



**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL**

**ORCHESTRA**

***AOBA***

***Austin Orchestra Booster Association***

**WHAT IS AOBA?** AOBA (Austin Orchestra Booster Association) is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. We are sanctioned and authorized by Fort Bend ISD to support and promote all functions of the Orchestra Department at Austin High School.

**WHO ARE AOBA MEMBERS?** Membership in AOBA is open to dues-paid parents or legal guardians of students participating in the Austin Orchestra programs for the current school year, and other interested dues-paid persons (excluding currently enrolled high school students). Annual dues are \$20.00 per year, per family with a student in the AHS orchestras.

**WHY SHOULD I JOIN?** Membership in AOBA gives parents an active voice in orchestra activities. Under the guidance and at the request of the orchestra director, AOBA promotes and encourages all functions of the orchestra. In addition, AOBA provides fundraising opportunities to raise money for various sanctioned and approved orchestra activities.

**WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES AOBA DO?** Activities are not limited and include the following:

Fundraisers (sample):

Cookie Sales

Plant Sales

Candle Sales

Spirit Items

Concert Ticket Sales

Entertainment Books

Trip Coordination and Support

Uniform Tracking and Maintenance

Year-End Banquet

Social Events and much more

**WHEN DOES AOBA MEET?** AOBA meetings are held typically once per month at mutually agreed upon locations in the evenings throughout the school year. There will be an advance notification of AOBA parent meetings and the agenda. Potential members as well as dues paying members are always invited and encouraged to attend and be involved in AOBA activities. Minutes from each meeting will be available on the AHS Orchestra web site at [AHSOrch.org](http://AHSOrch.org).

**Please support your student and become a member of AOBA!**

With greatest appreciaton,

***Bob Ruzicka***

**President, Austin Orchestra Booster Association**



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### *Parent Activity/Volunteer Opportunities*

*2011-2012*

The orchestra needs the help and involvement of all parents in order to provide opportunities to the students. Volunteers are needed for orchestra and AOBA activities/functions. Please volunteer your time and help in as many areas as possible. Thank you.

Activity/Volunteer Areas include, but are not limited to:

#### Orchestra Fundraisers:

**Entertainment Books (Fall)** - Fundraiser that is available for all orchestra students. Profits go to purchase music, repair instruments, tune pianos, hire clinicians, offset trip costs and many other necessary expenses.

**Cookie Sales** - Orchestra parents bake and sell cookies every other week during all three lunches. Starting time is around 7:30AM and ending around 1:00PM. Five volunteers are needed and often it is possible to work in shifts. The orchestra nets \$600-\$700 per month from cookie sales.

#### AOBA Fundraisers:

Parents are needed to chair and participate on committees for the various fundraisers. There is no restriction on the number of fundraisers AOBA conducts on behalf of the orchestra. At present we have an opening for Fundraiser Chair and numerous fundraiser committee positions. Please volunteer your time, energy and ideas.

#### Concerts:

**Ticket sales** - Sell and collect concert tickets at the fall, winter and spring concerts.

**Pre-concert dinner and refreshments** - Coordinate and sell meals, soft drinks, desserts, etc.

**Uniforms** - All orchestra students are issued uniforms – tuxedos for guys; formal dresses for girls. Each uniform piece is numbered and must be signed out to the particular student. New students need to be fitted and issued uniforms. Several parents are needed for this job. This is usually done during school hours, but may be done immediately after school.

**Trip Planning** - Help is needed to coordinate various aspects of any trip, including scheduling, luggage check before airport, payment recording, activities, hotel, etc.

**Office work** - Mrs. Vandiver needs parental help with various office work, including filing, copying, etc.

**Work Day** – This is typically held one day each year or, if needed, one day each semester. Work day entails fixing any broken items in orchestra room such as storage racks, chairs, etc., building shelves if needed, cleaning and organizing, etc.

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