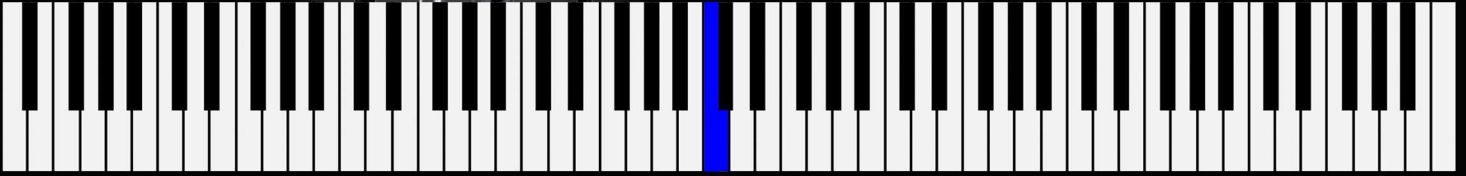




88 Keys

Give the gift of music!

To benefit the music department at Rochester High School.



October 31st kicks off the Rochester High School Music Department campaign to purchase a new grand piano that will impact RCS students for 60 plus years to come. This instrument will be used daily in the RHS choir classroom, for the RHS Choir concerts and any RHS band concerts where a piano is required. With the implementation of orchestra, this piano will additionally impact our future RHS orchestra students as well.

Who The RHS Music Department is raising funds to purchase a new Steinway or Baldwin Grand Piano.

What This instrument is used daily for every choir student during rehearsal, for four choir concerts per year, for any band concerts that require piano, for the state events that are hosted by our school (including MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival in January and MSVMA State Choral Festival in April).

Where The piano will be stored in the choir room at Rochester High School.

When We will be raising money between now and January 31, 2020.

Why RHS has two grand pianos. One is very old; it no longer holds a tune and has many damaged mechanisms. Our contact at the Steinway gallery, as well as several trusted piano tuners and technicians, agree that this instrument has lived a good life but is due to be replaced. The second piano at RHS is newer, but a lower quality instrument. It also does not hold a tune for extended periods of time. With the high quality music performances that are produced at Rochester High School, and the state events we host here, we see value in purchasing a high quality instrument that will last and impact students for years to come.

How We have begun a "Buy a Key" fundraiser. Donations of \$100-\$49 are 'white key' donations, and donations of \$500+ are 'black key' donations. Donors names will be written on a poster of a piano keyboard that will be displayed at our concerts. We are additionally applying for several grants to aid us in this endeavor and will reach out to local businesses.

Thank you for your support of the Rochester High School Music Department and the standard of excellence we strive to exceed year after year. RCS's music departments are acknowledged nationally as being of the highest caliber, and we are proud to continue in that tradition.

Catherine Lykins
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