



Harper's Choice Middle School Music Department

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September 11, 2008

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra and Band Parents,

This year we have arranged to take the 7th and 8th grade orchestra and band students to hear the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in an open rehearsal. The trip will take place on Friday November 21, 2008. The purpose of the trip is to give our students a "behind the scenes look" at a working rehearsal of a professional orchestra. In addition to hearing the Baltimore Symphony we will eat lunch at Hard Rock Café in the Inner Harbor. The cost of the trip is \$23.00. Students should plan to wear clothes that are appropriate for attending a concert. (*Note: 11/21 is Crazy Sock Day at HCMS – students should plan not to wear crazy socks to the concert.)

The schedule for the day will be as follows: (some times are approximate)

8:45am: Leave HCMS

9:45am: Arrive at Meyerhoff

10:00am – 12:45pm: BSO Open Rehearsal *Followed by Q&A session with the conductor

1:30pm: Lunch at Hard Rock Café

3:45pm: Return to HCMS - Because we will be returning after school has dismissed, please arrange to have your child picked up from school by 3:45pm.

Choices for lunch at Hard Rock Café will be:

- Hard Rock Café Burger
- Hard Rock Café Veggie Burger
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich
- Pig Sandwich
- Hard Rock Café Caesar Salad
- Chicken Tenders

* Lunch also includes chocolate chips cookies and soft drinks.

Please return the form below and \$23.00 cash or check (please make checks payable to HCMBF) in an envelope marked with your child's name and BSO Trip no later than **Friday, September 26, 2008**. If you would like to chaperone, please indicate so on the form below. Please **DO NOT** send money for chaperones at this time. Every student also needs to return the attached Emergency Procedure/Health Information Form.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McKay or Ms. Miranda.

Sincerely,
Amanda McKay
Orchestra Director

Cassandra Miranda
Band Director

My child _____ will attend the trip to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal on Friday, November 21, 2008.

Parent Signature _____

I am interested in chaperoning. Please contact me at _____