



Newsletter

1st Quarter, 2016-2017

Letter from the President

Welcome to all Lake Forest High School music families. Our first newsletter contains information to help you prepare for the musical year. The newsletter is prepared by a member of Applause (thank you Kim) so, as always, we invite you to join Applause, the parent organization that directly supports the LFHS music programs. To join Applause, please follow this link:

[Click here to join Applause.](#)

Here are some of the programs Applause supports:

Band (Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Percussion, Advanced Percussion, Jazz, Jazz Combo, Holiday Ensembles, Chamber Ensembles, and Spring Musical Pit)
Choir (Mixed Chorus, Select Singers, Concert Choir, Balladiers, Foresters, Madrigals, Bel Canto, Glee Club, and Spring Musical)
Orchestra (Concert, Symphony, Spring Musical Pit, String Chamber Ensembles, and Holiday Strings)
Theory & Guitar (Music Theory & Composition, AP Music Theory, Guitar Technique & Musicianship, Guitar Group)

In addition to these wonderful curricular and co-curricular music activities, there are many other activities that go on throughout the year. Here is a sample of some other music department activities:

ILMEA District and All-State Festivals, North Shore Honor Band, Solo and Ensemble Contests, Spring Break Music tours to Europe, LFHS Music Honors Solo Competition, Music Department and Applause awards and scholarships, leadership opportunities within all ensembles, professional private lessons during and after the regular school day, and hand-bell choir.

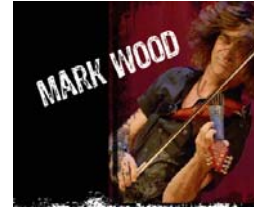
Of special note, on Nov. 2nd our Orchestra, combined with the DPM orchestra will give a special Electric Orchestra concert. This has been made possible by an Applause grant as well as a Spirit of 67 grant. **All** are invited to attend. Be sure to mark this special concert on your calendar. See below to find out more about the special program with **Mark Wood event**.

Thank you.
Joyce Allen, Applause president.

Upcoming Special Events

Electric Orchestra Festival

ELECTRIFY YOUR STRINGS! ROCK ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE COMES TO *Deer Path Middle School & Lake Forest High School Orchestras*. **WORLD-RENOWNED ELECTRIC VIOLINIST MARK WOOD WILL PERFORM WITH STUDENTS November 2, 2016 at 7:00PM Lake Forest HS: Raymond Moore Auditorium.**



International recording artist and Emmy award winning composer **Mark Wood**, an original member of the multiplatinum selling Trans-Siberian Orchestra and creator of the revolutionary Viper electric violin, is bringing his groundbreaking music education program ***Electrify Your Strings!*** (EYS) to Deer Path Middle School & Lake Forest High School. This exciting event will transform the student musicians into a full-fledged Rock Orchestra! Mark will be performing with the students on his handcrafted 7-string fretted electric Viper violin as part of the 2016-2017 *Electrify Your Strings!* "Victory Tour" on **November 2, 2016 in the Raymond Moore Auditorium at 7PM**. The audience will be entertained by Mark's original material, as well as his exciting arrangements of music by Led Zeppelin, The Beatles, and more. The orchestra students will perform in a live concert alongside Mark Wood, open to the public. To prepare for this concert, Mark will be teaching the students improvisation, composition, and personal expression on their violins, violas, cellos and basses. One of Mark's electric violins will be auctioned after the performance.

The program – now in its **17th year** – is a music education experience like no other. Wood and his team work directly with a school's orchestra director to tailor-design a rock orchestra makeover complete with a public performance at the end of the experience. EYS builds on the strong foundation in traditional music provided by music teachers; creating a partnership with educators that inspires students and boosts their self-esteem and motivation on stage and off. EYS has been featured on The Today Show, The CBS Evening News, and many more.

Mark Wood is the owner and operator of Wood Violins, the premier manufacturer of electric orchestra string instruments worldwide. He studied under Maestro Leonard Bernstein, is a Juilliard-trained violinist and Emmy-winning composer. In addition to his solo career and his work with the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Mark has worked with Celine Dion, Lenny Kravitz, Billy Joel and more.

For more information on *Electrify Your Strings!* please visit www.electrifyyourstrings.com To find out more about Mark Wood, please visit www.markwoodmusic.com .

Citrus Sale

The Band and Orchestra students will be selling citrus during the month of October. 50% of the sale is profit which is credited to the individual students selling and goes to offset their costs of the Band/Orchestra Spring Break Music Tour of Italy. Please contact a Band or Orchestra student directly, or follow this link to the Citrus Sale website to purchase from individual band students:

[Click here for the LFHS Citrus Sale](#)

Citrus will be available for pick-up during the first week in December.



Spaghetti Dinner

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Holiday Concerts & Applause Spaghetti Dinner for Sunday, December 11th, 2016.

3:00pm-4:30pm Band & Orchestra Concert

4:45pm-6:45pm Applause Spaghetti Dinner with Dinner Entertainment provided by Band, Orchestra and Choral Students

7:00pm Choral Concert

Look for Invitations with the ticket sales information to arrive in the mail mid-November.

Help is needed with set-up, cleanup, decorations, desserts, etc. To volunteer to assist with the Spaghetti Dinner please click here: [2016 Spaghetti Dinner Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Should you have any questions regarding the Spaghetti Dinner, please contact Kristin Puryear at kristin.puryear@gmail.com.

Veterans Day Observances (Band)

The Band will perform in Veterans Day Observances on November 11th, in both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Observances and performances 8am-12pm.

Market Square Tree Lighting Ceremony (Choir)

The Madrigal Choir will perform, as is tradition, at the November 25th Tree Lighting Ceremony in Lake Forest Market Square, beginning at 4:45pm.

Band News

The block schedule allowed time for Mr. O'Connor to take the Marching Band onto the field to practice marching in formation. During the September 2nd opening game at Varsity Field, the LFHS Marching Band marched into and 'L F' formation during halftime. This was very exciting for the students, and very well received by all in attendance.

The Band (and Orchestra) is going on the Spring Break Music Tour of Italy. The itinerary includes Rome, Florence, Venice, and Milan. Band members will be selling citrus to help offset their individual costs of the trip (please see under Special Events in beginning of this newsletter).

Band News (continued)

The October 7th home Varsity football game is also Band Night. The Band will be playing with 8th graders from DPM & Lake Bluff, and there will be an estimated 200 kids on the field.

The October 21st home Varsity football game is also Senior Night. Band members will be honored on Senior night, along with Senior Football players and Senior Cheer members.

The November 10th Band Festival will have an All-American theme. The Band Festival falls between the November 8th Election Day, and November 11th Veterans Day.

On November 11th, LFHS Band will perform in Veterans Day Observances in both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

Choir News

Congratulations to Tim Haskett in beginning his 30th year as Choir teacher at LFHS! Tim has now taught the children of previous students. Tim and Natasha have recently conducted the auditions for the audition-level curricular and co-curricular choirs.

The Glee Club has begun practice on Tuesday mornings, 7:25am to 8:10am. The Glee Club is open to the public, and is comprised of students, faculty, parents and the general Lake Forest and Lake Bluff public and has roughly 65 to 75 participants. The Glee Club performs at all Choral Concerts.

Last year, Applause provided a grant for Bel Canto costumes, and Natasha is in the process of placing the order for black dresses and costume pearls for the Bel Canto choir.

At the conclusion of the October 18 and October 26 Choral concerts, "When You Walk Alone/Climb Every Mountain" will be performed by all Choral groups together.

The Choir students will hold their traditional Cheesecake Sale throughout December and January. Proceeds will be credited to the individual students selling, and will be held to offset the costs of next years Choir Spring Break Music Tour to Italy. In addition to the cheesecake sale, new this year the Choirs will also sell butter braided bread loaves during the month of October. Like the proceeds from the cheesecake sales, the butter braid proceeds will be held in individual seller accounts to help offset their costs for next years Italy trip.

Orchestra News

The Symphony Orchestra performed in the Commons at the September 7 Open House. This has been a tradition since the addition of the Commons in 2008.

Mark Wood will be working with the LFHS Concert and Symphony Orchestras, as well as the DPM 8th Grade Orchestra. Mark Wood will work for two days with the orchestra students, preparing them to give an electric strings rock performance. This will be an amazing experience for the orchestra students, as well as an amazing concert for all to attend. The concert will be held on November 2nd at 7:00pm in the RMA. Following the performance, there will be refreshments, photos and autographs in the Commons.

The Orchestra (and Band) will be going on the Spring Break Music Tour to Italy. The itinerary includes Rome, Florence, Venice, and Milan. Individual members of the orchestra will be selling citrus during the month of October, the profits of which will help offset their individual costs of the music tour.

Those orchestra students who may be interested in participating in the Pit Orchestra for the Spring Musical "Urinetown", please see Mr. Bassill. The pit orchestra will not begin until mid-winter, but interest should be expressed to Mr. Bassill this fall.





Applause News

At the end of the 2015-2016 school year, at the Awards Ceremony on May 25, 2016, President Joyce Allen presented the APPLAUSE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC (Senior Awards). The \$500 Scholarships were presented to the following three winners at the May 25th Awards Ceremony:

Band: Marisa Sardo
 Orchestra: Allen Yuan
 Vocal: Dana Pepowski
 Other: Christopher Fischer

Late last spring, Applause awarded merit-based grants of \$250 to seven students. These grants were for summer music programs. Here is the list of grant recipients and the music programs they attended.

Name	Year	Instrument	Camp
Katherine Jemian	2019	French Horn	Illinois Summer Youth Music Program at Univ. of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign
Jack Lazarus	2017	Cello	Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp (Twin Lake, MI)
Katie Pierce	2019	Oboe	Illinois Summer Youth Music Program at Univ. of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign
Nikole Tzioufas	2019	Voice	Performing Arts Summer Theatre Academy (Gorton Center, Lake Forest)
Kate Stephenson	2019	Cello & Voice	Interlochen Music Camp (Interlochen, MI)
Maddie Stephenson	2017	Violin & Piano	Interlochen Music Camp (Interlochen, MI)
Emmet Winter	2018	French Horn & Harp	Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp (Twin Lake, MI)