

# Los Altos High School

## Instrumental Music

### Boosters

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**Welcome to Los Altos High School's 2019-2020 Instrumental Music Program!** Ted Ferrucci, Director of Instrumental Music, has planned another outstanding year for the music classes on campus: String Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra; Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands; Marching Band/Color Guard; plus our winter programs.

All parents of instrumental students are automatically members of Instrumental Music Boosters, but we encourage you to be an ACTIVE member! The success of these programs depends on your participation and it is a great way to meet other parents and be involved in your student's high school life. You can ensure your student has an enriching experience in many ways:

**Join the Instrumental E-List.** Information will be emailed to parents. From the LAHS homepage, select "ELists" from the navigation menu and join the Instrumental Music and the Marching Band/Color Guard group e-lists.

**Attend Music Booster Meetings.** Share your ideas, hear the Music Director's update, and learn what our current activities and needs are. Meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Band Room (803). Our first meeting will be Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Volunteer, it's fun.** We encourage parents to help and join the fun. If you're a Marching Band/Color Guard parent, we will need pre-season and competition volunteers.

**Donate generously to the Music Boosters.** Instrumental Music Boosters is the **sole** parent/community source of funding for the instrumental music department and pays 95% of the department's expenses. We do not hold major fundraising events, but rely primarily on our Direct Appeal Campaign for donations from the parents and community. You are welcome to make a donation via the LAHS Parent Membership and Donation Form included in this packet OR watch for more details in the direct appeal letter that is mailed to enrolled music families later in the summer.

**Check the web.** Information is posted on our website: At the top left of the LAHS homepage under "Performing Arts" --> "Instrumental Music" --> "Instrumental Music Boosters."

**Marching Band Students,** please check the Instrumental Music Department website. In August, you will find everything you'll need to launch the season, from registration forms to the season's schedule. Band Camp kicks off Monday, 8/12. Everyone is welcome -- join us in the band room that day to see if this is an activity for you. No music experience is required! **Each season of Marching Band and Color Guard qualifies for one semester PE exemption during the 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade years.** Band Camp week concludes with our **Annual Family BBQ & Swim party on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> in the LAHS quad.** We also plan to host an **information session for parents new to Marching Band on the evening of Thursday, 8/15.**

Finally, the Music Boosters has an extensive Board made of experienced parents. They're ready to help you navigate the music department. Find out who they are on our website and feel free to contact them.

Questions? Feel free to email us. We are committed to making this year both successful and enjoyable for all.

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