

SPARTAN LEGION HANDBOOK

2017-2018

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ORIENTATION NIGHT

A word from the directors:

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to our 2017-2018 Schurr Music Orientation! We look forward in continuing a tradition of class, excellence, and wonderful music making.

This year looks to be filled with great performance opportunities and great experiences.

Historically, our programs start with marching season for the band and a training period for the orchestra. August, September, October, and November are our marching months, while later in the year we start our concert season. The band performs at all football games, basketball games, four parades, and four or more field shows. It is my plan this year to have as many of our members perform in ALL of our performances as possible.

The following packet is some information to help you get acquainted with our program and our needs. It is most important to let you know that this program is not run by one or even two people. Our booster organization is vital to the existence of our program and they need every helping hand they can get. Please feel free to contact our booster president or me to see how you may be able to lend a hand.

My office phone number is always available to you should you have any questions or concerns about you student's progress in the program. (323) 887-7900 Ext. 6639.

Our website is also available should you need to contact any of the boosters, find out information about fundraising, or your student's individual financial responsibility. Please visit www.schurrmusic.org.

Thank you for your time, we look forward to another great year with your student in the program.

**Antonio Castro
Director of Bands and Pageantry**

**Anne Rardin
Director of Orchestra**

SCHURR HIGH MUSIC BOOSTERS

2017-2018 SEASON

Parents, welcome to the Spartan Legion! The Schurr High Music Booster organization is made up of parents, and/or guardians, who help support the program by donating their time helping at various events. There are no fees to pay to be a member of the booster organization. If your child is a student in the program, that makes the parents or guardians of that student part of the booster organization.

From football games, parades, field show competitions, helping with hair and makeup, prepping the uniforms at the beginning of the school year, the music boosters wish to extend an invitation to all parents to join us as much as possible. We appreciate any time you can give. Communication is not an issue. We are a very diverse group of parents who speak many different languages!

With us, you will have an opportunity to see your child be part of an award winning organization. You will see them grow and learn about teamwork, responsibility, and commitment. We are a support organization with a fine tradition. Most importantly, all we do is for the students.

SUMMER FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Fireworks Stand:

We operate a firework booth every summer. This year it will be from June 28- July 4 and the tentative location is at the Garmar Plaza, located on Whittier Blvd and Concourse Ave (next to Little Caesars Pizza) in the city of Montebello. Please support our booth! Pre-sale vouchers will be available for sale. Sign Ups to work are also available and enters you to earn money towards your fundraising goal.

Rose Bowl Concessions:

Please ask how you can earn fundraising credit by working at Rose Bowl events.

WELCOME TO THE SPARTAN LEGION!

OUR 46TH YEAR!

Welcome to the *Classes* of 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021!

As you prepare for the year ahead, please note:

Our group has rules for discipline and participation. There are consequences for missing required events.

Our full-practice and performance calendar is published on our website at schurrmusic.org. Our students abide by common courtesies and are respectful of others at all times.

Our goals induce serving our community, promoting school spirit, and extending goodwill. Our program enjoys a great reputation due in large part to the efforts of all those who have gone before.

Our success is tied in to the integrity and participation of all members and their families; a constant source of assistance and support throughout the year.

Music Room Phone Number:

(323) 887-7900 ext. 6639

Directors and Instructors:

Antonio Castro
Anne Rardin
Ulyses Gaxiola
Edgar Sanchez
Jhonny Crespo
Veronica Aranda
Jorge Garcia
Dominick Villegas

Instrumental Music Director
String Orchestra Director
Color guard Instructor
Percussion Instructor
Percussion Instructor
Drill Team Instructor
Visual Instructor
Visual Instructor



Spartan Legion

2017-2018





Football Games

Home football games are *required* for all marching band and pageantry members.

Here is our "Fall 2016" schedule for football performances:

09/01 F 5:00 PM HOME v. Garfield
 09/15 F 5:00PM HOME v. West Covina
 09/22 F 5:00 PM HOME v. Whittier
 10/06 F 5:00 PM AWAY v. Keppel
 10/13 F 5:00 PM AWAY v. Montebello
 10/20 F 5:00 PM AWAY v. San Gabriel
 10/27 F 5:00 PM HOME v. Bell Gardens
 11/03 F 5:00 PM HOME v. Alhambra

FYI: 11/10, 11/17, and 11/24 are scheduled CIF Playoff Games - could be home or away...all of them are TBA.

Calendar conflicts

For those students that are new to our organization, please know that it is possible to be active in the performing arts and still do well in advanced placement and honors classes. In fact, more than 90% of our members are active in other organizations such as journalism, speech, student government, yearbook, athletics, drama, choir, and other scholastic and service organizations.*

*Absences due to scheduling conflicts resulting from participation with other SHS groups may be excused at the director's discretion with sufficient prior notice. This is NOT automatic. **COMMUNICATION IS A MUST.**

With regard to participating in non-school related groups, family events, and medical appointments, we respectfully request that each member inform both of the directors in writing well in advance of scheduled events and practices.

Furthermore, whenever possible, please avoid scheduling conflicts with performance and rehearsal dates. Your cooperation would be most appreciated.

Thank you!

Musical Performances

As is typical of the fall semester, a large part of our calendar is packed with marching band activities. The orchestra usually has their first public performance in November or December.

Attendance is required to all "co-curricular" activities and performances.

School buses are usually provided for off-campus events. In most instances, maps are available the week of the event. Report and dismissal times will vary with each event.

Currently, only student members, staff, end designated chaperones/boosters can ride MUSD school buses.

Each and every student member riding the bus must have two copies of the organization's medical release forms on file with our boosters.

Parents/Guardians

We need your help! A selected group of veteran boosters are assigned to help coordinate fundraising, logistics, uniforms, and travel. If you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer, please contact a booster executive board member and let them know! In some cases, such as uniforms, training is required prior to helping. Your involvement is needed and will be greatly appreciated!

Here are five things that parents and guardians can do to help create a quality program:

1. *Please make it a priority for all students to attend all scheduled practices and performances. Attendance and participation are essential and are required.*
2. *Encourage exemplary character, work and study habits. (academically and artistically)*
3. *Avoid overloading! Help students understand the importance of time management and setting priorities.*
4. *Create a positive environment. Remind students that we should always respect the efforts and abilities of others in the same manner that we ourselves would like to be respected.*
5. *Encourage others in our community to help contribute towards our fund raising goal of \$250.00 per student.*

***SCHURR HIGH SCHOOL
SPARTAN LEGION***

SUMMER 2017 MUSIC PROGRAM

Marching Band

June 19 and 21 3 PM - 6 PM

June 26 and 28 3 PM - 6 PM

July 3 and 5 3 PM - 6 PM

July 10 and 12 3 PM - 6 PM

**Mondays will consist of Freshmen and Seniors/Leaders only.
Wednesdays will be everybody.**

DRUMLINE meets EVERY WEDNESDAY

Start: JUNE 22

4:00 PM until 8:00 PM

*******Bring your instrument*******

Questions?

Call (323) 887 - 7900 ext 6639 (Schurr Band Room)

Email: castro_antonio@montebello.k12.ca.us

Visit the website at www.schurrmusic.org

SCHURR HIGH STRINGS



SUMMER ORCHESTRA PROGRAM ***MONDAYS & THURSDAYS***

July 6		*Starts on Thurs	6PM until 8PM
July 10	&	13	6PM until 8PM
July 17	&	20	6PM until 8PM
July 24	&	27	6PM until 8PM

PRE-SEASON PROGRAM ***MONDAY & THURSDAY***

Before the start of school, the music program holds 2 rehearsals.

Aug 7 & 10 6PM until 8PM

SCHOOL-YEAR PROGRAM* ***MONDAYS***

Aug. 21 – Oct. 23	5-6pm Beginners	6-8pm Orchestra
Oct. 30 – Mar. 21	5-6pm Sectionals 1x/month	6-8pm Orchestra
Apr. 2 – Jun. 4	5-6pm Full Orch Sectionals	6-8pm Orchestra

****ALL MEMBERS MUST ATTEND SUMMER PRACTICES TO JOIN ORCHESTRA.***

ALL ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

ABSENCES WILL COUNT TOWARDS YOUR FALL GRADE.

Please approve any absences in advance and **in writing** with Dr. Rardin

QUESTIONS?

For Mr. Castro: (323)887-7900 ext. 6639 (Schurr Band room)

EMAIL – castro_antonio@montebello.k12.ca.us

Please visit WWW.SCHURRMUSIC.ORG

For Dr. Rardin: 213.327.5529 cell

Email: annerardin@yahoo.com

Download & fill out 2 copies of the Medical Release Form by July 14

Remember to include a student ID and section (Orchestra)

SCHURR HIGH SCHOOL ***SPARTAN LEGION***

PRE-SEASON 2017 MUSIC PROGRAM

Before the start of school, the music program holds 2 weeks of rehearsals. This is a critical time of preparation as marching and performance season starts from August through November.

Attendance is mandatory.

Pre-Season rehearsals are from 8AM – 6 PM

Monday	July 31	All Day
Tuesday	Aug 1	All Day
Wednesday	Aug 2	All Day
Thursday	Aug 3	All Day
Friday	Aug 4	All Day
Saturday	Aug 5	All Day

Monday	Aug 7	All Day
Tuesday	Aug 8	All Day
Wednesday	Aug 9	All Day
Thursday	Aug 10	All Day
Friday	Aug 11	All Day
Saturday	Aug 12	All Day

Please make sure your student is prepared for all day activities by bringing enough water for the entire day and food. There will be breaks for the students. All activities will take place on campus.

*******Bring your Instrument*******

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STUDENT STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

1. Adherence to all school district and school site rules.
2. Respect each other and other people's property.
3. Attend all rehearsals and performances.
4. Be on time and prepared for all rehearsals and performances.
5. All students will contribute for the good of the program.
6. Represent the Legion in a positive manner, in and out of the classroom.
 - a. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Be a good student.
 - ii. Be a good citizen.
 - iii. Use appropriate language
 - iv. Refrain from public displays of affection (P.D.A.)

Failure to adhere to these standards may result in lowered grades, disciplinary action, suspension from performances or Legion activities, and may lead to expulsion from the group.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Parent participation is the key to keeping costs to a minimum. So, consider this your personal invitation to become a Schurr High Music Booster! We typically have our monthly booster meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in the band room.

Fireworks!

June 28th to July 4th

We will be operating a firework booth and will need adult volunteers to work the booth selling fireworks. The tentative location is the Garmar Plaza, at the intersection of Whittier Blvd. and Concourse Ave, next to Little Caesars Pizza, in the city of Montebello. The schedule will be posted in the band room and on our website soon.

Uniforms

August 2017

“Many hands make light work”. When pre-season begins, uniform time is upon us! On the first day of pre-season we start sizing for uniforms, shoes, pants, and warm ups. This is vital to the success of the program and requires a great deal of work. The uniform committee needs your help! You can volunteer during the day, after work, and on Saturdays. We will have a schedule posted on the Legion web site at schurrmusic.org soon.

Sporting Events

September – April

The Spartan Legion performs at all home football games, and the boosters help with providing water and serving the Legion food after their half-time performances. We also participate in the “50/50 Raffle” on various games and need volunteers.

MANDATORY MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for parents and students on August 5th, 2017 at 6 PM in the auditorium.

We will be providing valuable information about the program and will have a question and answer period.

There will be band booster parents taking orders for booster tee shirts and booster jackets for new parents.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we will be breaking into groups to meet the new parents. For example, Band parents, Colorguard parents, Drill parents, and Orchestra parents will break into individual groups so they can get to know each other.

Please make every effort to attend.

FIELD SHOWS AND PARADES

We need quite a few chaperones for these events. Parents help load instruments and all the essential items that will be required for the event. Helping with uniforms, making sure student's hair is acceptable, providing water throughout the day for the students, assisting with any last minute items the directors may need help with. **The students are our number one priority and safety comes first.**

When we return, we make sure everything is unloaded and is put back where it belongs. The director will then dismiss the Legion and then everyone can go home.

Please make every attempt to pick up your child promptly. The director will not leave until every student has been picked up.

Community Service Events

Check the band web site calendar for any scheduled performances. Performances can sometimes occur during holiday and vacation times.

Orchestra Performances

Dr. Rardin will need chaperones for various performances. Please advise her if you can help. Dr. Rardin is available on Monday evenings in the band room before or after rehearsal.

***FUNDRAISING
SCHURR HIGH MUSIC BOOSTERS
FALL SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017***

In order to maintain the high standards and quality of the program, we rely on our students and their families to raise funds during the school year. This money is used for supplies, music, equipment, instruments, fees for competitions and other areas of the music program.

Our goal is to have each student raise \$250.00 during the school year. You may make a donation to the music program if you are unable, or do not wish to participate in fundraising events.

The booster organization accepts cash, checks and money orders made payable to **Schurr High Music Boosters**.

There are many ways to contribute towards the fundraising goal of your student:

- 1) Participate in fundraising activities.*
 - Candy sales
 - TNT Fire Works Sales
 - Taco Mambo 5K Run/Walk
 - Rose Bowl Concessions
 - Jazzy Bingo night
 - Food nights at local restaurants
 - Golf Tournament (The Spartan Legion Golf Classic)

* These are all events that we have done in the past and we are open to new ideas.

All events are subject to change.

- 2) Ask your employer for sponsorships and contributions. Some employers will contribute matching funds for your donations (SCE, AT&T, etc).
- 3) Online credit card payment – taken as a donation.

If your employer requires letters or documentation to prove our non-profit status, we will be more than happy to work with you and provide you all the required documentation. Please attend a booster meeting if you have any questions or suggestions about fundraising or your student's individual fundraising efforts.

SCHURR HIGH MUSIC BOOSTERS FUNDRAISING SAMPLE

Below you will find an example of moderate participation in all the activities we offer in order to raise funds. From this, you can see that it is easy to reach your goal as most of the activities are based on single event purchases. Just imagine what can be done if your entire family participated in the Taco Mambo 5K run/walk event or joined us for a Jazz Event!

<u>EVENT/ACTIVITY</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Credit</u>
5K Registrations	2 *reg	\$40.00
*5K registration credit varies by the number of participants and or group rates		
5K Raffle tickets	\$25.00	\$25.00
5K Pledges	\$25.00	\$25.00
Fan Cloth Fundraiser	10 Items	\$45.00
Worlds Finest Chocolate	1box	\$30.00
Rose Bowl Concessions	Varies	Varies
Rose Bowl credits depend on the event and number of workers. It has ranged from \$20 - \$60 per event.		
Fire Works Pre Sale	\$40.00	\$20.00
Total fundraised and credited toward goals		\$185.00
Rose Bowl Concession Credit \$40.00 avg. (x2 events)		\$80.00
Total		\$265.00
Fundraising Goal (Band/Orchestra only)		\$250.00
Applied towards next year's fundraising goal		\$ 15.00**

****Assuming EVERYONE MEETS THEIR GOAL, if not, any extra will go towards existing program costs and will NOT be credited for the following year.**

Note: A portion of fundraising money earned after meeting the \$250.00 may be applied towards trips the band takes during the years. Some students have paid for their trips entirely through their fundraising efforts.