



MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
Director of Orchestras - Matthew Mulvaney



September 28, 2016

Mira Mesa Orchestra Musicians, Families, and Supporters,

Our 2016-17 academic year is already well underway! Many of our musicians returned in August to take part in our 3rd Annual Mira Mesa Summer String Camp. As the calendar turned to September, our focus has shifted to individual fall performance assessments, the return of our section string coaches, our upcoming Concert Cookout, and preparing for a year full of unique musical opportunities.

Our program works diligently each year to ensure that all of our musicians have access to quality instruments, professional guidance, musical selections, and opportunities. While we offer many fundraisers throughout the year to achieve this, our largest source of support each year comes through our donation drive.

Simply put, I am asking for you to consider making an investment in our program, so that we may continue to support our students. While no single family can possibly fund our entire program, we have been uniformly successful in funding our orchestras through this donation drive.

To illustrate how some of the donations are used, our string coaching investment approaches \$15,000 per year. This is the single biggest investment we make as a program, but is one that I feel plays a central role in the lives and experiences of our musicians. Each week, students from all three periods of orchestra have the opportunity to work in homogenous instrumental groups alongside established string professionals. In essence, it serves as a means of supporting all students (not dissimilar to private lessons) at a fraction of the cost. The unit cost of an hour of instruction, per student, is less than five dollars (one class per week).

Outside of string coaching, our program accounts for expenses associated with purchasing music literature, repairing instruments, participating in festivals, and providing necessary orchestra supplies, among others.

Donations made to our program are charitable and tax-deductible. The Mira Mesa Instrumental Music Boosters (MMIMB) are a federally registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization (tax identification number: 95-3492413). Donations made via check should be written out to: MMIMB.

While donations are always entirely voluntary in nature, I want to encourage everyone to consider supporting our Mira Mesa Orchestras. All families, individuals, and businesses who choose to invest in our program can be sure that proceeds will be immediately and directly used to support and guide our wonderful students.

On behalf of all of our musicians, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Matthew Mulvaney