



Willow Road Instrumental Music Boosters
Parent Booster Board Meeting

Sept. 21, 2016, Hart Middle School, MPR

Welcome & Introductions:

Thank you for attending the first of two Parent Meetings with the WRIMB Board. As we plan for the 2016-17 school year, parent input and participation are vital to the success of the Hart Band Boosters.

The WRIMB Board Members 2016-17:

President: Lara Qureshi

Vice-President: Cheryl Goebel

Secretary: Holly Crane

Treasurer: Susan Xu (Gan)

Web Administrator: Ann Fisher

Trip Coordinators: Anna Skvortsova and Mona Sethi

Facts about the Hart Band & Strings Program:

- We have 382 students in the Hart Band & Strings program this year.
- The instrumental music dept. receives just \$175 per year.
- We have one full-time music director and one part-time 6th grade band teacher.
- Two professional musicians teach weekly Jazz Combos and Strings Quartets (4-5 classes per week)
- Other clinicians visit throughout the year with an expertise in percussion, strings bass and more.
- Our 8th grade Symphonic Band, Strings Orchestra and Jazz Band go on a trip each year - this year we have over 100 students participating in our New Orleans trip.
- We have 4 concerts per year at which all band and strings students play - Pancake Breakfast, Winter Concert, Hart Beat Dinner and Spring Concert.
- Hart Band & Strings students attend as many as 7 field trips and festivals throughout the year.

What is the role of the Hart Band/Strings Booster?

Willow Road Instrumental Music Boosters (WRIMB) is a parent organization dedicated to supporting the instrumental music program at Hart. Our two main fundraising efforts are the Pancake Breakfast & Craft Fair on Oct. 1 and the Hart Beat Dinner on April 22. The money raised from our fundraisers go to:

- Purchase of instruments
- Repair of instruments (big expense)
- Purchase new music
- Help fund clinicians
- Support Trips
- Pay for Festivals
- Enter State conference for Honor Groups

In addition to fundraising, WRIMB helps address the demands of our large instrumental music program and assist Mr. Aquilina with the needs of the students, parents and the program in general.

WRIMB Financial Overview:

Hart's Band Booster covered a total of \$51,000 of the Hart Band & Strings expenses in the 2015-16 school year. Some of the expenses included:

Music Program Education Expense (Clinicians): \$11,000

Field Trips and Festivals: \$3,500

Support for Washington DC Trip: \$7,500

Sheet Music: \$1,800

Instrument Acquisitions (Drums, stringed instruments): \$11,000

Instrument Repair & Maintenance: \$5,000

Recognition & Awards: \$1,500

Concert Facility Rentals, Concert Recordings: \$1,500

Fundraising Events:

WRIMB hosts two fundraising events per year to raise funds for Hart's instrumental music program. Naturally since the program is by nature - entertainment, our fundraising events are centered around the musical performances of your students.

Pancake Breakfast & Craft Fair Fundraiser - Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016

If you have not purchased tickets for this great event, you can do it now. The students will be playing for 3 hours. We'll have breakfast, Peet's coffee, craft vendors selling their unique merchandise and really fun raffle prizes. Bring the grandparents, the neighbors, siblings - all your family & friends are welcome. We need volunteers to make this a successful event so please check our website (thomashartmusic.org) for volunteer signs ups.

Hart Beat Dinner - April 22, 2017

Save the date for WRIMB's biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual Hart Beat Dinner which will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. You can help us make this event a great success by donating time or items for silent and live auctions. Last year we had a great group of volunteers who had a lot of fun helping with this event. Please sign-up to help.

How Can Parents Help?

There are many opportunities for all parents to help. Read your emails from the Boosters so you know what's coming up. Sign up for a shift at our fundraising events. Offer to be a driver or chaperone for a field trip. Ask your employer if they have a Matching Fund program for donations. Come to the fundraisers and enjoy yourself - maybe spend a few bucks. We are always looking for donations for our raffle in Oct. and our auction in April. Do you have a vacation home that you can offer for a week, how about a tickets to a sporting event or show, personal services such as a photographer that you can donate as a package for our auction. Our Hart Beat Dinner and Auction is the most important fundraising event of the year and we depend on the support and donations of our parents and the community to make it successful.

Calendar of Events - Fall/Winter:

Oct. 1 - Pancake Breakfast and Craft Fair at Hart

Dec. 12 - 6th Grade Winter Concert at Hart MPR

Dec. 19 - 7th & 8th Grade Winter Concert at PMS MPR

Jan. 19 - SF Symphony Field Trip (Strings 2, 3 and Symphonic Band).

New Orleans Trip (Mar. 29-Apr. 1, 2017):

Report from Anna Skvortsova & Mona Sethi, Trip Coordinators

Next WRIMB Parent Board Meeting - Jan 18, 2017

Please join us for our second Parent meeting in January. We will be accepting nominations of next year's Band Booster Board.

Thank you for attending the WRIMB Parent Meeting.

More information at www.thomashartmusic.org or email info@thomashartmusic.org.