

# MYS WEEKLY REHEARSAL NOTES

## September 20, 2008

*As read by the conductors at rehearsal!*

**Arriving for Rehearsal.** All students are expected to arrive for rehearsal at least 20 minutes before rehearsal begins, and to be in your seat ready to play ~ it's the way of the orchestra!

**Attendance Check-in:** 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. Please call in your absences to the MYS office prior to your absence.** 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.

**PLAN AHEAD: Most absence issues can be avoided when you plan ahead. The calendar is posted online in multiple locations for use in planning your schedules!**

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, October 4

**Philharmonic Retreat** is October 4 & 5

**Repertory Retreat** is September 27 & 28

**Symphony Retreat** is October 18 & 19

**WREATH Sale** – We need your help! Did you know that money raised through the wreath sales accounts for nearly 10% of the total MYS budget every year, and that without the wreath sale, tuition would be close to \$100 more per student? Like most organizations that are non-profits, we rely on your assistance to help raise money and spread the word! **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**SYMPHONY & REPERTORY only:** We are putting together a teen advisory group to give us feedback about the MYS Website, and to offer new ideas about interactive features we could add. If you are interested in participating, be sure to pick up the flier, which has info about how to sign up.

**REPERTORY only – Next week is your Retreat at Camp Pepin. Please be sure to review the information about what is needed (all posted online).**

**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.**