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**MIRA COSTA ORCHESTRA BOOSTER CLUB
2009-2010 BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION PACKET
August 24, 2009**

Dear Orchestra Families & Friends:

Greetings to all returning members of the Mira Costa Orchestra Program, and a heartfelt welcome to our new members! To begin with, I am excited to serve as the new orchestra director here at Mira Costa. By all indications during my transition time this Summer, I am left with little doubt that here is a community that understands the importance of nurturing a quality curriculum in music education. I believe that music is life-enhancing, and can provide a deep communicative experience unlike any other. Let us not forget, however, that music can be a challenging and demanding discipline that will require a meaningful level of commitment from students, teachers, and parents alike.

The contents in this packet are meant to inform and cultivate the support and enthusiasm needed to sustain a music program that is not merely adequate, but one that truly strives for excellence, achievement, and class! I would like to publicly thank the board members of the Orchestra Booster Club for preparing this important preliminary information packet. Please take time to carefully read each page, and have all required documents returned to me by Fri., Sept. 4th. I will also be providing additional information about the orchestra curriculum, so be on the lookout for the "Orchestra Guidelines" packet during the first week of school.

With sincerest regards,

Peter Park
Director, Mira Costa Orchestras
Email: ppark@mbusd.org

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The Mira Costa Orchestra Booster Club is looking forward to working with you! Please review this information packet, then complete and **return the last two pages in the enclosed envelope to Mr. Park by Fri, Sept. 4.** If you have any questions, please contact the board at: president@mchsorchestra.org

Email message blasts and our website at www.mchsorchestra.org will be our primary means of communication with you this year. Please bookmark our website for quick access to schedules, flyers, contact information, etc.

'09-'10 Board Members: Mike Jett (President), Eve Ahlers (Vice President),
Cindy Bandel (Treasurer), Jamie Stringfellow (Secretary)

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Near-Term Schedule: Mark your calendars!

Thurs., Sept. 17, 2009 at 7 PM Orchestra Parent Meeting in the Orchestra Room 109
(Meet our new director and find out about the orchestra program for the upcoming year)

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 3-4, 2009 (daytime) Orchestra Booth at Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair
(selling Gatorade and other drinks this year)

Thurs., Oct. 22, 2009 at 7 PM Prism Concert (Symphony Orchestra *only*, with Vocal Ensemble & Wind Ensemble)

Thurs., Dec. 17, 2009 at 7 PM Orchestra Winter Concert

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Required standard concert attire for ALL students: See the attached flyers.

- Symphony Orchestra students need to have their clothing ready well before the Prism Concert on October 22.
- String Orchestra students need to have their clothing ready well before the Winter Concert on December 17.

If you have a returning orchestra student, **please ensure his/her concert outfit is complete and still fits!**

**ORCHESTRA STUDENT(S) CONTACT INFORMATION / PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM
2009 – 2010**

Student #1 Name: _____ Student #2 Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Instrument: _____

Group: _____ Group: _____

Student #3 Name: _____ Student #4 Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Instrument: _____

Group: _____ Group: _____

Note: For "Group", specify "String Orchestra" or "Symphony Orchestra"

Parent(s) Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email addresses (Important to supply in order to find out what's happening!)

- Student(s): _____

- Parent(s): _____

We need all parents to participate in the orchestra program in one way or another. Please check at least one volunteer category (e.g., Concert volunteer) where you can help out. If you have task preferences (e.g., Ticket Sales), circle those as well. If you are having difficulties at this time making a decision due to schedule uncertainties, no worries! Just select the "Fill-In" volunteer category and we can always work out a suitable task or contribution (e.g., blank CDs, CD cases) for you. You will be contacted later for specific assignments. Thank you!

Concert volunteer (4 concerts; we will need several volunteers in this category)

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| Committee Member | Publicity | Pre-sale ticket distribution | Decorations |
| Refreshment | Ticket Sales | CD/Photo Sales | CD Production |
| CD/photo distribution | CD Mechanical licensing | | Miscellaneous |

Hometown Fair Orchestra Booth volunteer

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| Committee Member | Booth set-up | Booth tear-down | Drink delivery |
| Booth Shift | Miscellaneous | | |

Year-end Banquet volunteer

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| Coordination | Decorations | Awards | Miscellaneous |
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Other special tasks (please state): _____

"Fill-In" volunteer: Available for random tasks during the year

**Please complete this form and return in enclosed envelope by Fri., Sept. 4 to:
Mira Costa Orchestra, c/o Peter Park, 1401 Artesia Blvd., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

**MIRA COSTA ORCHESTRA BOOSTER CLUB DONATION FORM
2009-2010**

For the past two years, the cost of running the orchestra program has been approximately \$30,000 per year (excluding the expenses associated with our Disney Hall Concert). For example, concert expenses for each performance are approximately \$4,500. Extra costs are incurred from music and instrument purchases, instrument repairs, and other classroom supplies. Additionally, Festival/competition participation results in further expenses.

Our primary income is from donations with some secondary income from our Hometown Fair booth, concert ticket sales, CD and photo sales, and raffle tickets. With approximately 100 students in the two orchestras, the Orchestra Booster Club needs an average of \$300 per student to break even.

*To help cover the costs of running our orchestras, please send in your donation. The suggested donation amount for all orchestra families is a minimum of \$100 per student. If you can donate more than this, please do! **Donations are gladly welcome from everyone and anyone....** [Note: Families of children using school instruments for the upcoming year (primarily large instruments such as cellos and basses) will be sent a separate usage fee request in the amount of \$150 for the full academic year.]*

Donations above \$50 will be acknowledged in our concert programs and benefits will be applied according to the schedule below. Please mark the appropriate donation level box (note new donor levels this year), supply your preferred name(s) for acknowledgment in our concert programs, and make out your check to "MBAF" (please staple check in indicated area).

_____ \$50+	<i>Legato (acknowledgment in program)</i>
_____ \$100+	<i>Allegro (acknowledgment + 2 complimentary tickets per concert)</i>
_____ \$250+	<i>Presto (acknowledgment + 4 complimentary tickets per concert)</i>
_____ \$500+	<i>Crescendo (acknowledgment + 6 complimentary tickets per concert)</i>
_____ \$750+	<i>Fortissimo (acknowledgment + 8 complimentary tickets per concert)</i>
_____ \$1000+	<i>Grandioso (acknowledgment + 10 complimentary tickets per concert)</i>
_____ \$2,500+	<i>Concerto (Grandioso benefits + 1 complimentary CD per concert)</i>
_____ \$5,000+	<i>Virtuoso (Concerto benefits + 1 chamber ensemble performance)</i>
_____ \$10,000+	<i>Maestro (Virtuoso benefits + recognition banner displayed at concerts)</i>

Name(s) to appear in program: _____

If you have one or more children in the orchestra program, please list their name(s) below:

----- *Please staple donation check made out to "MBAF" in the area below* -----

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