

MYS WEEKLY REHEARSAL NOTES

September 13, 2008

As read by the conductors at rehearsal!

Welcome MYS Students!

Thank you for all your efforts to get all the MYS forms and payments into the office. For those of you who still have items to take care of, please stop by the MYS Registration area today and talk with MYS Staff.

Arriving & Leaving Rehearsal. All students are expected to arrive for rehearsal at least 20 minutes early, so that there is time to warm-up and get tuned. All students are to CHECK-IN at the SENIOR High entrance. This is the ONLY entrance/exit to be used by MYS students on a daily basis. There are a number of reasons why this is important, including for security reasons.

MYS Attendance Policy. Students are allowed two absences per trimester. If you exceed this, you will not be able to continue playing in the orchestra for at least the trimester. **Please call in your absences to the MYS office prior to your absence.** This information is passed along to conductors, and it is important for planning rehearsals.

Retreat Conflicts will accrue absences, and if you haven't spoken to the MYS Office about any conflicts, you should call this week.

String Retreat is Saturday, September 27

Philharmonic Retreat is October 4 & 5

Repertory Retreat is September 27 & 28

Symphony Retreat is October 18 & 19

Please be sure you have a copy of the MYS Calendar for the year, and that you have looked ahead and reserved the dates for rehearsals and concerts. There are a number of Saturday activities that students have trouble planning. Please PLAN AHEAD!

Check-in – Please be sure to check in with the MYS Attendance desk when you arrive for rehearsal on Saturdays. **All students must enter through the senior high school.** Percussionists, please remember you are expected to arrive early to help set-up for rehearsals, and are also responsible for helping to put your stuff away.

MYS Staff will be available at all rehearsals, located at the MYS Desk when you check-in for rehearsals.

MYS Seating & Rotation – All MYS students will rotate between each trimester. Your seating assignments for the first trimester will change for the 2nd/3rd trimesters.

Wreath Sale – Each year there is a big competition amongst the orchestras to see who can sell the most wreaths! Who will win this year??? There are also plenty of good prizes for individual sellers, like gift cards to Best Buy!

SYMPHONY only – Solo Competition forms are available for students who are interested in entering this year's competition. (Manny see your clipboard) **The preliminary application and CD is due on Saturday, October 11.**