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From the Westview GOLD Booster President

Lorrie Frost

No one has ever become poor by giving. - Anne Frank

Did you know that J.K. Rowling was the first person to fall off of Forbes' billionaire list because she donated so much of her wealth? We could use a little of that this time of year. It is at this point that we start to look at our remaining funding to continue the high level of coaching that keeps Westview Gold running. It really is imperative that all families give in whatever way possible. If you have not yet contributed to the coaching fund for the 2018-19 school year, you are in the perfect position to help. You will find a very convenient and informative paragraph on Donating to Westview Gold on Page 6 of this very newsletter. Please don't put this off!

And make sure that you don't miss all that is still to come. We have so many exciting events in the next few months. From Disney's Community Arts Showcase, to festivals, to guard tournaments, to the Solo & Ensemble Festival at Westview, you are sure to find many ways to cheer on our amazing students. Come to the parent meeting this week to learn more, and check the calendar often to keep up with the excitement. I'll see you all soon.

GO GOLD!

~Lorrie Frost
Westview GOLD Booster President

Booster Parent Information Night on Wed., Feb. 6, 7:00 PM

[Arlene Chang](#) and [Jeanette Soriano](#), our Co-VPs of Communications will be hosting another Parent Information Night on Wed., Feb. 6 at 7:00 PM. Agenda will include important information about the upcoming festival season.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Be sure to check [WV Gold Calendar](#) for the latest updates to events!!

Band Members Signed Up

Sat., Feb. 9 Disney Workshop/Trip

Winterguard Practice

3:30 PM Tues, Thurs.

9:00 AM Thurs., 2/21

9:00 AM Fri., 2/22

See page 2 for competition schedule

Full Orchestra Rehearsals

7:00-9:00 PM Mon., Wed.

Musical Pit Rehearsal

3:30 Wed.

Orchestra Workshop w J.Bejarano

TBD Fri., Mar. 1

Band Workshop with J.Giroux

TBD Thurs., Mar 21 -

Fri., Mar.22

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

El Camino B&O	Fri., Mar.8 - Sat., Mar.9
Point Loma Jazz	Sat., Mar.23
Poway B&O	Wed.,Apr.10- Thurs.,Apr.11
Solo & Ensemble	Sat.,Apr.27 Sat.,May 4
Command Perf. (tbd)	Tues.,May 7

What's Next?

Westview Gold To Do List

- Marching Band and Field Tournament Season
- Winter Gold Show
- Finals
- Start second semester
- Parent Information Night
- Winterguard
- Concert Festival Season
- Orchestra and Band Workshops
- Solo and Ensemble Festival

Color Guard News

What is Winter Guard?

In the winter and spring months, Westview GOLD's talented Color Guard participates in Winterguard competitions. They compete with other schools from Southern California. Winterguard is performed indoors, usually in a gymnasium or an indoor arena. Performances make use of recorded music instead of a live marching band. For more information about Winterguard events see the [Westcoast Winterguard](#) (WCWG) website.

Spin, Drop and Recover

Did you know that when a color guard member drops his or her weapon, saber or flag it doesn't necessarily mean that we are losing points? The judges look at how quickly the color guard member can recover. Westview GOLD's Color Guard Coach, [Rebecca Greenberg](#), tells the students to recover within four counts of the mistake. Anything more than that is frowned upon when it comes to the judges. The goal is to not have anyone notice the mistake and to keep performing through the whole thing. It's not easy to "keep calm and carry on" when a mistake is made but our Westview GOLD Color Guard are trained to do just that during their marching band field show performances and the Winter Guard competitions. Our amazing Winterguard was recently featured in the latest (1/25/2019) issue of Westview's student run newspaper, The Nexus. Check out Winterguard's article on Page 6: [THE WV NEXUS](#).

Come out and cheer for Westview GOLD's Color Guard during their Winter Guard competitions! Here is the full schedule:

Saturday, Feb. 16

Winter Guard @Ramona High School, Riverside

Saturday, Mar. 2

Winter Guard @Mira Mesa High School

Saturday, Mar. 16

Winter Guard @Murrietta Mesa High School

Sunday, Mar. 31

Winter Guard @WCWG CHAMPS San Marcos High School

Performance times are determined about a week before competitions. Do you have any questions? Contact [Jennifer Carr](#), Westview GOLD's Color Guard Parent Representative.

Concert Festival Season is approaching!

What is Festival Season?

Festival season is a time for our students to show off what they have learned by performing high-level repertoire for an audience. Westview GOLD attends El Camino Festival in mid-March and Poway Festival in early April. Both events require travel. **Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Orchestra** will perform for several judges to receive constructive comments and criticism. Our students LOVE to have an audience and parents are **INVITED** to attend. Check the [Westview GOLD calendar](#) for times when your student will be performing. **NOTE:** Not all groups perform on the same days/times.

Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band Attire

Orchestra / Wind Ensemble

Males: Black Tuxedo (black jacket, black pants, white shirt, black bow-tie and black cummerbund), black socks and black shoes. Tuxedos are available at a variety of places such as Tuxedo Discounters and Formal Fashions, Inc.

Females: Black gown (Style# 4853AX) available from Formal Fashions, Inc., black stockings, and black dress shoes.

Symphonic and Concert Bands

Males: Black dress slacks, black belt, black dress shirt, black socks, and black dress shoes.

Females: Black dress shirt, (3/4 sleeves or longer), black dress pants or black dress skirt (skirt must be past knee length), black stockings, black dress shoes.

NOTE: Parents are encouraged to watch a preview of the festival literature at the **Festival and Awards Concert on Tues., April 2 at 6:30 PM**

Orchestra Workshop with [Jessica Bejarano](#), Musical Director-SF Civic Symphony and Music Director, San Francisco University High School

Joint event with Black Mountain Middle School Orchestra, March 1

A unique opportunity for Westview GOLD orchestra to bond with potential incoming orchestra members while working with Jessica Bejarano, an internationally known music director and conductor. Jessica Bejarano serves as music director and conductor of the San Francisco Civic Symphony, an 85-member full orchestra. Jessica also serves as music director at San Francisco University High School where she conducts the orchestra and choral program.

Band Workshop with [Julie Giroux](#), Emmy Award Winning Composer

March 21-22, 2019, concert date Friday, March 22

The Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble will enjoy a special workshop and concert performance under the direction of Julie Giroux, composer of orchestral, choral, chamber, and numerous concert band works and Emmy Award Winner for "Outstanding Individual Achievement in Music Direction". Watch for details!

Solo and Ensemble Festival and Performances

Saturday, April 27 and Saturday, May 4, Command Performance, Tuesday, May 7 (Tentative)

Preparations are underway for Westview GOLD Solo and Ensemble Festival, established to include authentic assessment in addressing Music Standard 2.0 Artistic Expression: “Students apply vocal and instrumental musical skills in performing a varied repertoire of music.” This standard includes solo and ensemble experience. **PARENTS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

See “[Check-off and grading sheet](#)” for detailed schedule of expectations.

See “[Westview GOLD 2018-19 Syllabus and Handbook](#)” pages 16-17 for “Steps for Success”.

In the Westview GOLD Community

Above and Beyond

Congratulations to the following Westview GOLD members who have been selected for the [2019 California All-State Music Education Conference \(CASMEC\) Ensemble](#).

Concert Band	Bass Clarinet	Joshua Chuang
Concert Band	Bassoon	Sarah Goldstein
Concert Band	Trumpet	Samuel Levy
Concert Band	Bb Clarinet	Gary Lin
Symphonic Band	Trumpet	Ethan Olim
Concert Band	Trumpet	Eric Park
Symphonic Band	Bassoon	Abigail Whitehurst
Wind Symphony	Flute	Helen Zhu

Westview GOLD Pep Band Rocks!



Thanks Westview GOLD Pep Band for entertaining the home crowd with awesome tunes during some Westview Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball home games this season!

THE ADDAMS FAMILY Musical

Many of our Westview GOLD members are involved in this upcoming musical both onstage and in the pit in our own Westview Theatre. For more information about the show and tickets go to [Westview Theatre calendar](#).

LCAP Survey: Your Input Is Needed!

Poway Unified School District (PUSD) has launched a survey for the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2019, and **we need you**, as music parents in the Westview community and PUSD stakeholders to actively participate in the process of supporting the arts in PUSD. The input from the LCAP survey drives the decision making of how PUSD will distribute state funding for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

To make it as easy and convenient as possible, PUSD is using a new online tool called "Thought Exchange" that you can access right from your smartphone or computer. Your responses are confidential and you can respond with as few or as many different thoughts as you'd like.

After sharing your thoughts, you'll be asked to consider and assign stars to the ideas shared by others to discover what's most important to our Westview community. [CLICK HERE to get started!](#) Here are some ideas to consider when completing the survey: District Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Coordinator, funding for instrument purchase and repair, replace aging music instruments, funding rotation for district music programs, increase class time for elementary band students, etc.

Your input to encourage the continued support of our music program here at Westview as well as district-wide will be very important! *Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in the survey!*

Westview GOLD's picture website!

Did you miss out on a great shot of your child at a past GOLD event? Check out [GOLD's Smugmug link](#) taken by our amazing parent photographers! The site contains pictures from not only this year's events but past years' events too! Contact our Historian, Med Dyer for questions or to add/remove pictures.

Stay In Touch!

Westview GOLD Facebook Pages

Join the applicable Westview GOLD Facebook Page today! These private Facebook groups provide you with up-to-the-minute information on all Westview GOLD related activities.

Click to join!

- [Westview GOLD Facebook \(All GOLD\)](#)
- [Westview GOLD Band Dads](#)
- [Westview GOLD Color Guard and Winter Guard](#)

Information from the Boosters

Scrip Gift Card Fundraising

Are your kids going out to eat before/after school activities near Westview? Consider buying gift cards to the local stores they frequent (Peet's Coffee, Starbucks, Vons) through Westview GOLD's [ShopWithScrip](#) program.

Do your kids ask for gas money? Consider buying gift cards to the local gas stations (Arco, Exxon/Mobile, Shell).

Take advantage of this great way to donate money to the Westview GOLD Program. Contact [Laura Mikoly](#) to get started with a one-time enrollment code and simple registration instructions.

February Scrip orders will be due on Wed. Feb. 6.

March Scrip orders will be due on Wed. Mar. 6.

Communications Update

Parents should be receiving our GOLD Info Sheet in the inbox folder of the email you registered with. If you don't receive it in your email inbox folder, please check the "Promotions" folder or junk email folder. Parents receive these emails weekly on Sunday evenings through tournament season and as needed during the winter and spring. Please take a few moments to read the info sheet as they are a valuable source of timely information.

[Contact us](#) if you have any questions or if you don't receive these emails.

From Membership/Recruitment

Booster parents are a vital component toward closing the gap between what district funds can pay for and actual needs of a top-quality high school music program. If you haven't yet, consider being a part of our group! Last year's membership fees will go towards the development of a new, more user-friendly Westview GOLD website.

GOLD Booster benefits include:

- Early access to seat ticket purchases for upcoming GOLD Shows.
- Discount at Bertrands!
- A complimentary gift of a "Westview GOLD Music Boosters" auto license plate holder (first time members) or "Westview GOLD" cooling towel for returning GOLD Boosters! Additional cooling towels are available for purchase (\$5 for GOLD Booster members, \$10 for non-members).

If you are already a member, THANK YOU! If not, join today!

[CLICK HERE](#) for GOLD Boosters membership application information.

Become more involved by joining the booster board

Booster parents who make up the booster board and chairperson positions make the magic happen behind the scenes. If you're an excited member of the GOLD family and ready to become more involved, please consider joining us for the next school year! Contact any **booster board member** for more information. Contact information can be found on the next page.

Coming Soon ... Snapraise!

More details about this important fundraiser will be shared very soon.

Donating to Westview GOLD

Did you know that if every able GOLD family made the suggested GOLD donation we could eliminate fund-raising? **THANK YOU** to the families who have already made the suggested 2018-19 donation!

Westview GOLD donations go toward the cost for Sectionals Coaching and the 2018 field show. For Westview GOLD families' convenience, this year's donations are combined into one suggested donation, and prorated by group on the [Donations/Payment page](#). Please note Orchestra and Non-Competitive Band suggested donations are significantly lower than for Competitive Band and Color Guard because the latter now includes the cost of the 2018 field show. For your convenience, donations can be made using:

1. An installment plan of 10 or 12 months for the suggested donation
2. An "Open Donation" option for:
 - GOLD extended family and friends or
 - GOLD families who want to help but are unable donate the full suggested amount

Your generous contributions help us to continue the GOLD program's excellence. Every single donation makes a difference. If you haven't donated yet, [CLICK HERE](#) and make your contributions today!

NOTE: Consult with your tax professional to determine if you are able to claim a deduction on your taxes under the tax regulation changes.

Do you work for a company that makes "Employee Matching Gifts" for employees' charitable contributions? Be sure to apply the matching gift to "Westview Foundation", 501c(3) non-profit, then send an email to [Westview GOLD Treasurer](#) when the match is funded to ensure the match is applied to Westview GOLD!

Keeping Informed with Westview GOLD

Comm Method	How/Where	When
Calendar	GOLD Website Maintained by GOLD Directors	<i>*Ongoing*</i>
Announcements	GOLD Website/In Class Maintained by GOLD Directors	Daily
Facebook	Facebook: All GOLD Other Facebook Pages: Facebook: Color Guard Facebook: Band Dads	<i>*Ongoing*</i>
Information Sheet	Email from WV GOLD Communications	Weekly in fall; as needed in spring.
Section Parent Notes	Email from Section/Group Parent	As needed.
Booster Newsletter	Emailed link from GOLD Communications	Quarterly beginning in Nov. 2018
Charms	Email directly from GOLD Director or Booster President	As Needed

General descriptions and information for each GOLD group can be found on the [GOLD Website](#) under the "Groups" tab. Finally, new parents can continue to access pertinent information via the "New Parent Info" tab.

Questions? Contact communications@westviewGOLD.org

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