

MYS Weekly Update, November 23, 2011



This is the November 23 issue of your Weekly Update. The Weekly Update contains important information pertaining to the upcoming Saturday rehearsal and other upcoming events. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the MYS.

No Rehearsal This Saturday, Nov. 26!

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be NO rehearsals at Highland this Saturday. We wish everyone a safe, fun, and relaxing holiday weekend!

Rehearsals Resume Dec. 3

Rehearsals resume Saturday Dec. 3 at Highland Jr. High. All orchestras will rehearse at their usual times.

String Orchestra Holiday Performance: Participation forms due!

The String Orchestra will be performing a holiday concert at Rosedale Center on **Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1:00pm.**

Although it is not mandatory, all String Orchestra students are strongly encouraged to participate! We still have not heard from a number of families. If you have not yet turned in your participate form, please download a copy [here](#) and fax or mail to the MYS office or send an email to Rachel Bittner at rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org indicating whether or not you will be participating.

MYS Craft Boutique & Bake Sale: Dec. 17

Join in the festivities and participate in this year's MYS Craft Boutique & Bake Sale. In addition to sweet treats we are calling on all creative crafters to do what they do best—get crafty! General craft items, or craft items geared toward the holiday season will gladly be accepted. Download the Craft Boutique & Bake Sale flyer for more info at mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms.

Keep Posted: Fundraiser results are still being tallied, but top selling students and the top selling orchestra will be announced soon!

Thank You Wreath Volunteers!

MYS extends a very special thank you our wreath distribution day volunteers. Thank you for braving the cold temps and the snow and helping distribution day run smoothly. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Thank You For Giving To The Max

The Minnesota Youth Symphonies has officially kicked off its 2012 annual fundraising campaign, and we'd like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in Give to the Max. This year, 110 participants logged into Givemn.org and contributed \$14,000 to music education. It is fantastic to see so many people support the Minnesota Youth Symphonies--especially in this economic climate. This is going to make a tremendous impact for our students and keep MYS operating at its high level of quality.

Thus far we have already raised \$26,500 towards our goal of \$100,000. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please consider doing so as part of your yearly giving plans. The money from the Annual Campaign goes directly to support our students' comprehensive musical experience and provide the opportunity for them to follow their dreams. Your contribution is an investment in the growth and development of Minnesota youth and musical education.

To give to the annual fund, go to <http://mnyouthsymphonies.org/support> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Once again, thank you very much for your generosity and support. We appreciate it!