



Welcome to the Orchestra POPs (Parliament of Parents) Booster Club! All parents and guardians of Orchestra students are automatically a member and we want to share with you an overview of how the OWHS Orchestra Boosters began, what kinds of things we do for the Orchestra program and how you can get involved to create and maintain a successful program for all of our students!

We founded the Booster Club to help support the Orchestra Department and the students who want to join the Orchestra. When Olathe West opened in 2017, a group of 12-15 parents came together to help Mr. JJ Wallace with a few events and projects. From there, a group volunteered to become a Board and have worked over the last 4 years to officially organize the Booster Club. We have adopted By-laws and obtained Kansas and Federal ID numbers so that we can accept donations as a 501c3 exempt organization. This allows us to hold our fundraisers and to purchase items needed by the Orchestra Department and Orchestra students.

We have 3-4 parent meetings throughout the year. You can also find information about what is coming up on the Orchestra website. It can be found on the Olathe West High School website under the Activities and Orchestra tabs, then hit the Parents/POPs button. Being a part of the POPs parent group also provides you with another way to meet other parents and share in what is going on at Olathe West.

We encourage all families of OWHS Orchestra to actively participate! Some of the ways you can make a difference are:

- Donate time – an hour or two of volunteering makes a huge difference! There are many ways to help throughout the year whether assisting at a concert, helping at a concession stand or supervising at a grocery bagging fundraising event.
- Donate funds – by participating in the fundraising events you help support all of the Orchestra programs and students.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Meetings this year. You can find a listing of those meeting dates on the Parents/Pops button on the Orchestra website. We also hope to see you at our events and fundraisers throughout the year.

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The Orchestra POPs Board