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Welcome to the 2019-2020 Season

By President Edwin Reyes

Today I sat in the back of the band room listening to the sounds of the room. Cases being placed on the floor, clasps opening and closing, zippers zipping and the sounds of children filtering in and out of the rooms. Laughter echoes with the first notes of music coming from the violins, still standing. The cellists move their seats and stands into a place of preference. Folders are passed out by parent volunteers, conductors place literature onto the stands. What starts as a quiet room quickly crescendoes to an uproar. A hush falls upon the group with their gaze focusing on the director at the helm. I just love the beginning of the season. Lots of nerves, anticipation, and excitement.

We are looking forward to what will be an amazing 13th season. Our conductors and board have been hard at work to provide an amazing experience for these kids. Please take a look at what we have going on for the month of September and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at president@evysaz.org.

Upcoming Schedule

- No Rehearsal—Monday 9/2
- Board Meeting—Thursday 9/5
Open Board positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President
- Rehearsal—Monday 9/16
- Family Dinner Night—Mon 9/16
Panda Express, 2491 S. Market St. Gilbert 85297 (Williamsfield and 202) 4–8pm
- Rehearsal—Monday 9/23
- Rehearsal—Monday 9/30
- Fall Concert—Thurs 11/14 at 7pm



Design a T-Shirt Contest

Deadline: Monday, September 9th

EVYS invites all musicians to create a design for our new t-shirts this season. Rules for submissions:

1. Design to be submitted on one side of 8.5x11".
2. Back of paper should have musician's name, phone, and orchestra.
3. Design should be the musician's original creation.
4. The EVYS logo must be legible and in the design.
5. A maximum of 3 colors may be used.
6. Design should reflect entire EVYS organization—all 3 orchestras, parents, & friends of EVYS will wear it.
7. Have fun! Winner will receive a free t-shirt plus lots of bragging rights, with an announcement & photo posted on all EVYS social media platforms.



Board Member Spotlight:

Cheri Tropp—Auditions Director

The Tropps moved here from the Chicago suburb of Joliet last summer, 2018. Natalie has played clarinet since 4th grade, and picked up alto sax as well in junior high. She played in the school Band, Jazz Band, All City Band and All City Jazz Band in Illinois. Natalie is now a Junior at Campo Verde HS, and joined EVYS Symphony Orchestra last winter. What she loves most about EVYS is getting to meet musicians who are from all over and have so many different backgrounds.

Cheri, mother of 4 children ages 16-29, has played the organ for 9 years. Before moving to AZ, she served as secretary on the board of District 86 Music Parent's Association for 5 years and as President of the Band Parent's Association for 1 year. Cheri is the EVYS Auditions Director – stepping right in to help with all of our auditions in May and August.

Please thank Cheri for helping prepare for the upcoming season! A favorite quote: "The music is not in the note but in the silence in between" (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart). We welcome the Tropps to the EVYS family!!



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