
Greetings from your new Music Boosters!

With the support of Mr. Duray we invite all parents of students in the BCHS Music Department to be a part of the Music Boosters. The mission of the Boosters is to connect parents of Music Students to the music department and each other through communication, opportunities to volunteer, and administrative support for the department.

The start of school is always an exciting, busy time. Several items of note are below:

1) **SCHEDULE**

- [August 18, 19](#)
- **Choir Auditions** for Vox Troiano (concert choir) and Sounds of Silas (small a capella ensemble). Auditions are Thursday after school or Friday during seminar--spread the word!
- [August 26, 2022](#)
- **Band:** Varsity Football vs Arsenal Tech
- [August 31, 2022](#)
- **All bands and choirs:** Annual Fund Dinner
- [September 9](#)
- **Band:** Varsity Football vs Cathedral
- [October 6, 2022](#)
- **All bands and choirs:** Fall Concert

Additional dates (such as Veteran's Day and the Christmas Concert) will be forthcoming.

2) **SCHOOL MASS**

Mass is generally every Thursday at 9:30a in the gym. Various musicians serve in this ministry each week. Parents are always welcome to attend.

3) **TROJAN TAILGATES**

Plan to gather with music families before most home football games, near the "Trojan Horse" cookout! We look forward to building the music community. Burgers are a freewill donation, "pitch-in" side dishes are encouraged. (We will communicate specific location before games, typically near the SBC building).

4) **FOOTBALL CONCESSIONS FUNDRAISER**

Be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius to staff the concession stand at one of the home football games this fall! 20% of proceeds will go toward music funds for t-shirts and other initiatives.

5) **YARD SIGNS**

Back by popular demand! “Bishop Chatard Music” (and theater) yard signs for your home are available to order now! Deadline to order is August 22nd.

<https://www.bishopchatard.org/arts-yard-signs/>

(Contact Amy Taylor with questions)

6) **PARENT CONTACT INFO/student shirt size**

We appreciate Mr. Duray forwarding messages, but please complete this BRIEF google form so we have your preferred contact info for music booster updates. Be sure to include your child’s t-shirt size for a music shirt which they can grow into (and thus wear for several years). If you have multiple students in the program, please submit the form separately for each student.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mdWuRgmaLncEg3hktfbwoqjaNHMdaDLTpQQJM_gymzk/edit)

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7) **OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING**

Most weeks, Band will meet at 7a on T/W, and Vox Choir on Th/F. We know those early rehearsals can be tough....(but hey- it’s better than making up courses in summer school!) To provide encouragement to our students (and our director!), please feel free to sign up for occasional breakfast pitch-ins (to be served after rehearsal, easy, low mess!):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544a8a72aa20-music>

8) **TWITTER**

You may be aware that many student organizations use Twitter to post upcoming events and promote their students. Parents, students and faculty “follow” various accounts and tweet and retweet to quickly share information. We encourage you to follow our NEW Twitter account, **Bishop Chatard Music (@BC_MusicDept)**. Please feel free to retweet posts and share photos/updates with Jennifer Dixon at 317-294-3073.

*Note: Twitter will NOT be the comprehensive source for schedule announcements and reminders. Your student is responsible for knowing and communicating all scheduling concerns directly with Mr. Duray.

9) **CONCERT RECORDING**

We are looking for a volunteer or referral to someone who is familiar with recording/uploading events. Out of town grandparents (and our students!) would really enjoy watching the main concerts on YouTube, Vimeo, etc (Fall, Christmas, & Spring), for years to come. Please contact Judy Lam at JKingLam@gmail.com or 317-985-4427 if you are interested or have any ideas/knowledge to share.

10) **QUESTIONS**

Several parents have offered to help answer questions and assist new families. Please feel free to reach out any time:

Judy Lam (Ben) Band & Vox choir; (317) 985-4427

Jennifer Dixon (Jack) Vox & Sounds of Silas Choirs; (317) 294-3073

Amy Taylor (Lucy & Andrew) Band, Vox, & Sounds of Silas Choirs; (317) 496-5355

Kristi Bourgeois (Marguerite) Vox & Sounds of Silas Choirs; (317) 979-4601

Kim Moriarty (Agnes) Band, Vox, & Sounds of Silas Choirs; (317) 225-8913

Chrissy Haas (Matthew) Band & Vox Choirs; (317) 919-2371

Amanda Jarzyniecki (Zeke) Vox & Sounds of Silas Choirs; (317) 507-8346

Victoria Zink (Aidan) Vox Choir; (317) 627-7289

The Music Boosters will provide support with recruitment, camaraderie, community-building, recognition, and promotion throughout the school year. Look for more possible opportunities to volunteer in the future with the Open House, robe steaming, photography, locker signs, locker buddies, music department trip, and concert promotion. If you would like to take part in planning discussions for future ideas, please contact Judy Lam or Jennifer Dixon (see contact info above).

As Mark Duray reminds us, Bishop Chatard Music will be a light....delivering truth, beauty and goodness through the arts.

May God bless all of our BCHS Musicians!