



# ORCHESTRA NEWSLETTER

October 2023

## Director's Note

Ciao Orchestra families,

I hope by now our traveling adult chaperones and students have been able to return to their normal sleep schedule after returning from an incredible ten day tour of Italy! East Orchestra performed three times while overseas, once in Rome, Vatican City, and Montecatini Terme, outside of the city of Florence. All performances were incredible and I'm sure our students have already filled you in on their favorite moments from each. .

Our next orchestra concert is **tomorrow, October 25th in the Dale K. Huddle Theatre** at Tosa East HS. Students will begin at 7:00pm and the concert should last about one hour.

As the weather turns slightly colder all classes are about to pivot from their 1st quarter concert music to holiday pops! Our annual Winter concert will take place in late December and will feature music by Anderson, Grainger, and other holiday favorites. Due to the growth in both the East and Longfellow orchestra programs, this year's Winter concert will have two separate start times.

All students and their families are encouraged to attend both if possible, however the main reason for the separation is size. Last year we exceeded our theatre capacity and sadly, several families had to listen/watch from the lobby. We hope to return to our annual combined concert to celebrate the hard work of all 6-12th grade students, their success, and enjoy post concert treats. Perhaps in a larger venue...

See you soon!

~Michael Hayden

## Upcoming Events

### **October 25th**

Fall Orchestra Concert  
7:00 pm Performance  
Tosa East High School

### **\*\*December 20th**

East & Longfellow Orchestra Concert  
6:00pm Longfellow MS  
7:30 pm East HS

Dale K. Hidle Theatre, Wauwatosa East High School

## **Italy Recap**

One of the most unique for the East Orchestra was our encore concert outside of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. This performance was confirmed only 1 day prior to our departure and was the result of a large effort by several agencies. This short performance (only three pieces) was the first of its kind on the square and we hope that it leads to many more in the future.

There are far too many favorites to mention, however it appears that overall, the favorite cities were Lucca, Assisi, and Venice. Great places for our young adults to keep on their lists for future visits.

## **Photo Book**

Hopefully your student has shown you MANY pictures of their trip. A group of our students and parents are collecting photos from the trip and are planning to have them printed into a photo memory book. Those photos can be added [HERE](#).

## **October Concert**

Students are very excited to play beautiful music for their most supportive audience. Our Fall concert will feature music from all three orchestras as well as several pieces from the entire East Orchestra program (all 130+). Join us at 7:00pm in the Dale K. Hiddle Theatre.

For those unable to attend in person, you can stream the concert **LIVE** via YouTube.

[CLICK HERE](#).

## **Kidz Jam**

Back for the second year, East Symphony Orchestra will host Kidz Jam, a musical event for kids. This event features crafts, snacks, games, and a short performance by our 5th hour students. Additionally, this event is entirely student run. Planning will begin very soon but it's not too early to mark your calendars and start to share with your friends and neighbors (especially those with children in K-3rd grade).

February 17th, 1:00pm Crafts, 2:30 pm Performance. Theme: TBD.

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