

## *South Orangetown Middle School Music Department*

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### *SOMS Music Department Newsletter*

*Here are some updates and reminders for all band, chorus and orchestra parents and guardians:*

#### **SOMS Music Department Website:**

For all SOMS Music information- go to SOCSO.org, then SOMS, then Music Department. Specific orchestra, band and chorus information can be found at Mr. Rotjan's Website, Mrs. Tocco's Website, and Mrs. Carney's Website. (You can get there directly by going to [www.mrotjan.wordpress.com](http://www.mrotjan.wordpress.com) or [www.jtocco.wordpress.com](http://www.jtocco.wordpress.com) or [www.pcarney.wordpress.com](http://www.pcarney.wordpress.com))

Please check the website often for the most up-to-date information.

#### **Reminder:**

All band, chorus and orchestra members are required to adhere to the procedures outlined in the SOMS Music Handbook. The handbook can be found on the SOMS Music website. By signing the contract, you are telling us that you have read the handbook and understand what is expected.

#### **Another reminder-**

Lessons are a critical component of our program. Lessons enable students to have small group instruction on their part/instrument which in turn strengthens all of our large groups. Lesson schedules have been created to minimize impact on other classes.

#### **Lesson Requirements as follows:**

Treble Chorus (6<sup>th</sup> grade) members do not have lessons

For all other groups:

Students in one performing group need to attend 6 lessons each quarter.

Students in two performing groups need to attend 4 lessons for each group per quarter.

Students in three performing groups need to attend 3 lessons for each group per quarter.

#### **Thanksgiving Pie Sale:**

The SOMS Music Department will hold our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

Order forms will go home shortly. The sale will start on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pie delivery date is November 24<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned.

#### **Upcoming Concert Information:**

Concerts are on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Groups Performing:

December 16<sup>th</sup>- Concert Choir, Treble Chorus, Concert Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra

December 18<sup>th</sup>- Chorale, Concert Band, Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Band

#### **Concert Dress:**

Music Shirt-All students are required to wear our Music Department shirt. Order forms went home earlier this week. Forms should be returned by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Girls- Department shirt, black skirt or dress pants, appropriate hosiery (no leggings), black shoes

Boys- Department shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes

*If you have any questions about anything, please contact your child's music teacher at the e-mail address or phone number and extension shown above.*

Your support makes all the difference. Thank you for supporting music at SOMS!

Sincerely,

SOMS Music Staff