

Today was Picture Day: Orchestra pictures were taken today and things flowed fairly smoothly. There are several uniforms that were left in the Orchestra room after school. Please pick them up before leaving school on Friday. They are NOT in a locked area and we can't be responsible if uniform pieces go missing.

Tomorrow, Friday November 4 is Guest Clinician Day: Mr. Antoine Khouri, of Miami Dade College, will be a guest clinician working with each Orchestra throughout the day. Mr. Khouri's credentials include working with several professional recording musicians and he is the co-director of the Miami String Project, a top-level youth string chamber ensemble. Students must wear their Orchestra T-Shirts or polos on this day as that is their signal to teachers (combined with correspondence from Ms. Caballero) that they should be excused from their non-orchestra class for their designated period as required. The schedule is as follows:

- Freshman Orchestra will meet Periods 2-3.
- Symphony Orchestra will meet Periods 4-5 and have lunch during 6th.
- Concert Orchestra will meet Period 7.
- Chamber will meet period 8 and until 4PM afterschool.

This will be a great experience for the entire orchestra!

Also tomorrow is the day to pick up your Yankee Candle order: The delivery was this morning and several students picked up their orders today. If you were not in that group, please make plans to pick them up after school on Friday Call Doreen Tucker at 813-629-1233 if you have questions or have missing or damaged items. We have only 5 days from delivery to notify the company of problems.

The Ushering Program is about halfway through its season. Several students have participated in this no cost way to raise money for the Spring Trip or to pay for required fees. Call Warren Smith at (813) 787-0763 or e-mail him at bhsoup@gmail.com to check on upcoming opportunities at USF Bulls or Tampa Bay Bucs games and upcoming concerts at Raymond James Stadium. Earn at least \$25 for watching a football game OR a concert. Who can hate that?

Tuesday, November 8 is the Music Department's Veteran's Day evening concert (Chamber Orchestra only): The concert begins at 7PM. 6:15 is show time for Chamber students. Concert Uniforms are required for this event.

Thursday, November 10 is an in school Veteran's Day assembly (Chamber Orchestra only): Chamber polo shirts, black pants and black shoes are the required dress for the assembly.

Thursday, November 17 is annual MPAs at Brandon High School (Freshman, Symphony, and Chamber Orchestras): This is our annual music performance assessment. The days schedule is as follows:

Freshmen: (3 Chaperones required*)

- Meet in Orchestra AFTER 1st period to change into uniforms
- Board busses to be at Brandon HS by 9:00
- Perform at 9:30
- Return to school by 11:00
- Eat lunch during 5th period
- Attend normal classes 6-8

Symphony: (4 Chaperones required*)

- Eat Lunch 4th period
- Change into uniforms and be ready to board busses at start of 5th period
- Perform at 1:00
- Return to school at end of 8th period (end of school)

Chamber: (2 Chaperones required*) Transportation required**

- Eat Lunch 4th period
- Change into uniforms and be ready to board busses at start of 5th period
- Perform at 2:30
- Return to school by 4:00 (This is after bus service, so plan accordingly.)

*Contact Leslie Pedigo (rpedigo@tampabay.rr.com) if you can help with chaperoning.

**Chamber members will need transportation back from Brandon HS. If you can assist with this, please contact Leslie or Ms. Caballero.

Wednesday, November 30 is All-County Audition day: This is being held at **King High School**. Transportation is student, not a school responsibility.

Saturday, December 3 is Twin Lakes Concert (Chamber only): Chamber will perform at the Twin Lakes Park. Transportation details will be forthcoming. Uniform: Chamber Polos

Monday, December 12 is the Winter Concert: Performance begins at 7PM with student show time being 6:15 as it was in October. Concert Orchestra will have the after concert clean-up duties.

Thursday, December 15th is Tampa Airport concert (Chamber only): Chamber will perform at the Tampa Airport from 10-11 am. Lunch will be at the International Mall before coming back to school. Transportation details will be forthcoming. Uniform: Chamber Polos

Friday, December 16: Last day of school before break.

Monday, January 2, 2012: Students return to school