Chamber Winds)

In preparation for the Gresham event, we will have coaches and a guest conductor work with our students on Saturday, March 3. PSI with winds/brass/percussion meets from 8 am to noon (breakfast snacks provided) and PSII with winds/brass/percussion meets from 10 am to 2 pm (bring a sack lunch).

All Gresham paperwork (medical forms, permission slips) and program fees (\$130 strings/\$100 winds) are past due at this time. All the forms, including financial aid forms, are on the KPAB website. Most students completed the necessary paperwork in the fall. If you did not or it was incomplete, you will be notified in class. If you have questions about your paperwork, contact Judy Werenka at [werenkaja@hotmail.com](mailto:werenkaja@hotmail.com) or me at [orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org](mailto:orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org). We will gladly accept payments and paperwork at the Vienna Ball on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Gresham chaperone training will also take place on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in being a chaperone for Gresham, watch for a separate chaperone listserve coming out in the next week or so.

### **3/9-10/12 Gresham, Oregon Festival** (PSI, PSII, Wind Ensemble and Chamber Winds)

After school on Friday, March 9 we will load up the buses with kids, gear, instruments and equipment and head off to Oregon for this wonderful festival. Lots more info will be coming to you about the Gresham trip in the coming weeks. Please note that the cost for this trip was included in the program fee, which was due in the fall, and includes the charter bus, the hotel stay, including breakfast, and dinner on Saturday evening, snacks and other misc. travel costs. Through our orchestra fundraising – Entertainment Book Sales, Messiah Concerts and Vienna Ball – we do have scholarship money available. Financial aid forms are available on the KPAB Website and are due now. The forms are called “Program Fee Financial Aid Request” forms. Students with outstanding debt will not be allowed to travel with the group.

All Gresham paperwork (medical forms, permission slips) and all fees are past due. All the forms, including financial aid forms, are on the KPAB website. Please note that most students completed the necessary paperwork in the fall. If you did not, or if it was incomplete, you will be notified in class. If you have questions about your paperwork, contact Judy Werenka at [werenkaja@hotmail.com](mailto:werenkaja@hotmail.com) or me at [orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org](mailto:orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org). We will gladly accept payments and paperwork at the Vienna Ball, on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in being a chaperone for Gresham, watch for a separate chaperone listserve coming out in the next week or so. Gresham chaperone training will also take place on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. And gentlemen, we are usually a bit short on male chaperones so check your calendars and be ready to spring into action!

### **3/13/12 District Festival Concert** (all stringlings – PSI, PSII and IO and PS I winds/brass/percussion)

All the orchestras from the west side of the district perform, both separately and all together, from the little 4<sup>th</sup> graders all the way up. It is a great way to see **ALL** your neighbors. 7:00 pm in Kamiak gym, on Tuesday, March 13.

### **3/21/12 Winter Concert** (all stringlings – PSI, PSII and IO and all symphonic winds/brass/percussion)

On Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the Kamiak PAC, all our orchestral and symphonic students will perform the pieces they have been preparing for all these events. In case you missed Gresham or can't join us at SKMEA, this is your chance to hear them at their finest.

**3/22/12 SKMEA Festival** (all stringlings – PSI, PSII and IO and all symphonic winds/brass/percussion)

This is an all day festival at the Shoreline Center on Thursday, March 22. Chaperones are needed. If you are interested, please contact me at [orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org](mailto:orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org).

To be a chaperone, you will need to complete the chaperone requirements, including the new anti-bullying training. More information will be coming about these requirements.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Student Accounts**

More attention to the fiscal health of KPAB has lead to policies regarding student debt. . **KPAB is now strictly enforcing a policy that requires all student account balances to be \$0, prior to a student participating in a trip.** This means that all fees must be paid in advance. We recognize that these are particularly difficult economic times and we would like to enable all our students to fully participate in all our programs. To that end, scholarships are available and payment schedules can be negotiated, in advance, for families with economic need. Students who would like to take advantage of either of these options, should contact Mr. Steves to discuss their specific situation.

Payments can also be made using credit cards. Please contact Karen Cunningham at [kpab.studentaccounts@gmail.com](mailto:kpab.studentaccounts@gmail.com) for more information about how to use your credit card to make payments to KPAB.

Many students have outstanding debt for recording fees or other charges. Please be sure to settle these payments by February 11th. We will be accepting payments at the Vienna Ball. If you have any questions about any charges on your account, please contact Karen Cunningham at [kpab.studentaccounts@gmail.com](mailto:kpab.studentaccounts@gmail.com). If you have not been receiving your monthly account statements, please contact Karen and provide her with a current and frequently checked email address.

Please note that due to cuts in our ASB funding, a fee has being charged for the gentlemen of PS I and PS II who use Kamiak tuxedos. The \$15.00 tux fee is being billed through ASB. Similar to the solo/ensemble fees described above, this fee can be paid using a check or cash directly to the Kamiak bookkeeper, or funds can be transferred from your student's KPAB account to ASB.

### **Fundraisers**

KPAB has a great fundraising program in place. The Scrip program is like getting "free" money. Extensive information about this new fundraiser is available on the KPAB website. Brochures are available from Mr. Steves and information will also be at the Vienna Ball. Stop by the scrip table and find out how it works!!!

Spring is already in the air and it is not too early to start thinking about the spring bulb sale. Michelline Shoemaker will be coordinating this fundraiser. Watch for future listserve notices about this program.

Many thanks to all our Booster families who have made our group and individual fundraising a success to date! This money is used for scholarships and bringing down the cost of our trips for all our student participants. Entertainment Books, Candle Sales, scrip and the Messiah have all been fiscal successes, (hopefully the upcoming Vienna Ball will be too!) due to so many hard working parents and students! Thanks for pitching in!!!

### **Program Fee**

In an effort to simplify our fees, a program fee was created for the symphonic program. This fee should be showing up on your student's KPAB student account statement. The program fee for IO students, since they do not take an overnight trip, is only \$15.00, and was due in the fall.

For PSI and PSII students, this fee includes the cost of the Gresham trip, including the hotel, buses, Saturday's dinner, snacks and other miscellaneous travel expenses. It also includes the costs of clinicians throughout the year and other extra expenses, such as extra music stands and lights. The fee was due on October 15. The payment for symphonic string players is \$130.00. The payment for wind, brass and percussion players in PSI and PSII is \$100.00. These fees are past due at this time.

Students who need financial assistance to participate in the program can request it. Contact Mr. Steves for more information on this matter. Please note that students, who have not made prior alternative payment arrangements and have an outstanding balance at the time of a trip, will not be allowed to travel with the group.

### **Summary of Volunteer Contacts**

2/6 Vienna Ball – contact me at 425-355-2625, [orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org](mailto:orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org).  
2/17 All State Bus Chaperone – contact Mr. Steves at [StevesBP@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:StevesBP@mukilteo.wednet.edu).  
3/9-10 Gresham Chaperones - contact me at 425-355-2625, [orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org](mailto:orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org).  
3/22 SKMEA Chaperones – contact me at 425-355-2625, [orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org](mailto:orchestraliaison@kamiakarts.org).  
Spring Bulb Sale – contact Michelline Shoemaker  
4/13 Showcase Benefit Dinner - contact Lani Oconnor at [loconnor26@frontier.com](mailto:loconnor26@frontier.com)

### **Calendar Summary**

2/4 Solo/Ensemble at Lynnwood High School, all day  
2/8 Vienna Ball ticket envelopes due to Mrs Werenka in the Commons at lunch time  
2/8 and 10 Vienna Ball ticket sales a lunch in the Commons  
2/9 KPAB Booster Meeting in Choir Room in the PAC at 7 pm  
2/11 Vienna Ball in Kamiak Commons, 6 pm lesson, 7 pm live music begins  
2/17-20 All State in Yakima  
3/1 KPAB Booster Meeting in Choir Room in the PAC at 7 pm  
3/3 Gresham Camp at Kamiak PAC      PSI w/winds etc 8 to noon    PSII w/winds etc 10 to 2  
3/9-10 Gresham, Oregon Festival  
3/13 District Festival concert in Kamiak gym at 7 pm  
3/21 Orchestra Concert at Kamiak PAC 7 pm  
3/22 SKMEA Festival at Shoreline Center, all day  
4/13 KPAB Showcase Benefit Dinner, at Rosehill Community Center 6 – 9 pm  
4/19 KPAB Booster Meeting in Choir Room in the PAC at 7 pm

Hope this info helps. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions,

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