



# ORCHESTRA NEWSLETTER

September 2019

## Director's Note

Welcome back East Orchestra families! I am thrilled to start my 4th year teaching in Wauwatosa and my 13th year teaching orchestra.

The 2019-2020 school year is already off to a racing start! Many students have been practicing this summer to prepare for our early October international adventure to Austria and the Czech Republic. There are far too many highlights to note, however, as of this newsletter East orchestra has confirmed nearly all of our travel/sightseeing and most of our performance venues. A finalized itinerary will be handed out at the final trip meeting on September 11th (see meeting section for more details).

On another note, this school year marks a location and date change for our annual WSMA festival. The festival will be hosted at Longfellow Middle School on February 29th, 2020. Yes, we're going to LEAP into solo & ensemble.

And in other music news, we are bringing back Tosa East's chapter of Tri-M, a national music honor society. East had one of the first chapters in the 1960's and Ms. Lato and I will co-advise this year's induction class (open to 10-12 grades who meet admission requirements).

As you can see, there are a lot of exciting happenings in orchestra at Tosa East this year and I'm excited to get started!

~Michael Hayden

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## Upcoming Events

### **October 11th - 19th, 2019**

Austria/Czech Republic Performance Tour  
Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Prague

### **October 23rd, 2019**

Fall Orchestra Concert  
7:00pm  
Dale K. Hiddle Theatre

### **Austria Trip Meeting**

The final trip meeting will be September 11th at 5:45pm in the library. This is the same night as East Open House but I am committed to ending on time so that you can get to your child's 1st period class.

The meeting will highlight our finalized itinerary, travel plans, tour expectations/policies, and what to pack. Our travel agent from Gateway will also be on hand to say hello, highlights our travel plan, and answer questions. I will also be at open house should additional questions come up.

At the conclusion of the group meeting, parents traveling will meet separately for 5 minutes to go over your roles on the trip.

Not able to attend the meeting? There is a makeup meeting scheduled at 9am on September 12th in the orchestra room. If you are coming on Thursday, please send me an email so I can let the office know.

### **Orchestra Parents of Tosa East (OPTE)**

#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Orchestra Parents of Tosa East is a volunteer organization designed to support and highlight the happenings of Wauwatosa East Orchestra.

OPTE supports our guest artists and clinicians, trip fundraising, solo & ensemble organization (and fees), organizes volunteers for our concerts, and too many other items to list. OPTE is currently seeking orchestra families to serve in various roles on their board. Orchestra Parents of Tosa East typically meets 4 times per year in addition to helping with various orchestra events.

Interested? Please contact Ms. Sofia Gutierrez at [sofiapepe@aol.com](mailto:sofiapepe@aol.com)

### **Trip Meeting, continued**

Finally, every family will be emailed travel documents, itineraries, and the presentation after the meeting.

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