

Los Altos High School Instrumental Music Boosters

Welcome to all of the new families joining the LAHS Instrumental Music Program; and to those returning, welcome back!

The Instrumental Music Boosters organization is the sole parent/community source of funding for the instrumental music department and pays for expenses not covered by the school district or other public sources (the program receives no funds from the MVLA Foundation). The Boosters do not hold major fundraising events, but rely primarily on donations from the parents and community through an annual Direct Appeal. Monies received support all of our instrumental music classes (Orchestra and Chamber Strings; Concert, Symphonic, & Jazz Bands; Marching Band/Color Guard) plus our winter programs. Funds are used to buy music, repair equipment, purchase new instruments, fund music clinicians and support staff, and provide student scholarships.

This year, the Boosters hope to raise \$40,000 toward budgeted expenses, including matching grants.

Please help the Boosters achieve 100% family participation in this year's appeal by August 27th. Consider the value of the instrumental music program as part of your student's high school experience, and donate as your means allow. While the suggested family contribution is **\$375 per student**, any dollar amount is very much appreciated and will be used effectively. *(Check with your employer regarding matching contributions and/or Corporate Volunteer Grants - these contributions will be added to your total donation level.)*

Make a donation at any of these giving levels:

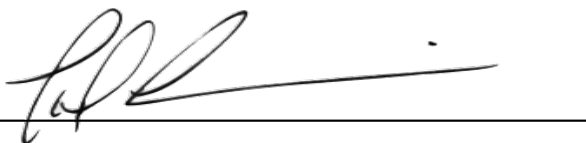
- \$1,000+ Producer
- \$500-\$999 Conductor
- \$375- \$499 First Chair*
- up to \$374 Patron of Arts

**Donations of \$375 and above received on/or before August 27th, 2018, will receive a family admission pass to all 2018-2019 LAHS instrumental music concerts.*

Donations can be made via the school's Parent Membership and Donation Form (a.k.a. the Combined Payment Form) or directly by check payable to "LAHS Instrumental Music Boosters". (Memo: "Direct Appeal 2018/19")

Mail direct checks to: LAHS Instrumental Boosters
% Lisa Parekh, Treasurer
201 Almond Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94022

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful and generous support,



Ted Ferrucci, Director
LAHS Instrumental Music Program

Direct Appeal Campaign 2018-2019 Frequently Asked Questions

Would my employer offer matching contributions for the Direct Appeal Campaign?

Many employers provide matching contributions and/or offer corporate volunteer grants. Please check with your employer to see if these programs are available to you. Los Altos High School Instrumental Music Boosters is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and contributions made to the Music Boosters are tax deductible for federal tax purposes to the extent allowed by law – Tax ID 77-0525170.

Any employer contribution will be added to your donation to determine the total contribution eligible for the family admission pass. (ie., Your contribution of \$187.50 + your employer's matching donation of \$187.50 = \$375, qualifying your family for an admission pass.)

What if I can't afford the \$375 suggested amount?

While the suggested per student contribution is \$375, any dollar amount is greatly appreciated. Ultimately, the community goal is 100% participation!

What other funds do I pay for my child to participate in instrumental music at LAHS?

There are no fees to participate in instrumental music concert classes at LAHS, with the exception of before and after school programs. Additional funds required to participate in Marching Band and Color Guard average approximately \$1000/student per season. The Morning Jazz fee is \$150/student per year. Fees for Winter Guard and Winter Percussion are dependent on the number of students participating. Scholarships are available for eligible families.

A limited number of instruments are also available on loan from the instrumental music department for a suggested donation of \$100 per year.

I have more than one child. May I make one donation for both of them?

Yes. \$375 is a recommended per student donation. However, a donation in any amount is greatly appreciated, and there is no need to submit separate checks for multiple children.

Does each \$375 donation qualify for the family admission pass, and how many tickets will that include?

A donation of \$375 or more, received by August 27th, qualifies for the family admission pass (as many tickets as needed to include the parents and siblings of the student).

Can I donate to Instrumental Music Boosters via the LAHS Parent Membership and Donation form?

Yes, families can either submit a check directly to Boosters per the instructions provided on the front of this letter, or contribute via the combined payment form with one check to the LAHS bookkeeper.

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