



# Parents And Patrons of the Arts

## **Your ticket to High Achievement in the Arts ... throughout Every BCA Academy!**

### **Support your BCA student Join Parents and Patrons of the Arts.**

We hope you've had the chance to enjoy the high level of theater, music, and visual arts created by our BCA students. From our annual musical, to BCA cabarets, chorus and instrumental performances ... from guitar workshops to visual art exhibitions and competitions ... it takes talent, creativity, and lots of support to help our students achieve their goals.

And support is what we provide ... through:

- **Fundraising.** Parents and guardians volunteer by selling refreshments, flowers, candy, and special mementoes at three main stage theatrical productions. And we raise a considerable amount of money through advertisements we solicit for our winter musical's *Playbill*. In fact, we raise well over \$5,000, which is distributed among the visual arts, theater and music departments for otherwise unbudgeted items that raise the professional level for all our students. Parents and Patrons of the Arts (PAPA) has funded all of the following:
  - Audio equipment for the stage ... plus lighting fixtures and gels
  - Power tools for set construction ... and set elements
  - Visual arts equipment, including a high-end printer
  - Sewing machines and dress forms ... even 2 costume closets
  - Guest artists and master classes for the music department
  - Choir robes
  - Instruments ... a new drum set and a major refurbishment of a BCA piano
  - ... and more!
- PAPA defrays expenses for "Groove Out," Theater Day, Music Day, and the Choir Trip!
- PAPA makes an annual donation to the Dr. David Ostfeld Scholarship Fund
- **... and we award scholarships to Graduating Seniors whose parents have joined PAPA ... from any academy!**

*There's more! Turn the page!*

In addition to PAPA's crucial role in fundraising, we also support our students through:

- **Volunteer help.** PAPA volunteers sell tickets for plays and concerts ... provide a dress-rehearsal dinner to cast, crew, and pit musicians before theatrical performances, photograph plays and concerts, advertise the accomplishments of our student-artists ... and provide a "backstage brigade" that not only sews, alters and steams costumes ... but also provides professional-quality hair and makeup services to help BCA student actors truly inhabit their roles.
- **Advocacy.** Part of our mission is to advocate for the BCA arts community and the students who are involved in it. In the past, PAPA lobbied BCA administration to return popular performance electives to the curriculum ... and urged the Superintendent to fund a second full-time theater teacher. PAPA's advocacy was a major factor in getting these items approved.

**We need your help to provide this level of support for our students.  
Please ...**

1. **Join today.** At just \$10 per family, it's a level of financial support we hope fits each family with student participants.
2. **Stay informed ... just add your name and email address to our mailing list.** Or email Karen Sacks ([kssacks@optonline.net](mailto:kssacks@optonline.net)) or Lisa Bruder ([LisaMBruder@me.com](mailto:LisaMBruder@me.com)) and ask to join our list. (Your email address is safe with us – we don't rent it out.)
3. **Stay in touch!** Go to <http://academyppo.com/PAPA.aspx> to download a membership form ... contact PAPA executive board members ... or get the latest PAPA calendar of events.
4. **Volunteer!** Whether you'd like to bake desserts for refreshment sales ... sell tickets ... or join the Backstage Brigade, we're grateful for any time or resources you're willing to provide.

**Supporting PAPA is your ticket to supporting the Arts at BCA!**