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Marching Band at their final performance of Miss Saigon, 11/11/19.

BOOSTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first RHS Music newsletter for the 2019-2020 school year! Mr. Abe has done a tremendous job over the years not just as a music teacher, but as a mentor for helping our children develop into expressive, young adults. It is my privilege to serve as your Booster President this year, and I encourage you all to get involved with the music program. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the RHS Marching Band next year, so please stay tuned for updates. As for performances, congratulations to the Marching Band for completion of very successful 2019 season, and we look forward to a wonderful Winter Concert in December. Thank you for supporting our students in the performing arts, and thank you for being a member of the RHS Music family!

-Will Chen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/5 Thurs, 7-8 pm – Orchestra Coffee Hour for Parents/Guardians, Band Room

12/8 Sun, 5:30 pm – Winter Concert, RHS auditorium. Performances by Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Symphonic Orchestra. Admission \$5.00

12/10 Tues, 5:30 pm – Booster Board of Directors Meeting, Band Room. All are welcome. 6:30 pm – **Marching Band mandatory orientation** for all returning and incoming students, and parents/guardians, Band Room

WHAT'S INSIDE

• ShopWithScrip gift cards fundraiser

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ALOHA FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

Our goal is to find fun and creative ways to raise funds in support of the RHS Music Department's programs and activities. Our past fundraisers include Steak Plate cookouts, Kahala Mall Very Merry Event passes, Car Parlor car wash passes, bake sale and concession stands at our concerts, and holiday gift bag sales. This year, we've had a great response to our new partner, ShopWithScrip gift cards. We currently have a holiday ordering schedule in place through the end of the year: Order online 12/5 and 12/6 (special promotion - no online transaction fees) for delivery by 12/13, and final holiday ordering by 12/13 for delivery by 12/20.

We are always looking for new and exciting fundraising ideas so let us know if you have any! Email us at rhmusicfundrsr@gmail.com or text us at (747) 222-6171. We encourage you to help spread the word by sharing our fundraising bulletins and posts with family and friends. And finally, WE APPRECIATE YOU when you participate in our fundraisers - whether you are a customer, or donate your goodies to our concessions, or volunteer your time and talent to assist us.

Big Mahalo from Tina, Connie, Kathy and Lisa :)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The RHS Music Department Booster NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!

A BIG MAHALO to all the families who donated to the RHS Music Department Booster. We truly appreciate your generosity and support. Your monetary donation will help not only to maintain, but also enhance the music-learning environment in our children's high school experience.

We are STILL ACCEPTING monetary donations and ask if each family can donate a minimum of \$25 per student to assist the band and orchestra to offset some of the expenses incurred throughout the school year. Some of the expenses include bus transportation, music instrument, practice equipment, and awards.

Let's continue our efforts and commitment to help nurture the benefits of learning through music. You can do so by downloading a form from the RHS Music Website (<https://www.rhsmusic.org>), "Become a Booster!" and submit it to Mr. Abe along with your donation. MAHALO!!!

SAVE-THE-DATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RHS MARCHING BAND SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020 AT THE PAGODA HOTEL

An evening full of reminiscing memories, games, prizes!! Look for upcoming details. Alumni interested in helping with the planning process, email Lisa Jay at settymesopua@gmail.com, or text 478-3921.



REMINDER

BAKED GOODS & VOLUNTEERS FOR 12/8 WINTER CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

Please package your goodies in \$1.00 increments and drop them off by 4:00 pm to the RHS Carter Auditorium. To donate goodies, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FA5AF28ABFA7-2019>

To volunteer for shifts (3:30-5:30 pm or 5-7 pm), please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FA5AF28ABFA7-winter1>

Donors and volunteers will receive one free admission (\$5 value) to the concert. All proceeds benefit RHS Music programs. Mahalo!



Help our organization by shopping your holiday gift cards December 5 and 6

For the first time ever, every family in our organization can buy their gift cards through ShopWithScrip for the holiday season. During these 2 days only, shop 750+ top brands using your credit card without paying the online fee.

There's no long-term commitment. Just buy your holiday gift cards through this program so our organization can benefit.

2 days of giving back

- Sign up using our enrollment code and shop on December 5 and 6—no long-term commitment
- No fee when paying with a Discover, Mastercard, or Visa credit card
- For every gift card you buy, you give back to our organization—now that's holiday cheer!
- Physical cards are delivered to your coordinator

No fee to pay with a credit card thanks to:



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Please join us on Dec 5 and 6 to shop for gift cards online and pay ZERO transaction fees. eGift cards are delivered instantly to your account. Physical gift cards ordered online with this promotion will be delivered by Friday 12/13. All other orders will follow our regular holiday schedule: Order by 11/29 for delivery by 12/9, order by 12/13 for delivery by 12/20.

To shop online with this promotion:

1. Create an account on MyScripWallet.com or ShopWithScrip.com with the RHS Music enrollment code: **7DF473C464671**
2. On Dec 5 and 6, login to shop 750+ brands and use your Discover, Mastercard, or Visa credit card with zero online fees!

Have questions? Contact: **Tina** at (747)222-6171 or rhmusicfundrsr@gmail.com



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Governor Ige's Chief-of-Staff Mike McCartney visits the band room during Orchestra Spring 2019 class. L-R: Principal Sean Wong, Mr. Abe, Lisa Jay, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Mike McCartney, Karen Nakasone



Presentation of 2,131 signatures in support of a new music building for our school, December 2018. L-R: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Lisa Jay, Lauren Jay, Governor Ige, Tina Dowkin, Ellie Nakasone-Amaguin, Anuhea Breedon, Will Chen, Chief of Staff Mike McCartney.

RHS NEW MUSIC BUILDING 2019 CAMPAIGN MAHALO

RHS Music Department students, families, and supporters,

Thank you for your hard work gathering 2,131 signatures in support of our letter for a New Music Building for Roosevelt High School! Our joint letter was hand-delivered to the Governor's Office last December by our group of three parents and three students, accompanied by Senator Brian Taniguchi. Thank you to Booster Past President Lisa Jay, parents Will Chen, Tina Dowkin, and students Anuhea Breedon, Lauren Jay, and Ellie Nakasone-Amaguin who attended this meeting with the Governor Ige's Chief of Staff, Mike McCartney, to personally convey the need for this facility. The group also had a chance to meet with Governor Ige! In January 2019, the Governor's office also sent a representative, former Chief of Staff Mike McCartney, for an in-person tour of our band room in January 2019. Mahalo to Senator Taniguchi and staff, for their longstanding advocacy for this facility, and assisting us in this effort.

Currently, the RHS Music Building appropriation (Act 53, Item No. G.87.74, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018 at p.330), is for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and must be encumbered by June 30, 2020 or it will lapse. DOE is the expending agency.

We made good progress on our first concerted push for the New Music Building. The reality is, however, that given the many competing priorities of the DOE, we will have to continue our efforts and sustain our advocacy for a long time. Please continue to support us, going forward. Mahalo!

Aloha,
RHS Music Boosters

BOOSTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Will Chen

Vice President - Karen Nakasone

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CONGRATS MARCHING BAND!

Congratulations to RHS Marching Band on a successful season with their breathtaking performance of Miss Saigon, participating this year in the larger Class AA division. The students worked incredibly hard, assisted by an outstanding coaching staff of Director Gregg Abe, Color Guard instructor Truc Nguyen, and our many alumni techs. The band received the following recognitions:

- 2019 Kapolei Marching Band Festival, 10/26/19, Class AA division: 1st place Percussion, 1st place Color Guard, 3rd place Visual Ensemble, 3rd place Music Ensemble. "Excellent" rating.
- 2019 Kamehameha Tournament of Bands, 11/2/19, Class AA division: 1st place Visual Performance, 2nd place Overall. "Excellent" rating.
- 2019 Mililani Trojan Bandfest, 11/9/19, Class AA division: 1st place Visual, 2nd place Music. "Excellent" rating.
- 2019 University of Hawaii Rainbow Invitational Marching Band Festival, 11/11/19, Class AA division, "Superior" rating in all categories: General Effect, Visual, Percussion, Color Guard.