



Edmonds-Woodway High School Music Booster Club
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Dear Edmonds-Woodway Music Families,

Music Boosters will be holding its second annual **gala dinner and benefit auction** on **Friday, March 21, 2008** at the Edmonds Community College Triton Union Building. Please join us for an evening of live big-band music, wonderful food and fellowship and a lively auction with something for every taste and budget. Please join us for this inaugural event. We need your participation to make it a success.

What do we need from you? Here is a “menu” of ways you can help:

APPETIZERS: Your students are choosing themes for **baskets** which will be auctioned that evening. The themes will be posted on our web site, www.ewhsmusic.com. **We ask each family to contribute either one new item in keeping with the theme of your student’s basket, or donate a check for \$10 payable to EWHS Music Boosters. Your student can bring the item or check to their music classroom from February 1 through March 14**, accompanied by a donation receipt (for cash donations, please write the name of your student’s group on the check memo line). Keep a copy of any donation forms for your records.

MAIN COURSE: Our auction will feature **many other items** besides the baskets. Please consider donating items or services, and asking family members, business associates, friends and businesses you patronize to do the same. You can use the attached donation request letter for this purpose. Please complete a donation receipt and return it with each item. We will send an acknowledgement for the donor’s records, but you may give them the carbon copy of the form as well. Make as many copies as you need. Download more forms from our website. Please be sure to include accurate donor contact information. **You or your student can bring these items to school as well.** Just be sure to indicate on the form that they are not for a basket. Here are some ideas to spur your imagination:

Entertainment! A cruise on your boat. Concert tickets. Opera tickets. Baseball tickets. An ethnic dinner. Restaurant gift certificates. A ride in a limo. A weekend at a hotel or resort. A round of golf. A wine dinner or winery tour. Fishing trips.

Goodies! Cookies. One dessert a month for a year. Chocolate. Chocolate. Chocolate.

Skills and services! Sewing. Lessons in your hobby. Computer skills. A donation from your business. Yardwork. Handyman help. Factory or business tours.

Items lots of people would want! Coffee. Chocolate. Books. CD’s. Items for summer (Memorial Day is right after the auction). Music lessons. Chocolate. That perfect garden tool. Something special from the wine cellar. Did we mention chocolate?

DESSERT: You or your business can sponsor music at the auction. This is a perfect opportunity for **corporate donations. \$300 pays for a live set of music** to be played by our big-band jazz groups at the auction. **Sponsors will receive two tickets to the event** (a \$70 value), plus a business-card-sized ad in the auction program, a thank you in the school newsletter, a listing as a sponsor on our website and a display on our big screen during the auction slide show.

RESERVATIONS: We want you there! We expect this to be **one of the most fun and entertaining evenings you'll spend this year.** Come enjoy a great meal, socialize with wonderful friends and families, dance to one of the best high-school jazz bands in the country, take home terrific deals on fabulous items and raise money for a great cause — our kids.

Better yet, bring some guests. Bring your neighbor. Bring your in-laws. Bring your boss. We promise an evening that will make them feel good about themselves and their community. One great way to make an impact is to **buy a table** (8 places) **and fill it with guests** ready to bid early and often. **Your invitation and reservation form are included** in this packet. You can print out more from our website. **Reservations are \$35. Reserve a table for \$260.**

Save the date, March 21 at 6 p.m., and plan for a fun-filled evening of music, delicious food and exciting bidding. Invite your family and friends. Start collecting auction items now!

Finally, volunteers are needed for roles large and small. If you are willing to help, or if you have questions about the auction, e-mail me at *skinsolutions1@yahoo.com*, or call (425) 478-4099. If you have donation questions, please call David Miller at 425-280-6545 or e-mail him at *davidmiller@seattletimes.com*. For up-to-date information or to download forms and invitations, find us online at *www.ewhsmusic.com*. Together we can make this auction a swinging success!

Thanks in advance for your support,

Julie Wentzel,
Auction Chair