

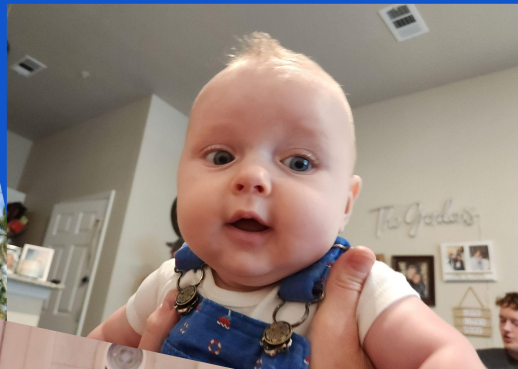
# Welcome to the Grizzly Orchestra

Scan to Sign In!



# Meet Your Directors

Mrs. Cini



Mr. Casagrande



# Goal For The Year:

*To foster an environment where  
students love music and are  
motivated to perform at their  
personal best.*

# Accomplishments

In 2022-24

**As a member of the Grizzly Orchestra, you are a part of something great!**

- ★ For 2 years in a row, 3 orchestras received sweepstakes at UIL, the highest rating!
- ★ For 2 years in a row, we took a full orchestra, made up of students from orchestra and band, to UIL contest and received sweepstakes! We are one of 2 CISD school with a full orchestra
- ★ The Grand Oaks Full Orchestra also performed at the CWM Pavilion for the Holly Jolly Pops concert!
- ★ For 2 years, we had more than 10 students audition for and make the Region 9 orchestra!
- ★ For 2 years, we had a student make the Texas All-State orchestra, performing at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA).
- ★ Over the past 2 years, we had 70 students qualify for the State Solo & Ensemble Contest (TSSEC), taking home 33 medals, more than any other Region 9 school!
- ★ Over the past 2 years, at TSSEC 4 students were awarded the Outstanding Musician Award, which is only given to 2% of participants!
- ★ Last March, we performed in Carnegie Hall in NYC! This year we will perform in the Meyerson Performance Center, home of the Dallas Symphony!



**It is an exciting time for us, and we cannot wait to share the 2024-25 school year with you.**





UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
★  
Grand Oaks High School  
Symphonic Orchestra  
UIL Sweepstakes  
Directors: Lea Cox and Michael Longmire

2024



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
★  
Grand Oaks High School  
Full Orchestra  
UIL Sweepstakes  
Directors: Lea Cox, Michael Hake, and Michael Longmire



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
★  
Grand Oaks High School  
Chamber Orchestra  
UIL Sweepstakes  
Director: Lea Cox

2024



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
★  
Grand Oaks High School  
Philharmonic Orchestra  
UIL Sweepstakes  
Directors: Lea Cox and Michael Longmire

2024

# Get Connected



Email: [Lcini@conroeisd.net](mailto:Lcini@conroeisd.net)  
[mcasagrande@conroeisd.net](mailto:mcasagrande@conroeisd.net)

Conference: 7th period

Tutorial time:

Tuesdays @2:45-3:30





# COMMUNICATION

[www.gohsorchestra.com](http://www.gohsorchestra.com)

Everything you need to know about  
the GOHS orchestra program



How we communicate.  
Get the Spond app NOW!  
Directions are on the website.



# Upcoming Events



**Aug 20** Orchestra Parent Night & Spring Trip Meeting

**Aug 23** Orchestra Student Council Social

**Sept 17** Opening Night Concert 6:00 pm

**Sept 23** Homecoming Parade

**Oct 5** GO Hosts the Region orchestra auditions

**Oct 23** Spooktacular Classics Concert 7pm

**Nov 16** GO Hosts the 9th and 10th grade Honor Orchestra Clinic and Concert

**Dec 5** Holly Jolly Pops at CWMP

**Dec 10** Holiday Concert



# Grades



Handbook/Acknowledgement signature - Major Grade - **Due 8/20**

Travel Card - Major Grade - **Due 8/20**

Supplies - at least 1 surprise supply check per grading period

**Pass Offs and Playing tests**

What does a “z” or an “x” in the gradebook mean?

“Z” - averaged in as a Zero, but can be turned in for a grade

“X” - student is exempt - does not affect student’s average



Please support our  
cell phone policy

# Cell Phone Policy

Phones can be used for tuning.

Cell phones can be used for specific class activities - see the cell phone green/red sign on white board.

All other times, cell phones are to remain in the cell phone caddy.

We have a ZERO tolerance cell phone policy. There will not be warnings for cell phone violations.

**1st offense** - Referral and a phone call home



# ORCHESTRA

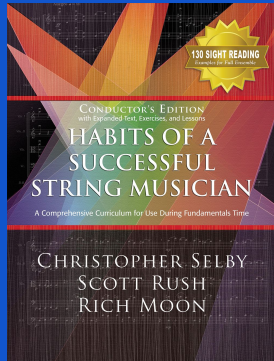
GRAND OAKS HIGH SCHOOL

# Supplies

Chamber - Symphony - Philharmonic

Technique Book:

Habits of a Successful String Musician

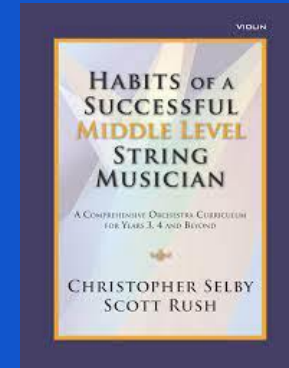


**Other Supplies:**  
**1" Black Binder with 5 dividers**  
**Pencil pouch with 2 pencils and**  
**1 highlighter**

Camerata

Technique Book:

Habits of a Successful Middle Level String Musician



# Lessons and Fees



- ★ Private Lessons - an updated list will be posted on our orchestra website soon
- ★ Activity Fee - \$160  
Covers music, orchestra t-shirt, uniform purchases and cleaning, clinicians, contest fees, solo & ensemble fees, office supplies, music supplies, and more
- ★ Uniforms - Checked out from the school. You return your uniform at the end of the year. I cover the dry cleaning.
- ★ Instrument Maintenance Fee - \$77 (for students using school instruments)



# Orchestra Student Council



**Helps with GO, York, Clark, and Cox Concerts,  
Plans and runs social events,  
Aids directors in planning and room management.**





# Booster Club



**Help support our  
orchestra program!**



# **A Huge Thank You to Our Student Volunteers** **for Making the Car Wash a Success!!**

**Valeria Villarroel  
Matthew Weimer  
Hope McCormick  
Jana Garza  
Joseph Garza  
Elizabeth Howard  
Maddie Zufelt  
Aubry Savant  
Ayush Patel  
Kayla Isaacks**

**Avary Erdies  
Collin Jones  
Gabriel Hofilena  
Lauryn McQuade  
Makena Rhame  
Julia Moreno  
Alina Escanilla  
Tarini Sirife  
Alexis Kennedy  
Lyana Elnahhas**





# 2024-2025 GOHS Booster Club Officers

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- Lois McQuade - President
- Marika Savant - Executive Vice President
- Lesly Garcia - Vice President
- Ana Howard - Secretary
- Robert Weimer - Treasurer
- Melissa Rodriguez - Historian
- Dan Isaacks - Historian
- Trinity Guyewski - Communications





# Purpose and Benefits of Booster Club

1. Promote fundraising opportunities to assist the Directors in maturing the GOHS Orchestra program. Fundraising efforts support the following:
  - Making major purchases (e.g., uniforms, lockers, etc.)
  - Sponsoring student events/socials (e.g., Homecoming float decorations, catering of socials, etc.)
  - Sponsoring scholarships
  - Improving concert programs
2. Coordinate parent volunteers to support the students and Directors



# **Committee Volunteer Opportunities**

- Financial
- Events
- Fundraising
- Homecoming Parade
- Concert Programs
- Instrument Transportation for Competitions
- IT/Website Maintenance
- Scholarship Committee
- Other - To Be Determined



# How to Join Booster Club

**Level 1 - \$40**

**Includes membership + GOHS Orchestra Car Decal**

**Level 2 - \$50**

**includes Level 1 + GOHS Orchestra Yard Sign**

**Level 3 - \$75**

**includes Level 2 + GOHS Orchestra Garment Bag**



**Scan to Join Now!**





# Lonestar Music Festival!

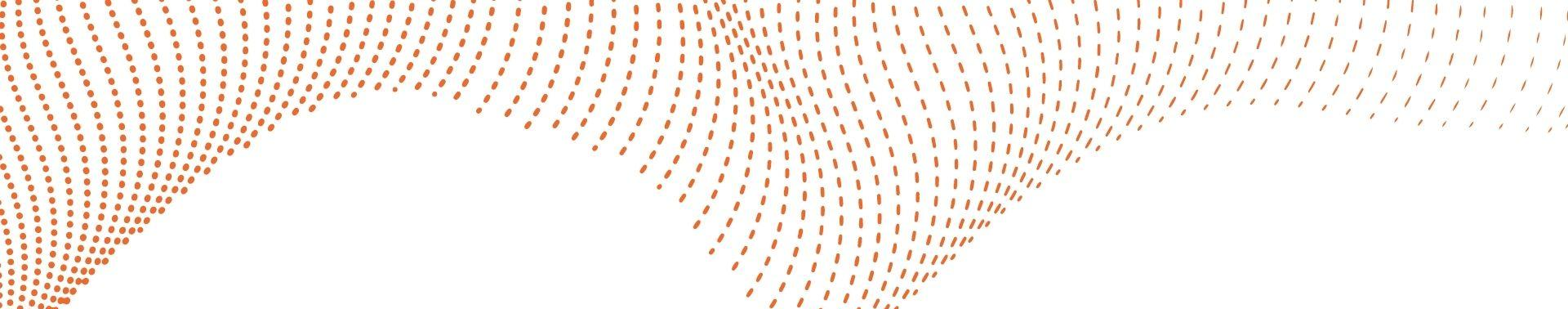
April 4-6, 2025

You don't want to miss this opportunity to perform in the renowned  
Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, TX!

All students in all classes are invited to attend.







**We have two orchestras competing in the festival  
with back to back performances!**

Our trip also includes a tour of the **Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza**, a guided tour of the **Dallas Cowboys (AT&T) Stadium**, the Dallas **World Aquarium**, Dinner at **Medieval Times & Tournament**, a full day at **Six Flags**, a Buc-ee's food stop, and an epic performance of **Sibelius's Symphony No. 3 from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra!**



# Participant Billing Program

American Classic Tours & Music Festivals handles the entire registration and payment process directly with you.

Details on how this works is in the trip packet.

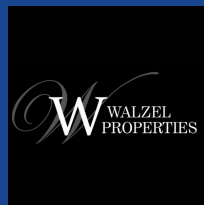
**\$175 non-refundable deposit is required to register and is due by 9/1/24**

Total cost of the trip for students is \$875

To register, scan the QR code on your trip handout.



# Support our Sponsors



To become a  
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# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!



**THAT PERSON WHO KEEPS PLAYING  
OUT OF TUNE**



**AFTER THE DIRECTOR CUTS  
EVERYONE OFF**

When your orchestra director says "last  
time from letter A" for the 237th time



**IF YOU EVER FEEL BAD ABOUT  
PROCRASTINATING**



**JUST REMEMBER THAT MOZART WROTE  
THE OVERTURE TO DON GIOVANNI THE  
MORNING IT PREMIERED**