

Tualatin High School Instrumental Music Program has Another Great Year!

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It has been another great year for the Tualatin High School Instrumental Music program under the direction of Reggie Stegmeier. Since taking the job two years ago and starting with 120 students, Mr. Stegmeier's music program has grown with almost 300 students expected next year! It's rewarding to review the highlights of this year and look forward to more exciting opportunities to come! It's also important to recognize our supporters who have helped to make our program successful.

Highlights of this year include:

- The Tualatin High School Marching Band was given the honor of leading the Grand Floral Walk along the parade route in downtown Portland. Tualatin will continue our Portland Rose Festival involvement by participating in the Grand Floral Parade or the Starlight Parade for years to come.
- Ramsay Signs built a brand new sign for the Tualatin High School Music Department to use for Rose Festival parades, school and community events. This new sign can be fully illuminated so we can't wait to use it for the Starlight Parade!
- The Tualatin Timberwolves mascot has been completely reconditioned by Helen's Pacific Costumers and the mascot has a brand new red jersey that makes him visible when he is out with the band in the community. This effort was made possible by the Tualatin High School Athletic Department, Associated Student Body and the Instrumental Music Department. We are happy to report our beloved Timberwolf has received some tender loving care that makes him all ready to share our school spirit with community members.
- Our Tualatin High School Pep Band performed at all home football and basketball games. For Homecoming, we took to the neighborhood streets for our annual parade and our marching band performed at halftime during the football game.
- Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden invited the Tualatin High School Jazz Band to perform at his 2015 State of the City: I love Tualatin! Address, at the Grand Hotel at Bridgeport.



- Our Tualatin High School Marching Band has been active in the community performing for events like the City of Tualatin's West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta and the Grand Opening celebration for New Seasons Market in Nyberg Rivers.
- Local businesses have made generous donations to support our growing band and orchestra programs. Thank you to Al's Garden Center, Cold Stone Creamery, Dutch Bros. Coffee, Joe Brown's Carmel Corn, New Seasons Market, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Party Mart, Sesame Donuts and Sweet Story Bakery & Confectionary. These businesses donated refreshments or decorations for our concert concessions which enabled our Band & Orchestra Boosters to raise needed funds to support our band and orchestra programs.
- The Tualatin High School Jazz Band performed at the Tualatin Support Organization's (TSO) Garden of Dreams Annual Auction, at Langdon Farms. TSO raises funds for the 4 A's: Academics, Arts, Activities and Athletics for Tualatin High School. This year, TSO was able to provide funds to purchase additional marching band uniforms to help cover all the new students joining the program.
- The Tualatin High School Orchestra learned the entire score and played for 6 performances of the musical Peter Pan at the Tualatin High School Auditorium.
- At our Band & Orchestra Retreat, at Eagle Fern Camp in Estacada, Oregon, Mr. Stegmeier, local college music teachers, and professional musicians helped our students to get ready for upcoming league band and orchestra festivals.
- In response to our request for musical instrument donations, the grand parents of a music student generously made a \$5,000. donation! We are so grateful for this donation and hope others will be inspired to give too. Currently we need more musical instruments for those in need. The cost of these instruments can run from \$400. to thousands of dollars for a stand-up bass or larger percussion instrument. If you would like to donate funds or a



musical instrument, please contact Reggie Stegmeier, Band & Orchestra Director, Tualatin High School, at (503)431-5706.

- We held 3 community concerts at the Tualatin High School Auditorium this year. Our end of the year Pops Concert with the theme "A Night at the Movies" included performances by all music groups, full screen movie clips, special effects and a performance by the local group One From Many. This performance was made possible by Tom Melillo, President of OLEA Records and founder of the non-profit NW Music Experience.
- This year, we have so many highlights that it's almost impossible to list them all. And next year, we already have plans for a brand new jazz music showcase which we are very excited about!

We are thankful for all the support we have received from the Tigard-Tualatin School Board, TuHS administrators, Band & Orchestra Boosters, Tualatin Support Organization, TuHS Athletic Department, Associated Student Body, parents, local businesses and

community members. It really does take a village to support almost 300 students in the instrumental music program at Tualatin High School and we appreciate all the support we have received! We are proud to represent our great City of Tualatin and we look forward to bringing our love of music to the community.

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