



# **2019-2020 Buchser Music Information Guide**

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updated information.***

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Buchser music program! In this music packet, you will find important information regarding courses, events, necessary forms, uniforms, and the Disneyland trip.

The Buchser Music Association (BMA) is a community of parents dedicated to supporting our music students. BMA is involved in many crucial activities, including raising funds to pay for in-class music tutors, repairs to instruments, new music purchases, festival fees, transportation, uniforms, equipment. We also coordinate field trips, communicate with parents about activities, and organize the annual Disneyland trip.

I invite you to join our music community by attending a BMA Board meeting, popping Kettle Korn, helping with our other fundraisers, volunteering to chaperone, contributing financially, or all of the above. Feel free to send me an email if you would like to know how you can become involved or if you have any questions.

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Buchser Music Association President  
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## Contact Information

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### **Buchser Music Association (BMA) Boosters**

**President:** Ji Seon Kim  
**Vice President:** Open  
**Treasurer:** Sara Gat  
**Secretary:** Maria Olson  
**Kettle Korn:** Dave Martin

**Disneyland:** Lisa Sherby, Heidi Bradford  
& Ji Seon Kim  
**Uniforms:** Daya Sanchez  
**Website:** Open  
**Dining for \$:** Sandra Fischer  
**See's Candy:** Jolie Ojeda

*To contact any of the Boosters above, please email [BMABoosters@gmail.com](mailto:BMABoosters@gmail.com) and your message will be forwarded appropriately.*

# Mandatory for all Music Students (Fill-out & Return)

**Due by September 1, 2019**

The award-winning Buchser music program spends over \$25,000.00 each year on music, copies, instruments, instrument repair, in-class tutoring, equipment, festivals, and transportation – NOT including the Disney trip.

Throughout the year, the Boosters support the Music Program through various fundraising activities such as Kettle Korn sales, See's candy sales, Dining for Dollars, etc. In addition, the Boosters provide support for local performances and competitions.

The Buchser Music Association is a non-profit, 501c3 charitable organization that supports the Buchser music program both financially and with volunteer help. In order to provide this quality program for your students, we rely heavily on fundraising and the generosity of our participating families each year. We have estimated the necessary costs to be approximately \$50 per student; this includes the \$5 membership fee to become a BMA booster. Without contributions and fundraising, the music department would not be able to operate.

**I want to support BMA. (Please include a \$50 check, or any amount you would like to donate. Please make checks payable to BMA and put this form and a check in the RED BOX in the music room.)**

☐ **Yes! Check attached.**

*Your donation is tax deductible as BMA is a 501c(3) charitable organization. Tax ID #68-0525632*

## **Contact Information Form**

**Email is our main form of communication; please print clearly so we can add you to the email list.**

Student's Name:

Student's email:

(No SCUSD emails. We don't have access.)

Parent's Name(s):

Parent's email(s):

Home Phone:

Parent's cell phone(s):

Student's Grade:

Instrument:

**Music Class:**

☐ Beginning Band

☐ Intermediate Band

☐ Adv. Band

☐ Beginning Orchestra

☐ Advanced Orchestra

☐ Choir

**Forms and/or Contributions should be dropped off in the RED BOX in the Music Room**

# Buchser Music Groups

**Beginning Band:** A “for credit” class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders held within the school day.

**Concert “Intermediate” Band:** A “for credit” class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders held within the school day. For students who are beginners or switching to another band instrument, or already play instruments but are continuing to develop their technique.

**Symphonic “Advanced” Band:** A “for credit” class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students held within the school day. Membership in this band is limited and is based on proven ability and commitment.

**Beginning Orchestra:** A “for credit” class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders held within the school day. For students who play orchestral string instruments (violin, viola, cello, bass).

**Orchestra:** A “for credit” class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders held within the school day, regardless of musical ability. For students who play orchestral string instruments (violin, viola, cello, bass).

**Choir:** A “for credit” class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders held within the school day. For students interested in vocal performance. No prior music experience is necessary.

**Jazz Band:** An extracurricular band that meets on “A Day” mornings from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Membership in this band is by invitation only, is limited, and is based on proven ability and commitment. Students must be signed up for a music class in order to participate in jazz band.

## PRACTICE TIME COMMITMENT

Below are the practice times that the Director recommends in order to advance on an instrument:

- For the very beginner: 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week.
- For the intermediate player: 30 to 45 minutes a day, 6 days a week minimum.
- For the advanced player: 45 minutes to 1 hour a day, 6 days a week. This is especially important for those students who are contemplating honor band or are preparing for solo competition.

## LESSON TIME AND REHEARSAL TIME ARE NOT CONSIDERED PRACTICE TIME!

There are a number of tutors who provide private lessons after school hours at discounted rates. Many of these tutors are former Buchser Middle School students who have advanced in their instruments.

For information on tutors for your specific instrument please contact your music teacher for details. These lessons are not related to Buchser Middle School or BMA.

# **BMA Student Uniforms**

## **NEW UNIFORMS FOR THIS YEAR**

Wearing consistent colors and types of clothing provides group identity, motivation and professional appearance to our groups.

We will be simplifying the uniforms this year by having **1 uniform for ALL musical groups**. The bottoms will remain the same as last year, but we are working out the details for the tops.

### TOPS:

DETAILS COMING SOON....

### BOTTOMS (Same as last year):

Black DRESS pants, black trouser socks, black closed-toe dress shoes

Black dress pants, usually a thinner polyester blend, can be purchased from any clothing store.

Including here: [http://www.uniformalwearhouse.com/apages/career\\_trousers.html](http://www.uniformalwearhouse.com/apages/career_trousers.html)

**No black jeans, black khakis or black chinos.**

*We do have a small supply of loaner uniforms for those with a financial hardship. Please contact Daya Sanchez at [BMABoosters@gmail.com](mailto:BMABoosters@gmail.com) for more information.*

**REMEMBER** ordering takes about 2-3 weeks so order by the end of October. Uniforms will be needed for the holiday concert in December and there will be a uniform check in November.

## **Buchser Music Association Calendar of Events 2019-2020**

*\*\*\*All dates are subject to change.\*\*\**

<b>August</b>	
Fri, Aug. 30	Music Recruitment Assembly - 2nd period/6th graders
Wed, Aug. 28	BMA meeting in Buchser library 7:00pm
<b>September</b>	
Thurs, Sept. 5	Back to School night
Fri, Sept. 16	Art & Wine Festival- SETUP
Sat, Sept.17	Art & Wine Festival- Kettle Korn
Sun, Sept. 18	Art & Wine Festival- Kettle Korn
TBD	Dining for \$
Mon, Sept. 23	Disneyland Information Meeting
Wed, Sept. 25	BMA meeting 7:00pm
Fri, Sept. 27	Middle School Night @ SCHS Marching Band
<b>October</b>	
Fri, Oct. 11	Disneyland intent letters due by 3:00pm
TBD	Dining for \$
Wed, Oct. 30	BMA meeting 7:00pm
<b>November</b>	
Friday, Nov. 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Disney donation due
TBD	Uniform check
Nov. 4-26	Holiday See's Candy Sale
Wed, Nov. 20	BMA meeting 7:00pm
Thur, Nov. 21	Advanced and/or Jazz Masonic Lodge Performance
<b>December</b>	
Thur, Dec. 5	Winter Concert 7pm
Fri, Dec. 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Disney donation due
Fri, Dec. 6	City of Santa Clara Tree Lighting - Kettle Korn Jazz Performance
Fri, Dec. 6	School Music Assembly
Wed, Dec. 18	BMA meeting 7:00pm, if needed
Dec. 23 – Jan. 6	Winter Break
<b>January</b>	
Tuesday, Jan. 10	FINAL Disney donation due
TBD	Dining for \$
Wed, Jan. 29	BMA meeting 7:00pm

<b>February</b>	
Sat, Feb. 1	CMEA Jazz Festival @ Gunn HS
TBD	Dining for \$
Feb. 17-21	Winter break
Wed, Feb. 26	BMA meeting 7:00pm
<b>March</b>	
Sat, Mar. 21	Santa Cruz Jazz Festival
Wed, Mar. 25	BMA meeting 7:00pm
TBD	Spring See's Candy Sale
TBD	Dining for \$
<b>April</b>	
TBD	CMEA Choir Festival
Thurs, Apr. 2	Open House
Sat, Apr. 4	CMEA Band/Orch Festival @ Evergreen Valley HS (Concert & Symphonic Bands, Orchestra)
Apr. 13-17	Spring Break
Mon, Apr. 20	Disneyland Mandatory Chaperone Meeting
Sat, Apr. 25	Mini Marching Band Camp @ Santa Clara HS
Wed, Apr. 29	BMA meeting 7:00pm
Thurs, Apr. 30	Spring Concert
<b>May</b>	
TBD	Music in the Parks (6th Grade Band or Concert Band)
Fri, May 1	Disneyland Mandatory Check-In Meeting
Sat, May 2- Tues, May 5	Disneyland Trip
Wed, May 27	BMA meeting 7:00pm – Elect new Board



# Disneyland



## What is the Disneyland Field Trip?

Buchser Music groups have a long standing tradition of traveling to Disneyland each May to perform. It's a great opportunity for our students to have a memorable trip, form friendships, and show off their skills to a Disneyland audience.

## Who is going?

This year, we will attempt to qualify Concert "Intermediate" Band and Symphonic "Advanced" Band.

## When is it?

Saturday, May 2, 2020 through Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

## Where will we stay?

Students will stay at a hotel across the street from Disneyland.

## Who will supervise the students?

Parent chaperones supervise the trip.

## How will we pay for this? Disneyland is expensive!

All eligible students are allowed to go on the trip regardless of their family's ability to contribute financially. **However, if not enough families make contributions, or participate in our Disney fundraisers, the trip will be canceled.** Fundraising alone doesn't pay for this trip; **we rely mostly on family contributions.** A few years ago, this trip was cancelled because the amount of fundraising and family contributions was not enough to pay for the trip.

In order to find out if this year's trip is financially possible, we send out an intent letter. It asks how many students plan to go on the Disney trip and the expected level of financial contributions. You will have the option of making your contribution in a lump sum or payments. If the expected level of contributions is enough, we will proceed with the planning of the trip.

We begin collecting funds on November 1. In December, we will decide if we have collected enough funds to continue to move forward, as nonrefundable travel fees will be due at this time. If the trip is canceled, all donated money will be returned.

## How do we find out more?

There will be a Disneyland meeting on **Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7pm in the Library.** The meeting will go over the trip and financial details. The intent letter will be available at the meeting, in class, and will be mailed to all music students. **This intent letter must be filled out and returned by Friday October 11, 2019 at 3:00pm.** This is NOT extendable and your child cannot go on the trip if the intent letter is not turned in on time.

We will need everyone's support to make this year's trip a reality, and we invite you to get involved by making a financial contribution, participating in our fundraisers, and joining our trip as a chaperone.

If you have any questions about this trip, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Disney trip planners:

Lisa Sherby, Heidi Bradford, or Ji Seon Kim: [bmaboosters@gmail.com](mailto:bmaboosters@gmail.com)