

BURLEIGH MANOR MUSIC PARENTS' NOTES

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PLEASE VOLUNTEER

The music programs at BMMS need parents to help with the winter concerts. If you can help with any of the following, please contact a volunteer coordinator (listed on the left).

- **Set Up** - about 2 hours on the afternoon of the concert: set up chairs, stands, move instruments, etc. Students also help. Location: Centennial HS or BMMS. Need 6-8 people each concert.
- **Chaperone** - Stay with and monitor behavior of performers in warm-up rooms and while they are audience members. Need 9-12 people each concert.
- **Entrance Door** - take Tickets/ Money and hand out Programs at entrance beginning 1/2 hour before the concert begins; Control entrance during performance. Need 6-8 people each concert.
- **Take Down** - Return chairs, stands, and instruments immediately following performance. Students also help.
- **Programs** - Collate, staple, and fold programs before events.

BMMP WEB SITE NEWS

The Music Parents Web site now has concert guides where you can learn about performances here in Howard County, and throughout the Baltimore/Washington region. The concert guides are specific to each of the school's Music programs, and can be found in their dedicated areas of the Web site. Visit our website — www.burleighmanormusic.org

— BMMP Web Editor

From the Principal...

It is with great pleasure that I greet you in this newsletter. It is quite an honor to work in a school that is so dedicated to the fine arts. This would not be possible without the outstanding support we receive from our parent groups. As I am sure you are aware study after study has reconfirmed that students who are engaged in the fine arts are much more productive students.

The performing groups of Burleigh Manor Middle School give me great pleasure on a daily basis as I listen to them practice. We are very lucky to have high quality teachers and students who aim to be the very best.

Once again, thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing all of our parents at the upcoming concerts.

— Stephen Gibson

From the President...

Welcome to the new music school year and another year of exceptional music at Burleigh Manor Middle School! Thank you to all who responded to the volunteer forms sent out in September, some of you were already put to work at All-County Auditions! BMMP sincerely appreciates all who have pledged their time and support to the music community. Also, many thanks to the donors who have contributed to the note clubs – Burleigh Manor Music Parents are well on the way to funding program needs.

We had a tremendous turnout for the Music Orientation evening on September 8th. The evening included remarks from our new principal, Mr. Gibson, informative comments and instruction from our directors, Mr. Brodie, Mrs. Cammarata, and Mrs. Doring, and inspiring observations from Mrs. Barbara King, Howard County Supervisor of Music, retired. The evening was enjoyable for the great number of the attendees and I thank everyone who contributed to the success of the evening.

The music community at Burleigh Manor is full of activity and requires our support during the entire school year. As our lives fill with obligations, please remember to keep music as a high priority. The education our children receive through their music training supports their success in many, many ways. Please keep your enthusiasm strong and your commitment steadfast!

— Mary Ann Mattheiss

what is BMMP?

Music Calendar

November 29

Band Night Rehearsals at BMMS
Concert Band 5:30-6:15
Wind Ensemble 6:30-8:00

November 30

After school rehearsal, 2:45 pm-3:45 pm
Choir & Chamber Choir

December 6

Winter Concert I, 7:00 pm at Centennial High School
Concert Band
Wind Ensemble
Sixth Grade Chorus
Chamber Choir

December 9

Concert Snow Date
Snow dates are shared by Centennial Lane Elementary, Burleigh Manor Middle, and Centennial High on an as-needed basis.

December 13

Winter Concert II, 7:00 pm at Centennial High School
String Ensemble
Orchestra
Choir

December 19, 20, 21, 22

Concert Snow Dates
Snow dates are shared by Centennial Lane Elementary, Burleigh Manor Middle, and Centennial High as necessary.

January 11

Jazz Concert, BMMS

January 18

Jazz Concert Snow Date, BMMS

February 20 and 27

Tersiguel's Musical Feasts

BMMS Music Parents is a seven year-old group founded to support the music program in any way we can. Along with fund raising activities, we have provided assistance at concerts, field trips, and adjudications and performed other necessary behind the scenes work. With over 400 students enrolled in this program, the instructors need all the help we can give them so that they have more time to work directly with the students. Moreover, we plan to record the performances and make a double CD that you can purchase in the spring. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

The music program receives a few dollars per student (a different amount for each group) from the County. This money is the main funding for all activities, including purchasing music and trophies, and repairing and purchasing musical instruments. Needless to say, this amount falls short of the needs of the program. The *Music Parents* have therefore decided to continue the *Whole Note*, *Half Note*, and *Quarter Note Club* as its primary fund raising activity for this year.

The Club was introduced at 1999's *Back to Music night*. We are pleased to say that the club

raised over \$6,000 last year. All of the money is spent at the direction of the Music Department, with the approval of our Board. The money went to pay for new instruments, instrument repair and many other items. Both the choral and orchestra groups plan to use held over 2004-05 funds and combine them with 2005-06 funds; the choral groups are in need of new performance attire (cummerbunds and bow ties) and the orchestra groups are in need of top quality chairs for the classroom.

Many congratulations to all!

All county G/T chorus

The following students were selected as members or alternates in the All County G/T Chorus:

Katherine Anderson	Abigail Moore
Ben Blake	Wendy Moulton
Raymond Brodsky	Shannon Parrish
Tammy Bumrerjit	Samy Rabb
Christine DiStefano	Sarah Radinsky
Melissa Ernst	Stefanie Rain
jamie Fabling	Holly Rainville
Akshay Kolluri	Colin Rubright
Jenny Lee	Paul Salazar
Josie Lozano	SAdhvi Saxena
Will Malone	Daniel Seigel
Katie McFarlane	Megan Shumar
Meghan McNeil	Caroline Whittenberger
Nathan Milak	Laura Zabriski
Steve Milak	Eric Zhang

All county G/T Band

The following BMMS students either made or are alternates for this year's Howard County All County G/T Band:

Grace Abel	Paula Mykytyn
Aliana Akhtar	Nick Obrigewitch
Shayna Buchalter	Daniel Powers
Sarah Calvert	Thomas Routt
Keven Chen	Rachel Ryan
Ryan Cherng	Lindsay Scheetz
Ross Horstkamp	Carly Simenauer
Kelly Klomprens	Emily Wikner
Ryan Lacy	Sarah Williams
Lindsey Marshall	Dan Yang

CLES Band News

A message from Mr. Owens to his former CLES band students: *"Keep working hard. We're very proud of you!"* The CLES bands are off to another great start. The students are working hard to prepare for their winter concert on December 12th, and the Concert Band will play at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore again in the spring. In addition, on June 2, 2006, the Concert Band will play the national anthem at the Frederick Keys game. Please come out and support them!

CHS Concert Schedule

December 8

Winter Concert, 7:00 pm
Madrigal Singers
Concert Choir
String Orchestra

December 15

Winter Concert, 7:00 pm
Full Orchestra and Bands
Suggested donation: \$3 per individual, \$7 per family

CHS Band News

Congrats to the CHS Marching Unit for their performance at the Naval Academy on October 22. They earned "State Champions" of U.S.S.B.A. Circuit, Class IV Bands.

C.H.S. Bands will be performing on the "Rock The Boat" performance cruise to Key West and Cozumel this April.

Research Briefs: Did you know?

International Foundation for Music Research, Excerpted from American Music Conference

Researchers at the University of Montreal used various brain imaging techniques to investigate brain activity during musical tasks and found that sight-reading musical scores and playing music both activate regions in all four of the cortex's lobes; and that parts of the cerebellum are also activated during those tasks.

—Sergent, J., Zuck, E., Tenial, S., and MacDonall, B. (1992). *Distributed neural network underlying musical sight reading and keyboard performance.* *Science*, 257, 106-109.

The pace of scientific research into music making has never been greater. New data about music's relationship to brainpower, wellness and other phenomena is changing the way we perceive mankind's oldest art form, and it's having a real-world effect on decisions about educational priorities.

The briefs below provide a glimpse into these exciting developments. For a more in-depth treatment of current music science, visit The International Foundation for Music Research, and to see updates on the latest findings, check the "Build Your Case" section of SupportMusic.com.

Did You Know?

Middle school and high school students who participated in instrumental music scored significantly higher than their non-band peers in standardized tests. University studies conducted in Georgia and Texas found significant correlations between the number of years of instrumental music instruction and academic achievement in math, science and language arts. *Source: University of Sarasota Study, Jeffrey Lynn Kluball; East Texas State University Study, Daryl Erick Trent*

Did You Know?

Students who were exposed to the music-based lessons scored a full 100 percent higher on fractions tests than those who learned in the conventional manner. Second-grade and third-grade students were taught fractions in an untraditional manner < by teaching them basic music rhythm notation. The group was taught about the relationships between eighth, quarter, half and whole notes. Their peers

received traditional fraction instruction. *Source: Neurological Research, March 15, 1999*

Did You Know?

Music study can help kids understand advanced math concepts. A grasp of proportional math and fractions is a prerequisite to math at higher levels, and children who do not master these areas cannot understand more advanced math critical to high-tech fields. Music involves ratios, fractions, proportions and thinking in space and time. Second-grade students were given four months of piano keyboard training, as well as time using newly designed math software. The group scored over 27 percent higher on proportional math and fractions tests than children who used only the math software. *Source: Neurological Research March, 1999*

Did You Know?

A McGill University study found that pattern recognition and mental representation scores improved significantly

for students given piano instruction over a three-year period. They also found that self-esteem and musical skills measures improved for the students given piano instruction. *Source: Dr. Eugenia Costa-Giomi, "The McGill Piano Project: Effects of three years of piano instruction on children's cognitive abilities, academic achievement, and self-esteem," presented at the meeting of the Music Educators National Conference, Phoenix, AZ, April, 1998*

Did You Know?

Data from the National Educational Longitudinal Study of 1988 showed that music participants received more academic honors and awards than non-music students, and that the percentage of music participants receiving As, As/Bs, and Bs was higher than the percentage of non-participants receiving those grades. *Source: National Educational Longitudinal Study of 1988 First Follow-Up (1990), U.S. Department of Education.*

Don't
MISS it!

December 11, at 8 pm, Rouse Theater

The Howard Regional Youth Orchestra will have its first concert of the 2005-06 season. Our own Kathy Cammarata is the Music Director for this outstanding group of student musicians. For more information, visit www.hryo.org.

Thank you for your financial support of our performing music programs here at Burleigh Manor. Following is a list of current Burleigh Manor Music Parents Note Club Contributors 2005-2006.

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Half Note

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The Note club Needs you!

The Note Club is BMMP's fundraising program. Whole Note sponsors donate \$100, Half Note sponsors donate \$50, and Quarter Note sponsors donate \$25. Whole Note sponsors receive 4 complimentary tickets, which can be used at all concerts throughout the year, Half Note sponsors receive 2 tickets, and Quarter Note sponsors receive 1 ticket (please keep your complimentary tickets for the entire school year!). Along with the tickets, your sponsor name is published in each concert program throughout the year under the designated club that you select. Donations received by Nov. 30 will be acknowledged in the Winter Concert Programs. Please let us know if you prefer not to be listed in the program or would like to be classified in a club of Special donors.

All donations are tax deductible since we are an approved 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We welcome corporate, personal and family sponsors. If you would like to contribute, kindly complete the form below and return it in an envelope marked "BMMP" to any of the music instructors or to the main office at Burleigh Manor. Please be sure to **indicate your name as you wish it to appear in the program** and make checks payable to **Burleigh Manor Music Parents, Inc, or just BMMP**. If you have already given, thanks again!

Name (as you want it to appear in the concert program)

Address

City State Zip

Phone

Please check your preference:

- Whole note Club \$100
- Half Note Club \$50
- Quarter Note Club \$25
- Other \$ _____
- Please do not list my name in the concert program.