



# The String

Reagan Orchestra Booster Club

April 2017

## SAVE THE DATE

**Apr 6 5:00pm**

Recital Hour

@ Independence Hill

**May 15 Time TBA**

Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction

**May 15 7:00pm**

Spring Concert

**May 19 6:30pm**

Reagan Orchestra Banquet  
Holiday Inn Airport

## DID YOU KNOW?

The ROBC Silent Auction committee is hard at work soliciting donations for the Silent Auction on May 15<sup>th</sup>?

Great Excursions and Gifts include:

- Omni Hotel Stay-Any Omni
- Hyatt Regency Hill Country Stay and Golf
- Hyatt Regency Austin Stay
- La Cantera Hill Country Resort Stay and Breakfast
- Sea World Admission and Gift
- Natural Bridge Caverns Discovery Passes
- Santikos Passes
- Morgan's Wonderland Passes
- Schlitterbahn Waterpark Passes
- Bowl and Barrel Passes
- Top Golf Gift Card
- ...and so much more!

Have a donation or gift to offer?  
Contact Jim at  
[robvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:robvicepresident@gmail.com)

## Students Compete at UIL

The Annual UIL Competition was held at Alamo Heights High School March 6-8. Reagan competed with seven orchestras, two full orchestras and five string orchestras, making Reagan one of only two NEISD schools with both varsity and non-varsity full orchestras. All orchestras competed in two categories: concert performances and a sight reading contest. During sight reading, the orchestra is given less than ten minutes to read new music, receive instruction from the Director, and perform the piece for the first time to three judges.

Symphony Orchestra earned Sweepstakes earning the highest rating of "1" in both concert and sight reading contests. Philharmonic received ratings of "1" in the concert competition. Special thanks to Mr. Mason Daffinee, Reagan Band Director, for sharing his time,

talent, and students for the non-varsity full orchestra. Chamber, Sinfonia, and Bravura also earned sweepstakes in their events while combined Camerata and Philharmonia earned a "1" in the concert competition.

Congratulations Rattlers!



## Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction

Prior to the Spring Concert on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the ROBC will host a fundraising dinner and silent auction to benefit the education, performances, and activities of the Reagan Orchestra. This is a great time to take a break from cooking to support your orchestra and join the orchestra family in celebrating the great work of this program. The directors, students, administration, volunteers, donors, and parents all contribute to a successful year of education, performances, competitions, and even a clinic at Disney.

Dinner will be catered as a burger bar (chicken or beef), salad, water, and a cookie with more information to come. In the meantime, the ROBC is asking parents to ask businesses which they frequent for donations to our silent auction. We are also in need of two to three volunteers to coordinate and pick up donations and set up the silent auction to arrange donations and manage bid sheets. Contact Jim at [robvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:robvicepresident@gmail.com) to volunteer or offer donations. We hope to see you there!!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Disney Clinic a Success!

While visiting Disney this Spring Break, Reagan Orchestra students filled their days with orchestra clinics, activities, and yes, even theme park rides visiting a new park every day. While they had fun and made memories, students learned and worked with a Disney Performing Arts musician who led the ensemble in a performance with classic Disney tunes. At the end of the workshop, the students recorded their own soundtrack with special effects to the final scenes of *The Little Mermaid*. Great job representing Reagan! Check out more pictures at [reaganorchestra.weebly.com/gallery](http://reaganorchestra.weebly.com/gallery)



### Students Share Music with the Community

Residents from Independence Hill were excited and honored to join the audience at the pre-UIL Concert on February 27th. They even posed with FANGS UP!

The residents enjoyed the concert so much that students will play their solo and ensemble performances in a recital hour April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm at Independence Hill. We are so very proud of our Orchestra students for sharing their love and talent for music with the community. Way to go Rattlers!

## REAGAN ORCHESTRA BOOSTER CLUB

### Annual Orchestra Banquet

Don't forget the Annual Orchestra Banquet is scheduled May 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the Holiday Inn Airport! Invitations have been mailed and rsvp is requested as soon as possible. The night will offer dinner, entertainment, and awards amongst directors, students, and even parents. Mark your calendar for a full night of fun!

### Amazon Fundraiser

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