



The String

Reagan Orchestra Booster Club

February 2017

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 4 8a-5p

Solo and Ensemble
Lee High School

Feb 16 & 18 8:00pm

Realizations: Tristan and Isolde
Carlos Alvarez Studio Theatre

Feb 27 7:00pm

Pre-UIL Concert

May 15 7:00pm

Spring Concert

May 19 6:00pm

Reagan Orchestra Banquet
Holiday Inn Airport

Did You Know...

That high school music students have higher grade point averages than non-music students?

-National Educational Longitudinal Study, 1988

That schools with the highest academic achievement spend at least 20% of their school day in fine arts, especially in music?

-International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement Test, 1988

That a study of 7,500 university students showed that music majors have higher reading scores than others?

-Phi Delta Kappa, "The Case for Music in Schools," 1994

That students who learn music in middle school and high school show higher levels of math proficiency than others?

-Catterall, Chapleau, and Iwanaga, "Involvement in the Arts and Human Development," 1999

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Students Compete at Solo and Ensemble

The Annual Solo and Ensemble competition is on Saturday, February 4th at Robert E. Lee High School. The competition provides students an opportunity to play as a soloist or in a small ensemble of two to eight students to showcase their talent as individuals and as teams. Judges then rate the performances and add personalized feedback. The competition also gives them the opportunity to qualify for the state competition held at the University of Texas at Austin campus in May. Good luck Rattlers!

Reagan Orchestra Banquet Planning Underway

Mark your calendars for the Annual Reagan Orchestra Banquet scheduled for May 19 6:00pm at the Holiday Inn Airport! The directors, students, and parents always have a good time celebrating their accomplishments as a whole and individually by acknowledging competition awards and even individual awards. The banquets also provide the students a much needed year end social outlet. Don't miss it!

Chamber Orchestra of San Antonio and Opera San Antonio Partner with the ROBC

The Chamber Orchestra of San Antonio, in collaboration with the Opera San Antonio, is offering our program a percentage of sales to the ROBC of the Realizations: Tristan and Isolde performances on Feb 16 and 18, 2017 8:00pm at the Carlos Alvarez Studio Theatre. The performance is a timeless medieval love story arranged by Jean-Pierre Arbaud for chamber orchestra, soprano, and narrator. For the ROBC to receive the 20% per ticket donation, please go to either the Tobin Center or Chamber Orchestra of San Antonio websites to order tickets and use CODE REAGANORCH.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Reagan Fine Arts Students Win Seats in All-State

The Texas Music Educators Association is the largest music educators association in the country dedicated to music education excellence. TMEA sponsors the annual All-Region and All-State auditions where 64,000 students from across the state submit blind recorded auditions in string orchestra, philharmonic orchestra, and symphony orchestra.

This year, TMEA selected two Reagan High School students for the highest honor, playing for the All-State Orchestras. Congratulations Jared Lange, bass and Jenny Zhang, violin! They will attend a three-day rehearsal during the clinic and convention closing with a performance on Feb 11 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.



Congratulations and Good Luck Jared and Jenny!

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Parent Volunteers Needed

The ROBC Board is asking all orchestra parents to please volunteer at performances, competitions, and activities. The ROBC parent volunteers are planning, fundraising, and working each performance and can not tend to the remaining needs of the orchestra. Volunteers are needed to chaperone competitions during the school day, chaperone orchestras during evening performances, assist in dinner distribution, assist in fundraising activities, and various other activities. If you are available to lend an hour or two during the work day or in the evening during performances, please contact Tricia Barton at robcpresident@gmail.com.

Spirit Nights Prove Successful

Spirit Night Fundraising at restaurants and businesses is paying off! This school year, we have dined and fundraised together at Chick-fil-A, Wendy's, Jett's Pizza, Taco Cabana, and Jersey Mike's Subs. Because of our supporting businesses and parents, we have raised \$1,067.86 in just five months for the Reagan Orchestra! The Barnes & Noble fundraiser and performance gained us an additional \$798! Our orchestra community of teachers, students, and parents already know the caliber of talent in the Reagan Orchestra, but being able to raise money and share music at the same time is a win-win-win for the students, the ROBC, and the community at large, each of which is an important aspect of our mission. Funds raised pay for expenses such as new bass stools and cello and bass rentals. The district budget does not fully fund the Reagan Orchestra and ROBC funds supplement the education, performances, and competitions of the Reagan High School Orchestra. Thank you for your support!

Silent Auction Requests

Do you own a business? Are you an independent consultant in beauty products, jewelry, cooking items, etc? Do you frequent a restaurant or business so often that management knows your name? If so, please help us by donating from your business or asking for a donation to be included in our annual Silent Auction, a significant fundraiser for our program. We have already received gift cards, fitness memberships, and even a hover board! Any gift is appreciated! Interested parties and potential volunteers should contact Jim Schuppenhauer at robvicepresident@gmail.com.