



MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
Instrumental Music Program - Matthew Mulvaney



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Mira Mesa Orchestra Community,

Allow me to be among the first to welcome our student-musicians, parents, supporters, and friends to the 2012 – 2013 academic year, and to our orchestra program here at Mira Mesa High School.

We enter this year on the heels of a very busy, and successful, 2011 – 2012 year. The previous year saw a significant increase in our orchestra enrollment, a record number of honor orchestra participants, multiple field trips to Copley Symphony Hall for celebrity orchestra concerts (Chicago, New York, and Cleveland), the introduction of professional coaching to our more experienced students, an orchestral première, and any number of other firsts.

However, this letter is not about last year. The opportunities and events listed above only serve to illustrate the types of events and opportunities we intend to provide to our students. I invite you to join us in the weeks ahead as we discuss how, as a community, we will come together to support our student-musicians, and continue to provide the types of educational opportunities, experiences, and resources they deserve.

Until then, here is some basic information of which everyone should be aware:

- **Website** – Our website, miramesaorchestras.org, is complete with a *Google Calendar* (which you may synch to any device), course documents, digital resources for both parent and student alike, contact information, and more.
- **Course Forms** – School forms, including our *Syllabus & Handbook Receipt*, *Communication Form*, and *Medical Information Form*, are being digitized to make the information more readily available. Please review the related documents and complete the digital forms, all of which are available through our website.
- **Parent Meeting** – I invite everyone to attend an informational meeting about our orchestra program, which will be held on Wednesday, September 26th, at 8pm (following Open House). We will discuss how to get involved with the *Mira Mesa Instrumental Music Boosters (MMIMB)*, and how we plan to support our students this year.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, and thank you for your continued support of our students and our orchestra program. Go Mira Mesa – Go Big Blue!

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Mulvaney