

TAKE NOTE

Campolindo Instrumental Music Boosters ♪ SPRING 2013



FROM THE PODIUM

In a few short weeks, I will conclude my first year here at Campolindo. Time has flown, but we have accomplished much. As I've stated often, I feel privileged to be teaching in a community that appreciates the fine arts. If I had to identify the factor most critical in our success this year, I would have to point to our outstanding booster organization. Their financial and moral support throughout the year has greatly enhanced the music education of our players and has helped maintain the high standards of this program.

As the year closes, I find myself feeling sentimental about losing our seniors. I have only known them for a year, but it's clear that they are a remarkable set of musicians and leaders. I often wish I'd gotten here sooner to enjoy this particular group of students for a longer time period. I will miss their amazing talents, quick wits and impressive intellects. I know that the parents of these seniors are very proud of them. They are extraordinary individuals.

Double check your calendars to make sure you're planning to attend our Spring Concert on May 17, the culminating event of the 2012-13 school year. This is the one concert each year that features all of our ensembles: Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Orchestra. It will be a splendid evening full of great music played by our hard-working students. The night will include awards presentations and, as always, a

post-concert gathering in the multi-use room to enjoy refreshments and good company.

This school year marks the ending of our music facilities as we currently know them. Over the summer, the building containing the instrumental and choral classrooms, along with the MUR, stage and kitchen, will be torn down. Construction on a new facility will continue throughout next year. Our 2013-14 classes will be accommodated elsewhere on the campus. This means that our final days this year will be spent packing every item, instrument, computer, pencil and the like, and either moving it or placing it in storage. This is the end of an era. For as many years as Campolindo has been operating, music students have played and sung in these halls. So many have gone on to be successful musicians. Many others have gone on to achieve greatness in other fields. The walls may be torn down, but the memories made here, along with the many lessons learned, will live on.

I owe so much to so many for helping me get through this year. Let me offer a million thanks to the faculty of Campolindo, the administration, the parents and mostly importantly the students for making my adjustment to this job the easiest transition I have ever experienced. The future is bright and I'm so happy to be a part of it.

- Johnny Johnson, Music Director



OPEN BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2013-14

As always, a number of our board members are parents of seniors and will be leaving at the end of this school year. To keep Music Boosters as strong as ever, we need parents to fill these board positions. Music Boosters play an integral role in enriching our children's music education. Being a Board member is a fun way to be involved in your child's school and connect with other parents. All the jobs are well established and none requires a big time commitment. Visit www.campomusic.org for open positions and info.

FROM OUTGOING BOOSTER PRESIDENT CHITRA SURI...

It was a great year – thanks to you all, the Boosters were successfully able to organize and assist at all the different musical events over the year – from the Welcome Back Barbecue in August to the Pops Potluck in October to the Jazz dinner/dance in March (and a special thank you for that – given the number of times my emails filled your inboxes)! There were numerous other ways, many not so visible, in which our organization was able to assist the music program, enhancing the experience for our kids. Our membership has grown and our finances are strong – which allowed us to take on a new event that Mr. Johnson wanted to put in place - the day trip to Pacific West in April, an event that the kids really benefited from, and enjoyed at the end of the day!

Personally, it has been a memorable experience for me. I consider myself lucky that I got to work with both Mr. Benstein and Mr. Johnson. As I had mentioned at the beginning of this year, being new to the district, I learned the ropes from Mr. Benstein. I now end the year with grateful thanks to Mr. Johnson - for his support, understanding, enthusiasm and quick email responses! It has been a wonderful interaction and one that has only strengthened the ties between the music program and the Boosters organization.

It was a pleasure to work with the student music council, led by Kyle and Annie. They did a super job throughout the year – staying on top of their game. Given the extensive workloads that Campo kids carry, this was no small feat!

I am indebted to the extended Boosters Board for their faith in me and for their cheerful support. I could always count on them and it was their diligence and hard work that made this year such a success! I cannot thank them enough! Many of them have been dedicated Board members for a number of years; some are staying on for next year. I would also like to thank Sue Carlson, the 2011-12 Boosters President, for extending a helpful hand whenever we needed. Finally, I would like to mention that none of this would come to pass without the encouragement and support provided by Mr. Walker, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Biezas and their staff. Their offices were always open for me as I arranged the Boosters activities.

I leave the Board with the wonderful Reem Saffouri at the helm for 2013-14. We, as parents, have an essential role to play and are most fortunate to have a great organization in place to make that happen!

...AND INCOMING BOOSTER PRESIDENT REEM SAFFOURI

Bravo! Bravo! And thank you! What a fantastic year of performances and musical growth for our young musicians. It has been a great year filled with wonderful music, which is a testament to the talent, creativity and value Mr. Johnson brings to CHS. Surely you will agree with me that Mr. Johnson has continued the CHS legacy of delivering high quality performances, challenging our musicians' young minds, and keeping it fun at the same time.

As the parent of a current freshman, I came into the program not knowing what to expect and was immediately impressed with the students' musical abilities, Mr. Johnson's charisma and talent, and the parents' dedication to the program. I'm thrilled to be a part of this very caring and dedicated team of parents. Without your volunteer efforts and financial contributions, the music program would not be what it is today, so for that I thank you!

With the above said, I am honored to have the chance to work with each of you and Mr. Johnson to continue supporting our music programs. I hope that together we can find new ways to increase our presence in the community and continue extending the joy of music beyond CHS.



WINTER CONCERT PHOTOS

Be sure to view Kevin Goto's photos from the February orchestra, band and chamber concerts! See more Campo music photos at Kevin Goto's photo gallery:

<http://campolindomusicboosters.shutterfly.com/>

PARTING THOUGHTS...

Some of our members – parents of seniors - have sent in college updates and been kind enough to share their thoughts with us about the role that music has played in their child's life at Campo. We are grateful for their comments, printed below in no particular order:

Andrew Ringquist will be attending Gonzaga University in the fall to major in engineering. He is seriously considering minoring in music composition as he plays four instruments and loves all types of music. We have enjoyed the Campo music program so much over the years. It has always been a pleasure to attend the concerts and see the magic that the children can achieve working together. – *Stephanie Ringquist*

Valerie Chiou – Music is Valerie's passion. It has given her opportunities to meet new people and to travel places. It has encouraged her to face the unknown, helped her to stand up again from where she fell, enabled her to embrace changes and to handle challenges with a positive attitude. Of course there were times when she had to "be reminded" to practice her piano or violin (and sometimes she hated it), but all these efforts were worthwhile. Through music, Valerie has developed strong perseverance and diligence to pursue and accomplish her ambitions. I can't imagine who she would be without music in her life. Valerie will be attending UC Riverside for bioengineering in the fall. She plans to join the UCR orchestra. – *Michelle Chiou*

Charlie Farber – Campo music has helped Charlie grow in his confidence and his ability to objectively critique his performance and that of the group as a whole. He has made friendships in the Campo Music program that will survive his time at Campo. He has developed a dedication to his instrument and the group by practicing on his own or with friends. Charlie will be attending Cal State Monterey Bay in August. – *Brad Farber*

Nathaniel Miller has been involved in music since age 6, when he began taking piano lessons. At Campolindo, he took AP Music Theory as a sophomore and junior, and also played piano for two years in the jazz band during his junior and senior years. He began composing while in AP music theory, and although he comes from a musical family, his time at Campolindo was very important for his musical development. The opportunity to

meet and work with other student musicians was especially useful for him as both a composer and performer. Nathaniel will be a music composition major in college, and will be attending Bennington College in Vermont beginning this fall – *Jeffrey Miller*

Emily Doherty will pursue a Music Education degree at Michigan State University. We are so grateful that Emily has had the opportunity to study music under the remarkable leadership of Mr. Benstein and Mr. Johnson. Her experiences in the music program at Campolindo will serve her well academically, professionally, and spiritually. – *Bill & Jennifer Doherty*

Annie Guo – Music has been a big part of Annie's life. Thanks to former music director Mr. Benstein and his successor Mr. Johnson, the extraordinary Campolindo music program has not only provided the wonderful opportunities for Annie to pursue her passion throughout the exciting yet hectic high school years, but also broadened her musical horizons. She is happiest when she is either sharing her love of music with audiences on the stage or tackling a challenge with the fine workmanship and persistence she has gained through more than 12 years of piano study. Music will continue to play a major role when she attends Columbia University this fall. – *Xia*

Luther Kuefner – Music has always been a big part of Luther's life and the high-quality program at Campolindo helped him grow and develop as a musician. Luther plans to attend the Berklee College of Music, where he will pursue a degree in Music Production and Engineering. – *Anu Kuefner*

Nick LoPresti is going to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, majoring in Forestry/Natural Resources Conservation. – *Jacqueline LoPresti*

Ryan Hoffman will be attending Xavier University. Thank you to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Benstein for 7 years of wonderful music. The concerts have been amazing and will be one of our best memories of our time at Campolindo. – *Phil and Cathleen Hoffman*

Matthew Barry has enjoyed his 4 years in both symphonic band and jazz. He will be attending Auburn University's honors program and majoring in mechanical engineering. – *Janet Barry*

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Andy Van Heuit – We originally started Andy on trumpet in 6th grade for two reasons: 1) Get a general appreciation for music, how to read it, "how it all works"; and 2) JM got out so early, there was jazz after school! The fact that Andy will now continue to play at the University of Puget Sound is a pleasant, unexpected surprise. We were unaware of Andy's affinity for music before he began with the trumpet. His eyes light up when he talks about pieces the band is playing, or after hearing a piece. Because of his Campo experience, Andy also learned that he liked performing, and that he was up to the task of playing solos. We are so happy for his experience in the Campo music program! – *Pam Van Heuit*

Colleen O'Brien will be attending Hamilton College in New York. She has loved growing as a musician and learning from two very talented people. They have brought not only musical talent but also teaching talent to the program. – *Linda O'Brien*

Jacob Kluzik will be attending the University of Utah. Music created the balance in Jacob's life. It brought pleasure and joy to work with talented and dedicated musicians. His trip to China gave him the ultimate musical experience on many different levels. – *Lisa Kluzik*

Nick Villanueva will be attending MIT. Nick began playing the violin at the age of eight and started with the Campo Orchestra as a freshman. He also participated as a member of the pit orchestra for "Fiddler on the Roof", "Guys and Dolls", and "Legally Blonde". Being part of the Orchestra was like having an extended family and gave us a closer connection to the school. It gave Nick a whole new set of friends, who he has bonded with over the years. A truly amazing experience. – *Maria Villanueva*

**We congratulate all Seniors
and wish them the very best
as they embark on a new journey!**



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*We wish you all a
safe and happy summer!*

