

Attention Schenectady School District Families!!

Please Join The *Friends Of Music*

What Is Friends of Music?

Friends Of Music is a volunteer organization of parents and teachers who want to support the music programs in the Schenectady City School District. We want every child who desires it to have an instrument or take part in our music programs. The Schenectady FOM looks for ways to solicit donation of used instruments, and raise funds to help purchase new or used instruments, repair those we already have, and to provide funding for new vocal/instrumental music, transportation and other music related operating expenses in the district. Last year, FOM donated money, instruments, music, supplies and other items totaling over \$8,000 to Schenectady City School District music programs.

Who Can Join?

Parents, teachers, community members & other family of students in grades K-12 in Schenectady City Schools

What Does FOM Do?

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| Purchase music and instruments for vocal and instrumental programs | Solicit donations of instruments |
| Repair instruments | Participate in district wide musical celebrations |
| Present graduating seniors with awards | Assist with costs of music competitions and auditions |
| Host concerts | |

Why Do We Need FOM?

The Schenectady City School District is the *largest* school district in the capital district. While the district is very supportive of the arts in general, and music in particular, the size of Schenectady schools makes it hard to meet the demands of an ever increasing population.

How Do I Join? How Can I Help?

- A FOM membership form is attached below. Join at whatever membership level you can afford.
- Donate an old instrument – Simply contact FOM at the address below or email sweisse@nycap.rr.com.
- Support our fundraising efforts:
 1. Citrus Fruit fundraiser Oct1-31st. Order through students or online at <http://www.fruitorder.com>
Organization ID # 262470
- Attend our meetings: First Tuesday of each month Oct 5, Nov 2, etc at the **Van Dyke restaurant at 6:30PM**

Friends of Music Membership Info:

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child(ren)'s School: _____

Membership Levels

(names will be listed in 2010-11 by level in concert programs & on the district website)

- Maestro --- \$75 and up**
- Concertmaster --- \$50**
- Soloist ----\$25**
- Section leader ----\$10**
- Member ---\$5**

Tear off & send w/check payable to: **Friends of Music**, c/o Rachel Gayne Schenectady High School, 1445 The Plaza, Schenectady, NY 12308