



Parent Meeting Agenda

Our first Booster parent meeting of the 2026–2027 year!

DATE**Wednesday, September 16, 2026****TIME****6:30 – 7:30 PM****LOCATION****SVHS Orchestra area (right after rehearsal)**

Welcome back, Ranger Orchestra families! Tonight we'll go over what the Booster Club has planned this year, where the money goes, and where we could use your help. Take notes, and if you can pitch in on anything, fill out the slip on the last page and hand it to any officer on your way out.

#	AGENDA ITEM
1	Welcome and Board Introductions
2	Overview of the SVHS Orchestra Program (Mr. Weinelt)
3	Budget Discussion
4	Fundraising Plan
5	Motion to Approve the Budget
6	Immediate Help Needed
7	Major Events for the Year
8	Next 90 Days
9	Questions, Next Meeting, and Adjournment

1 Welcome and Board Introductions

5 MIN · 6:30–6:35 PM

- Welcome parents and families
- Introduce the 2026–2027 Booster Club Board
- Briefly explain the role of the Booster Club
- Emphasize the need for additional parent participation
- Invite parents to:
 - Attend Booster Club meetings
 - Help with individual events
 - Lead a specific project or fundraiser
 - Become more involved in Booster Club planning

Your 2026–2027 Booster Club Board

PRESIDENT**Garrett Larson**Leadership + governance
president@svhsorchestrahub.org**VICE PRESIDENT****Rachael Hall**Operations + project planning
rachaelhallcreative@gmail.com**TREASURER****Leslie Morgan**Finance + compliance
svhsboosterclubtreasurer@gmail.com**SECRETARY****Deanna Hafer**Records + continuity
djhafer@att.net**DISCUSSION QUESTION****Would anyone like to join us regularly or learn more about helping with the Booster Club?**

2 Overview of the SVHS Orchestra Program

5 MIN · 6:35–6:40 PM

Presented by Mr. Weinelt

- Current number of students in the orchestra program

- Number of students enrolled in each orchestra class
- Current strengths and needs of the program
- Priorities for the 2026–2027 school year
- Areas where parent and Booster Club support would be most helpful

Notes: _____

3 Budget Discussion

10 MIN · 6:40–6:50 PM

Proposed 2026–2027 budget at a glance

CHECKING BALANCE \$20,245.44 Current account balance	PROPOSED INCOME \$25,200 Dues, giving, and fundraising	PROPOSED SPENDING \$26,650 Includes \$2,500 trip savings	PROJECTED BALANCE \$18,795.44 Uses \$1,450 of current funds
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Income

FUNDRAISING / INCOME	2026–27 PROPOSED
Orchestra Dues//Misc Operating Income Estimated, pending # of students	\$10,000
Fundraising - Direct Website Giving	\$7,000
Fundraising - BBB or Similar Event	\$4,500
Fundraising - Misc Fundraising Ideas Estimated, like poinsettia sales or something similar	\$2,000
Fundraising - Spirit Nights	\$1,300
Fundraising - Concert Cash // Donations	\$400
Total income	\$25,200

Spending

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Scholarships	\$5,000	Senior Dinner and Gifts	\$1,300
Student Activities Expense Includes yearbook pages	\$2,500	Booster Club Operations	\$1,200
Uniform Expenses // Cleaning	\$2,500	Winter Holiday Party Finding a cheaper alternative to the expensive photo/DJ setup	\$1,100
Bach Boots BBQ Expense Or similar type event	\$2,500	T Shirts	\$1,000
2027-2028 Student Trip Savings Estimate based on excess fundraising activities	\$2,500	Letterman Jacket Expense	\$600
Polo Shirts	\$2,000	Halloween Party	\$600
Regions, UIL Group and Solo & Ensemble Fees Includes snacks/meals for students	\$1,800	Student Folders	\$250
Student Banquet Finding a cheaper alternative to the expensive photo/DJ setup	\$1,700	Director Incidentals Expense	\$100
Total proposed spending	\$26,650		

The projected balance assumes we bring in every dollar of income and spend every dollar budgeted. The \$2,500 trip savings stays put for 2027-2028.

Purchases to discuss

PURCHASES TO DISCUSS	EST. COST	DECISION
Uniform racks	\$	☐ Buy now ☐ Later ☐ Done
Additional storage locker or storage solution	\$	☐ Buy now ☐ Later ☐ Done
Other needs identified by Mr. Weinelt:	\$	☐ Buy now ☐ Later ☐ Done

- Review available funds
- Review anticipated income and expenses
- Discuss whether proposed purchases should be made immediately or prioritized throughout the year
- Questions or recommendations from parents

4 Fundraising Plan (Draft)

15 MIN · 6:50–7:05 PM

DRAFT · NOTHING DECIDED YET

Everything in this section is an idea we want your opinion on tonight. Amounts, events, and dates can all still change.

What we want to try this year: fewer, simpler fundraisers

We would rather run a few quick fundraisers than ask students and families to sell products all year. That also means no more of the old text-message rush campaign.

Proposed new fundraising idea

- Present the Booster Club's proposed primary fundraiser
- Explain how it would work
- Discuss anticipated participation
- Review expected costs and potential proceeds
- Gather parent feedback

Fundraiser idea: _____

Supporter and sponsor ideas

Family Supporter ideas

Bronze · 1 supporter T-shirt	\$100
Silver · 1 supporter hoodie	\$150
Gold · 2 supporter hoodies	\$250
Platinum · 2 hoodies + 2 T-shirts	\$350–\$400
General support gift · no apparel	Any amount

Business Sponsor ideas

Community Sponsor · hub listing	\$250
Concert Sponsor · program mention	\$500
Section / Program · sponsor page	\$750–\$1,000
Premier Orchestra · top placement	\$1,500–\$2,500

Student Trip Reserve Fund

- Discuss fundraising this year for a possible future orchestra trip
- Establish a designated reserve for future student travel
- Reserve funds would benefit the orchestra program as a whole
- Discuss how the reserve would be reported and carried forward into the next school year

Should the reserve receive:

- ☐ A fixed amount from fundraising proceeds (**proposed budget: \$2,500**)
- ☐ A percentage of selected fundraisers: _____ %
- ☐ Funds from a dedicated trip fundraiser

DRAFT · still up for discussion

Spirit nights and community fundraisers

We need parents to call these places and run the night:

SPIRIT NIGHT / COMMUNITY LOCATION	NOTES	PARENT LEAD / CONTACT
Chick-fil-A		
Chili's		
Chipotle		
Moe's BBQ		
Thai Kitchen		
Gennaro's Italian Restaurant	Possibly with an orchestra performance	
Location suggested by Mr. Weinelt	Or connected with his band	
H-E-B concert / community performance	Details to be determined	

Additional fundraising possibilities

- ☐ Reserved parking-space fundraiser
- ☐ Pancake breakfast
- ☐ Other quick, one-time idea: _____

Spirit Night / Fundraising Lead: _____

Interested Volunteers: _____

5 Motion to Approve the Budget

5 MIN · 7:05–7:10 PM

PROPOSED MOTION

"I move that the Smithson Valley High School Orchestra Booster Club approve the proposed 2026–2027 budget as presented."

Budget as presented: \$25,200 income · \$26,650 spending · \$18,795.44 projected balance

Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

- ☐ Final discussion
- ☐ **Membership vote:** Approve _____ Disapprove _____
- ☐ Result recorded in the meeting minutes

The budget already includes \$2,500 for the 2027-2028 trip savings, so a yes vote covers that too. If we want a different amount, that can be its own motion.

6 Immediate Help Needed

5 MIN · 7:10–7:15 PM

Uniform Assistance

- Help students with uniform fittings
- Organize uniforms and garment bags
- Identify missing or damaged uniform pieces
- Assist with uniform distribution and returns

Storage Room Organization

- Clean and organize the orchestra storage room
- Assemble or arrange uniform racks
- Evaluate the need for an additional storage locker
- Develop a practical system for uniforms, folders, and Booster supplies

Before you volunteer: Comal ISD has to approve anyone helping on campus or at a school event, and the background check has to be redone every school year. Try to finish it at least two weeks before the event you want to work.

Uniform / Storage Lead: _____

7 Major Events for the Year

10 MIN · 7:15–7:25 PM

Concert meals

We need a parent to run the student meal at each of these:

CONCERT	DATE	MEAL LEAD
Halloween Concert	Thu, Oct 22 · 7:00 PM · SVHS Auditorium	
Holiday Concert	Thu, Dec 17	
Pre-UIL Parent Concert	Thu, Feb 25, 2027	

Halloween Party

- Ask student leaders if they want a party this year
- If so, request a basic student plan
- Set location, date, activities, food, supervision, and budget
- Identify parent volunteers

Lead: _____

Holiday Party

- Decide whether the orchestra will hold a holiday party
- Consider locations or parent-hosted options
- Identify a planning lead and volunteers

Lead: _____

End-of-Year Banquet

- Add another major ticketed show or entertainment event?
- Weigh cost, transportation, student interest, and funds
- Decide when a final decision is needed

Lead: _____

Bach, Boots & BBQ

- Discuss changing the event venue
- Review changes to food and other vendors
- Consider lessons learned from last year
- Identify an event lead and planning committee

Event lead: _____

8 Next 90 Days

3 MIN · 7:25–7:28 PM

- Review upcoming concerts and orchestra activities
- Identify important deadlines
- Confirm immediate volunteer needs
- Review planned spirit nights and fundraising activities
- Remind parents where to find the current schedule and Booster Club updates

DATE	WHAT	WHERE
Wed, Sep 16	Rehearsal 4:45–6:30 PM, then this Booster parent meeting	SVHS Orchestra
Fri, Sep 25	Comal County Fair — no school	—
Sat, Oct 3	Region 12 Symphony Orchestra Auditions	Site TBD · tentative
Sat, Oct 17	Region 12 Philharmonic Orchestra Auditions	Site TBD · tentative
Thu, Oct 22	Halloween Concert · 7:00 PM	SVHS Auditorium
Sun, Oct 25	State Recording	Reagan HS
Wed, Nov 11	Veterans Day Breakfast Performance — Varsity only Tentative · time TBA	SVHS
Nov 23–27	Thanksgiving Break — no school	—
Dec 11–12	Region 12 Clinic & Concert	Reagan HS

DATE	WHAT	WHERE
Wednesdays	After-school rehearsals, 4:45–6:30 PM Sep 23, 30 · Oct 7, 14, 21 · Nov 18 · Dec 2, 9	SVHS Orchestra
Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 10	Varsity-only rehearsals, 4:45–6:30 PM For the Veterans Day breakfast performance	SVHS Orchestra

Dates from the Booster Hub calendar, current as of Sept 14. The whole season is on the Hub's Schedule page.

Important deadlines: _____

9 Questions, Next Meeting, and Adjournment

2 MIN · 7:28–7:30 PM

- Parent questions or announcements
- Review volunteer commitments and assigned leads
- Confirm immediate action items
- Announce the next Booster Club meeting

PROPOSED MOTION

"I move to adjourn the meeting."

Next Booster Club meeting: _____ **Meeting adjourned at:** _____

Stay Connected & Get Involved



Booster Hub

svhsorchestrahub.org

Dates, the long-range schedule, documents, and 2026–2027 student dues.



Get Involved

svhsorchestrahub.org/get-involved

Interest forms: concerts, parties, uniforms, banquet, and Bach, Boots & BBQ.



Stay Updated

svhsorchestrahub.org/contact

Join Remind for quick alerts and sign up for the monthly newsletter.

Signing up online just tells us you're interested. Someone will follow up with the details before anyone is put to work.

✂ Cut here and hand to any Booster officer tonight

Raise Your Hand!

Count me in this year as a ☐ Lead ☐ Volunteer ☐ Donor or sponsor contact. Get in touch with me about:

Parent name: _____ **Student name(s):** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Student instrument / orchestra class: _____

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| ☐ Booster meetings | ☐ Concert meals | ☐ Uniform help | ☐ Halloween party |
| ☐ Booster planning | ☐ Spirit nights | ☐ Storage room | ☐ Holiday party |
| ☐ Lead a project | ☐ Parking fundraiser | ☐ Trip fundraising | ☐ End-of-year banquet |
| ☐ Pancake breakfast | ☐ Bach, Boots & BBQ | ☐ Other: _____ | |

The Ranger Way: Community, Perseverance, Excellence.

Parent Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Smithson Valley High School Orchestra Booster Club

September 16, 2026 | 6:30 p.m. | SVHS Orchestra area

Welcome and program report

The meeting began with board introductions and a review of Booster Club responsibilities. Officers present were Garrett Larson, President; Leslie Morgan, Treasurer; and Deanna Hafer, Secretary. Vice President Rachael Hall was absent. Mr. Weinelt, Orchestra Director, was also present.

Mr. Weinelt reported an enrollment of 40 students: 20 junior varsity and 20 varsity. He encouraged parents to volunteer and attend monthly Booster meetings. He discussed planning this year for an orchestra trip during the 2027–2028 school year. New students need music folders, and preparations for a Halloween party should begin. Garrett Larson reviewed the responsibilities of the student officers.

Budget discussion and approval

Garrett Larson and Leslie Morgan presented the 2026–2027 budget. They discussed eliminating photobooths at parties to save money for the trip. Other expenses included senior scholarships and dinner, apparel, concert meals, student activities and UIL. Orchestra dues help pay for uniforms and UIL fees.

The budget provides for \$25,200 in income and \$26,650 in spending, including \$2,500 in savings for the 2027–2028 trip. The checking balance was \$20,245.44, with a projected balance of \$18,795.44 after budgeted income and expenses. The budget is included on page 2.

Motion: Garrett Larson moved to approve the 2026–2027 budget. Leslie Morgan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Fundraising discussion

Parents discussed business donations, apparel support and restaurant spirit nights. Suggested locations included The Cottage, Chili's, Chick-fil-A, Gennaro's, Chipotle, Moe's BBQ and Thai Kitchen. Emily Chamberlain recommended contacting local businesses. Student officers suggested a concert fundraiser; Screaming Goat was mentioned as a possible venue.

The proposed fundraising concept included family supporter levels, business sponsorships and general donations. Parents discussed seeking donations of shirts, hoodies, meals and other program needs.

Discussion favored fewer, simpler fundraisers in place of year-round product sales and the former text-message campaign. Proposed family levels ranged from \$100 to \$350–\$400, with T-shirts or hoodies; business sponsorships ranged from \$250 to \$1,500–\$2,500, with recognition on the Hub, in programs or on the sponsor page. General gifts could be made in any amount. Pricing and benefits were part of the draft plan.

Other ideas included reserved parking, a pancake breakfast, an H-E-B performance and a possible performance at Gennaro's. Parents discussed participation, costs, proceeds and volunteer leads. Trip-reserve discussion covered a fixed allocation, a percentage of selected fundraisers or a dedicated fundraiser, with funds benefiting the program and carried forward for future travel.

Motion: Garrett Larson moved to approve the fundraising concept, with a final draft to be presented at the next meeting. The motion carried.

Budget Schedule

2026–2027 budget approved September 16, 2026.

Income

Category	Amount
Orchestra dues and miscellaneous operating income	\$10,000
Direct website giving	\$7,000
Bach Boots & BBQ or similar event	\$4,500
Miscellaneous fundraising ideas	\$2,000
Spirit nights	\$1,300
Concert cash and donations	\$400
Total income	\$25,200

Spending and trip savings

Category	Amount
Scholarships	\$5,000
Student activities including yearbook pages	\$2,500
Uniform expenses and cleaning	\$2,500
Bach Boots & BBQ or similar event expenses	\$2,500
2027–2028 student trip savings	\$2,500
Polo shirts	\$2,000
Regions, UIL group and solo and ensemble fees including snacks and meals	\$1,800
Student banquet	\$1,700
Senior dinner and gifts	\$1,300
Booster Club operations	\$1,200
Winter holiday party	\$1,100
T-shirts	\$1,000
Letterman jackets	\$600
Halloween party	\$600
Student folders	\$250
Director incidentals	\$100
Total spending and trip savings	\$26,650

Checking balance: \$20,245.44. Budgeted use of existing funds: \$1,450. Projected balance: \$18,795.44. The budget includes \$2,500 reserved for the 2027–2028 student trip.

Events and Follow Up

Item	Discussion and assignments
Uniform room	Deanna Hafer will coordinate uniform room assistance. Michelle Romo will help.
Uniform racks and storage	Three clothing racks are needed at \$105 each, for a total of \$315. Leslie Morgan offered storage containers.
Student music folders	Mr. Weinelt will need to provide the quantity and names for engraving.
Halloween party — October 16	Student officers requested a party. Brian Johnson has a possible location to consider.
Halloween concert — October 22 at 7 p.m.	The concert will be held at the SVHS Auditorium. Emily Chamberlain will pick up food and deliver it to the orchestra room.
Christmas concert — December 17 at 7 p.m.	Jessica Myers will coordinate, pick up and deliver the student meal.
Year-end banquet	Parents discussed holding the banquet somewhere other than the Hampton Inn Events Center.
Bach Boots & BBQ	Mr. Weinelt suggested True Texas BBQ as a possible caterer. Emily Chamberlain will contact H-E-B. Vendor approval needs to be checked.
Fundraising plan	Present the final draft at the October 14 meeting.

Volunteer needs and event planning

Parents reviewed help needed with uniform fittings, garment bags, damaged or missing pieces, distribution and returns. Storage-room needs included cleaning, arranging racks, evaluating additional storage and organizing folders and Booster supplies. Volunteers must complete Comal ISD approval and renew their background checks each school year, preferably at least two weeks before helping.

Halloween party planning included a student plan, food, activities, supervision and budget. Parents also discussed whether to hold a holiday party, possible locations or parent hosts, and a planning lead. Concert meal coverage included the February 25, 2027 Pre-UIL Parent Concert. Banquet discussion included possible entertainment, cost, transportation, student interest and timing of a final decision. Bach, Boots & BBQ discussion covered venue and vendor changes, lessons from last year and recruiting a committee.

Upcoming Dates and Closing Business

Next 90 days

Parents reviewed upcoming activities, deadlines, volunteer needs and fundraising plans. The calendar discussed was current as of September 14; families were directed to the Booster Hub for schedule updates.

Date	Activity
September 25	Comal County Fair — no school.
October 3	Region 12 Symphony Orchestra auditions; tentative, site to be determined.
October 17	Region 12 Philharmonic Orchestra auditions; tentative, site to be determined.
October 22 at 7 p.m.	Halloween Concert, SVHS Auditorium.
October 25	State Recording, Reagan High School.
November 11	Veterans Day Breakfast Performance at SVHS, varsity only; tentative, time to be announced.
November 23–27	Thanksgiving break — no school.
December 11–12	Region 12 Clinic and Concert, Reagan High School.
Wednesday rehearsals	4:45–6:30 p.m. at SVHS Orchestra: September 23 and 30; October 7, 14 and 21; November 18; December 2 and 9.
Varsity rehearsals	October 28, November 4 and November 10, 4:45–6:30 p.m., for the Veterans Day breakfast performance.

Parent questions and communications

Parents discussed questions, volunteer commitments and ways to get involved. Families were encouraged to attend meetings, help with an event or lead a project. The Booster Hub provides schedules, documents and dues information. Interest forms are available at svhsorchestrahub.org/get-involved; Remind and newsletter information is at svhsorchestrahub.org/contact. Online interest forms and the handout's volunteer slips allow officers to follow up before assigning work.

Next meeting and adjournment

The next Parent Booster Club meeting was announced for October 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Garrett Larson moved to adjourn, and Leslie Morgan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes approval

Recorded by Deanna Hafer, Secretary.

President signature: _____ Date: _____

Garrett Larson, President

Minutes approved on: _____ Corrections, if any: _____