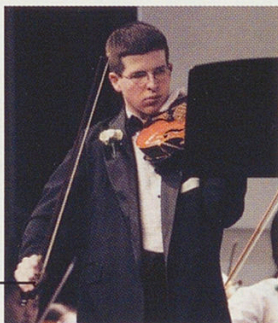


JEFF DAPKINS, 12, PERFORMS

his solo with strong emotion. At the Senior Spotlight concert seniors are given the opportunity to play a solo. One student even gets the opportunity to be conductor.



FOCUSED ON THE MUSIC,

Nick Sibel, 11, is playing the bass. The winter concert was held at the junior high. All of the Sycamore orchestras, grades 5-12, perform and at the end there is one song they all play together.



SARAH HANSON, 9, INTENSELY PLAYS THE CELLO.

Schools from all over come to the high school to compete in the OMEA competition. Students have to help work the competition by being judges helpers or working other jobs.



AUDREY KANG, 9, and SARAH HANSON, 9, performing.

Pancake Day is an annual production where people get to enjoy food while listening to music. Tickets were sold in advance and the day of the event.



MR. DAVID SMARELLI

passionately conducts the spring concert. The final concert was held in the spring at the junior high. Again, all of the grades of orchestra students perform and all played a piece together at the end.



CONTINUING WITH TRADITION. The orchestra received a one at the OMEA Competition.

The competition was held at Sycamore High School and many hours were spent in practice for the competition.

"It takes a lot of work to get ready for the OMEA, but in the end when we receive straight ones it is really worth it," said **Ashely Cummings, 11.** They had to play four pieces, one being a sight reading piece that they had never seen or played before. It was the orchestra's 12th time receiving a one at the OMEA competition.

The annual Tag Day, which was on September 6 is the official kickoff. It is when the students go door to door asking for money to use for orchestra. Parents and students volunteer their time driving around to many neighborhoods. The orchestra needs the money if they want to be successful and get to compete in various judged contests.

Five students qualified for the Ohio All-State Orchestra. They were **Louis Kwa, 12, Nicole Smile, 11, Andrea Lee, 11, Anna Kwa, 9, and Gerald Torres, 12.** Many of the orchestra students also took private lessons and played in other orchestras on top of being in the school orchestra. There was a Chamber Orchestra which had practices once a week after school. They performed 3 times and went to all the elementary schools and performed. It is made up of 12 violins, 4 violas, 4 cellos, and 2 bases. Auditions were held in the beginning of the year for a spot in the orchestra.



NICOLE SIMILE, 11, SITTING FIRST CHAIR AT THE SENIOR SPOTLIGHT CONCERT.

The concert chair changes throughout the year depending on how well the students perform on their tests. The test is graded and factored into their quarter grade.