

McFarland Music Boosters Notes

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Third Edition

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2020 Music Booster Meetings
7:00 p.m. via Zoom
[Visit website for link](#)

October 14
November 11
December 2

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Greetings!

Welcome to the second year of the McFarland Music Boosters newsletter and to the 2020-2021 school year! The purpose of the McFarland Music Boosters is to assist and enrich the K-12 music program of the McFarland School District by supporting the musical endeavors of students and teachers within those programs. Last year, McFarland Music Boosters provided funding for the high school and middle school Solo & Ensemble participation fees, for senior music students' trip to the Overture Center to see The Color Purple, and for beautiful new chairs and stands for the new Performing Arts Center. We have big plans for 2020-2021. Our new fundraising goal is called Operation Tuba, through which we hope to purchase one new tuba for the high school this year (cost of \$5,000). We have it on good

authority that the current tubas are maybe 30 years old and a new one (or two) is needed.

Like you, Music Boosters has been working to adjust to the changes in 2020. Besides adjusting to virtual school, virtual Booster meetings and the cancellation of our biggest event, Blues in the Night, Music Boosters is adjusting to its new status as a 501C3 non-profit. We happily became a 501C3 in July 2020. Also, the Boosters give a huge welcome to WYSO! See the WYSO article on page 3 to find out more.

Please stop by our website to learn more about us.

<https://mcfarlandmusicboosters.weebly.com/>

Sincerely,
McFarland Music Boosters

"Operation Tuba" Fundraiser

Join us for our first ever McFarland Music Boosters Spartan Pizza Fundraiser!

Please help Music Booster's with "Operation Tuba." We are raising money to buy a new tuba for the Music Department.



OcTUBA (October) 7th and 8th from 4:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. McFarland Music Boosters will receive 15% profit on all carryout pizza orders!

Save the Date!

Fruit, Kringle & Coffee

We are still planning on having our annual Fruit, Kringle & Coffee sale in November.

Watch for more information in late October. We expect to make changes to the pick-up process due to COVID-19.



How I Earned \$334.58 (and counting!) for My Son's Music Account

By Jena Kujak

As a member of the McFarland Music Boosters for the last couple years, I wanted to share how easy it is to raise money for both the Boosters and your personal music account for your kid(s). You can use funds in your personal music account for accompanist fees, school instrument rentals, and when travel is open again, music trips!

I enrolled in our ShopWithScrip program online, which enables me to buy electronic gift cards right on my phone while I'm shopping or getting take-out food! The cards I use the most are Subway, Kwik Trip, Starbucks, Buffalo Wild Wings, Old Navy, Chipotle, Marcus Movies, and a couple others. I am buying the cards at face value and the assigned rebate is donated to Boosters (25% of rebate) and our personal music account (75% of rebate). I don't buy the card until I'm actually at the store with my phone so I'm spending the money I would be anyway.

Simply sign up at shopwithscrip.com to create your account. Enter the Music Boosters code [3FL3ELB857848] and your

child's name, and then link your bank account so all your purchases can be done online or on your phone after the one-time set up.

I downloaded the RaiseRight™ app, which linked my account right away with the same user name and password. I have it set up with the places I shop the most and also registered my physical cards from Subway and Kwik Trip so I can reload them, and other members of my family can use the cards when I'm not home.

So...after about a year I've earned \$334.58 (through August) for my son's account, and on top of that a portion of the rebates were donated to Boosters to keep music strong in McFarland! Best fundraising idea ever...I didn't even have to sell anything to my coworkers!

Email Mcfarlandmusicscripcoordinator@gmail.com for more information and check out shopwithscrip.com to browse the 700 gift cards and their rebates!

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Be
part
of it!

Join us!

Have ideas about new fundraisers? Have a talent you could offer or some time to volunteer? Want to help our music program?

Join us! Please consider joining the efforts of the McFarland Music Boosters to assist students with their music activities! Email mcfarlandmusicboosters@gmail.com

McFarland School District Welcomes Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, Fall 2020

By Beth Briddell

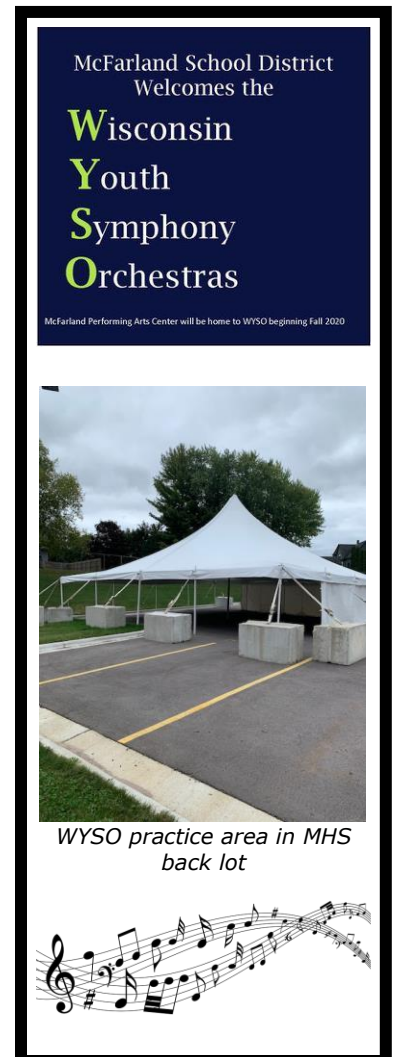
McFarland School District and [Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras](#) (WYSO) have formed a [special new partnership](#), showcasing the collaborative efforts and rich artistic histories of both organizations. WYSO was founded in 1966 by Dr. Marvin Rabin as part of the UW-Madison School of Music and is recognized as one of the most successful youth symphony programs in the nation. WYSO began that 1966 season with one orchestra and has since grown to include two string orchestras, three full orchestras, a percussion ensemble, a harp ensemble, and multiple chamber groups. Today WYSO provides outstanding orchestral and chamber music opportunities for approximately 400 students in grades 2 through 12. After more than 50 years of incredible music-making WYSO is beginning a new chapter in its rich history by taking up residence here in McFarland. Our partnership represents a unique example of a collaborative creative space in which WYSO, McFarland School District, and the McFarland community all benefit.

This year, due to COVID-19, WYSO has restructured its programming into small ensembles each with no more than 15 musicians. WYSO Music Director Kyle Knox, Executive Director Bridget Faser, and Operations Director Yanzel Rivera have worked tirelessly with McFarland School District staff and Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) to ensure that this fall's structure provides the safest possible environment for in-person music education. The 2020-21

WYSO season began in September with woodwind and brass ensembles rehearsing outdoors at McFarland High School in tents. Musicians are spaced at least 6 feet apart from one another, wear face coverings, and also use special coverings for their instruments. In October WYSO will begin transitioning to indoor activities for string and percussion students using the same health and safety protocols. This transition coincides with McFarland School District's transition to in-person instruction for all students grades K-2, in-person educational supports for students in grades 3-12, and the beginning of indoor co-curricular and community recreation activities under PHMDC Youth Settings and Mass Gatherings rules. Eventually, when public health conditions permit, both WYSO and McFarland School District will resume traditional programming and our students and staff will be able to collaborate in-person artistically and educationally. For now, we are all moving forward to create the best educational opportunities we can with the health and safety of students and staff as our highest priority.



WYSO practice area in MHS front lot



WYSO practice area in MHS back lot

Questions for the Directors:

1. What do you teach, and how long you have been teaching?
2. What is your favorite album/ musician?
3. What are your goals for virtual music learning and/or student tips for virtual learning?
4. Any fun facts about yourself that you are willing to share?
5. Anything else that you think is pertinent?



String Fling 2020

Meet Your Music Directors (Part 1)

By Aileen Swan

In this issue, we meet Brian Vanderbloemen and Leanna Hershey. Next issue, we will meet Paul Gregg and Joe Hartson.

Brian Vanderbloemen

1. I teach 6th-12th Grade Band and Philharmonic Orchestra. 2020/2021 is my 18th year in McFarland, 27th year of teaching music.
2. It's far too difficult to narrow this down to one, so here are a few from a variety of styles and performers:
 - ♪ Original Broadway Cast Album - "Les Miserables"
 - ♪ "Carmina Burana" - Houston Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, Conducted by Leopold Stokowski
 - ♪ Count Basie and Duke Ellington - all of it
 - ♪ Any Album of the Eastman Wind Ensemble, especially those conducted by Frederick Fennell
 - ♪ Lyle Lovett and His Large Band
 - ♪ David Byrne and The Talking Heads
3. I want to find ways to connect to each other and music, even though we're teaching and learning from a distance. Also - play or sing as much as possible.
4. My family and I just moved to Cross Plains, WI from the East Side of Madison this summer. It will be nice when we're back in school; my 10-year-old son will get to go to school (1 minute away from our house) where his mom is one of the band teachers. Years ago, our middle child attended McFarland HS where I am one of the band teachers!

Leanna Hershey

1. I teach grades 5-10 Orchestra. I have taught Orchestra in Illinois, Arizona, and Wisconsin. I have been teaching on and off over the past 30 years. (I've taken a few years off with my children and moving.)
2. This is a really tough question and something we talk about at home. The question comes back to where am I, and what am I doing? With that said, the following come to mind right now.
 - ♪ Rush - "Grace Under Pressure" "Roll the Bones"
 - ♪ Tchaikovsky 1812
 - ♪ The Nylons
3. My goal for virtual learning for my students is to keep them playing and moving forward. For students to know that we are in this together and are all doing our best. Students can also be empowered to tune their own instruments and be successful at personal growth.
4. I enjoy running, kayaking, my family and playing with my cats.
5. Music is awesome! Take all the opportunities while you can and play/sing music!