

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz and Pep Bands

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**Next Band Boosters Meeting is Thursday,
March 8th at 7:30 p.m.**

Disneyland here we come!



The spring band tour to southern California is but a few short weeks away. The planning committee is attending to lots of trip details at this time and finalizing the trip itinerary. As this will be our last newsletter article before we leave on March 21st, we have some upcoming critical preparation dates and information we would like to share with you.

First, the critical dates... A trip information/permission package was recently sent home with your band student. It includes the field trip and emergency form, trip rules, behavior policy, parent and student agreement form and packing list. We would like every student and parent to carefully read these documents as they describe in great detail the expectations for students on this trip. **The field trip/emergency form and the agreement form were due back in the classroom on March 2.** If you have not completed, signed, and returned these forms to the band classroom, the **last chance** to do so is **March 7. No student will be allowed on the trip without returning the signed forms!**

The final student account information has been sent out. The **final trip payment** must be received by Thursday **March 1st**. Please make your check payable to DHS Band Boosters. You can submit your payment by having your student deposit it in the "trip forms return" box located in the classroom or you can send it to: DHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 73522, Davis, CA 95617. If you **cannot** make this date, please contact treasurer Dennis Edgerley at 758-9113.

Now, some updated information...In the next few weeks, our trip doctor, Dr. John Chuck, may contact parents about any special medical instruction that was submitted on the student emergency form. Any additional information or clarification will help Dr. Chuck and the chaperones to ensure that your child has a good trip.

Disneyland is extremely particular about costuming, and students who are not dressed appropriately may not be allowed to perform. When performing at the Disneyland Resort, **our Combined Band members (Symphonic and Concert) must wear their dress blacks and Jazz Band must wear their uniforms. Please remember that black socks or hose and black shoes are required.** Unacceptable Disney costuming standards include: athletic shoes, sandals, any color denim, T-shirts, sunglasses, mini skirts, and other revealing styles. For packing and traveling, dress blacks must be in a travel garment bag with the student's name printed on the outside.

During the second week of March after our Disney events are scheduled, a detailed trip itinerary will be sent home. Thursday both bands enjoy their separate Disney soundtrack workshops. Friday both bands have separate performances in Disneyland. Saturday morning the Combined Band will perform at California Adventure before the Jazz Band leaves for their performance at the Fullerton Jazz Festival. Students will change into their comfortable clothes and will be free to enjoy both Disneyland and California

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(Disneyland cont. from page 1.) Adventure the remainder of these days.

One last word about safety and supervision. Our primary concern on this trip is for the well being of your child. Most of the trip rules are there for the purpose of keeping your child safe and able to make the most of the musical, educational, and entertainment opportunities on this trip. We will monitor students with frequent check-ins and head counts, but we will not provide constant supervision of your student. If this poses any risk to the safety or well being of your child, please contact us to discuss your concerns. We are looking forward to a terrific band trip.

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Note; from the Director, Mr. Lange

EXTRA ! EXTRA ! READ ALL ABOUT IT....

COCONUT GROVE ANOTHER SUPERB SUCCESS!

If you weren't there, you missed out on a lot of fine food, decorations, and super jazz. Kudos to Tami Rabowsky for heading the project, to Paula Yang for a new high in décor and to everyone who participated.

Special thanks to Clyde Quick (Holmes/Harper Combo), Jeff DuPertuis (Emerson Jazz Band, the DHS Jazz Combo, Celia Cottle (J Street Jazz Cats and Sax By Popular Demand) and our own DHS Jazz Band.

A great deal of fun was had by all!

Sometimes the gods conspire against you...

It is with great sadness that I must announce the **cancellation of the March Adjudication Concert** originally scheduled for March 15.

The Music and Drama Departments from all secondary schools schedule events for the next school year in a meeting in March. Here we try to balance the needs of our programs with those of all the different disciplines. Last March I scheduled our Adjudication Concert for March 15 – there was nothing on the school calendar for that date and all looked clear.

The school district has since scheduled a special Articulation Meeting for that date. (Actually, I believe they changed it from March 1 to March 15.) I don't know who is responsible, it probably doesn't matter, but whomever it was, they failed to check all that was happening that day at various sites. Although an evening concert does not conflict with this meeting, the proposed afternoon adjudication of the Concert Band would be ruined.

I tried to move the adjudication but our expert

was not available, furthermore, the theater was not available.

So we must now look ahead – we still have lots on our plate.

Rehearsal Schedule for the bands' tour to Southern California:

In order to prepare for the combined band's performances on tour, I have selected the following dates and times for special rehearsals. Please note: The IPAB is a very busy facility and there are very few times available to get these important practices. These are really the only possibilities that I see.

Tuesday, March 13, 7:30-9:00 pm, band room

Thursday, March 15 7:30-9:00 pm, IPAB

Sunday, March 18, 7:30-9:00 pm, IPAB

Points will be given for all who attend these rehearsals (variable from 30-50 based upon behavior).

STUDENTS MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 2 (BUT MAY ATTEND ALL) OF THESE PRACTICES IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOUR BAND! If you have problems with this please try to work them out yourself. Please see me if this is not possible.

Students not going on the tour are asked not to participate in these rehearsals but may get the same points by doing individual work at home (parental verification required)

The Capitol Jazz Project members will be doing another clinic with our jazz band students on the evening of Tuesday, March 6, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the band room.

Please free-up any and all conflicts in order to have full participation in this amazing event.

—Fred Lange, director

DHS BAND CALENDAR

(New items in red)

March

- 1 ... Deadline for payment for Band Tour
- 6 ... Jazz Band clinic with CJP (7:00-9:00, PA-3)
- 8 ... Band Boosters meeting (7:30 pm, PA-3)
- 13 ... Combined Bands Rehearsal (1:30-9 pm, PA-3)
- 15 ... Combined Bands Rehearsal (1:30-9 pm, IPAB)
(Concert Band Adjudication cancelled)
- 18 ... Combined Bands Rehearsal (1:30-9 pm, IPAB)
- 21-25 ... Band Tour to Anaheim
- 26 ... Newsletter Deadline

April

- 2-6 ... Ninth grader Band Auditions
- 5 ... Band Boosters meeting (7:30 pm, PA-3)
- 9-13 ... School Holiday
- 18 ... Open House
- 24 ... Secondary Concert (Symphonic with Junior Highs) (7:30 pm)
- 20 ... Capital Jazz Project/Jazz Band Concert
- 30 ... Newsletter Deadline

May

- 1 ... Senior Concert (Symphonic and Concert) (7:30 pm)
- 10 ... Band Boosters meeting (7:30 pm, PA-3)
- 28 ... School Holiday
- 29 ... Newsletter Deadline
- 30 ... Picnic and Pops (Combined Bands) (6:00 pm, Central Park)

June

- 2 ... Combo Jazz Concert (7:30 pm)
- 7 ... Band Boosters meeting (7:30 pm, PA-3)
- 8 ... Jazz on a Summer's Eve XV (7:30 pm)
- 11-14 ... Finals Week
- 14 ... Last Day of Instruction
- 15 ... Graduation (Orchestra Plays)



DHS students at the Northern California Band Director's Association event in February. From left to right, Daniel Yu, Clifford Hu, China Swanson, Andrew Barnhart.



DHS Jazz Band and Capital Jazz Project Concert April 20

Please mark your calendars for a joint performance of the DHS Jazz Band and Capital Jazz Project (CJP) Friday, April 20 at 7:30 in the High School's Instructional Performing Arts Facility. This will be a special concert arranged through the cooperation of the CJP and Mr. Lange, and promises to be a stunning evening of great jazz.

The CJP is remembered for their successful performance last year of "Charlie Parker with Strings," with the American River College Orchestra.

This year CJP will be extending their educational and outreach program by mentoring and performing with the DHS Jazz Band in a special clinic on Tuesday, March 6 and the April 20 concert. Members of the CJP will perform with the Jazz Band, followed by selected members of the Jazz Band joining CJP. CJP will focus on the music of trumpeter Freddie Hubbard. Guest artists will include: Brian Chahley, trumpet; and Patrick Langham, alto sax

The CJP was formed ten years ago and is comprised of a core group of five musicians plus invited guest artists. CJP musicians include faculty of Sacramento State, American River College and UC Davis, with a long resume of experience performing and studying with a stellar list of jazz greats (please see <http://www.capitaljazzproject.com/>).

This is a concert not to be missed! Reserve this evening and be sure to bring your family, friends and fellow jazz fans. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors and will be sold at the door.

This newsletter is produced monthly as a service by the DHS Band Boosters. If you are happy with the electronic version available by e-mail and website, please e-mail Simone Kultz at simone.kultz@sbcglobal.net, give us your student's name and asked to be removed from the postal mailing list. This saves band booster money for the band. Thank you.

A Message from the Band Boosters' President

- Fred Lange promised a helicopter inside the Mondavi Center at the Festivity of Bands concert on February 14. He delivered. The Symphonic Band's performance of *Inchon* was one of the most moving and emotional musical treats I've heard in the past three years. Thank you!
- Tami Rabowsky promised an evening of wonderful jazz, delicious food and tasty drinks at the Coconut Grove. She delivered! Thanks to Paula Yang and her decorating committee, the MPR was transformed into a beautiful nightclub with a Mardi Gras theme. The rain may have been falling outside, but inside all was fun and laughter and good times. Thank you!
- And now we have our Spring Trip to Disneyland. Laurel Fagan and Mary Kay Williams have been taking care of the last minute details, ably assisted by Sue McKinney. All lodging and transportation arrangements have been made. A reminder that final students and chaperone payments are now due.
- Yes, a very short message this month. I'm still recovering from Coconut Grove. See you at the Band Boosters' meeting on March 8th.

—Steve Williams, co-President



Coconut Grove Groove

Fred Lange directs the Jazz Band featuring Michelle Rabowsky on tenor sax at left. Sam Yang prepares the entrance before the guests arrive.



Thanks for Helping with Coconut Grove

Coconut Grove was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers who helped make it happen. As you walked into the MPR, it truly looked and felt as if you were entering a night club. You would have never guessed that just outside there was a High School campus. Many wonderful Jazz bands played including our own Jazz Combo and Jazz band. A special thanks to Laurel Fagan, Paula and Sam Yang and Steve Williams who gave endless hours helping to transform the MPR into what it was on Saturday night. Hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Remember, Coconut Grove can not happen without the help of all parents from the Concert, Symphonic and Jazz band. Please consider taking on one of the jobs that makes this event happen again next year.

-Tami Rabowsky, Coconut Grove Coordinator

Band Boosters Summary Minutes

February 8, 2007



The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Steve Williams.

Approval of Summary Minutes: Motion passed to approve the Summary Minutes for the January 11, 2007 meeting as published in the February newsletter. Minutes approved as published.

Band Council: Jack Brazil reported that the Pep Band was extending its performance season with additional performances supporting the girls' basketball team.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerly reported on the following financials. January Income = \$19,347 (largely due to student account payments for Spring trip), January Expenses = \$7,368. Fred Lange purchased a new tuba in January using funds raised through the Direct Donation Drive. Current balances (as of January 31, 2007): Music Program = \$5,280, Facility Account = \$759, Student Accounts = \$19,539, Chaperone Accounts = \$120, Band Boosters Account = \$19,761.

Director's Report: Fred reported the DHS Jazz Band and Jazz Band combo both did very well at the Folsom Jazz Festival. He promised there would be a helicopter inside the Mondavi Center at the Festivity of Bands concert on February 14. He is making arrangements for the Concert Band's Adjudication Concert on March 15. More details next month. Fred was very appreciative of everyone's efforts in organizing the Play-a-thon. He said he appreciated getting a good night's sleep while the students played through the night.

Fundraisers: Nora Brazil reported that the Play-a-thon went very well. She thanked Mark Stephens for his support. She said she would write a thank-you letter to the UOP student conductors. Tami Rabowsky reported that preparations for Coconut Grove were going well. She thanked Sue McKinney for her efforts in obtaining items for the auction. Fred expressed concern that the Band students had not yet been contacted. Luisa Nye responded she would be contacting the students the next week.

Spring Trip: Laurel Fagan said that all is well. We still don't know the performance times at Disneyland. Additional paperwork needs to be submitted before Disney will confirm times. All lodging and transportation arrangements have been made. She will be scheduling a final meeting of the chaperones shortly before the trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Morgan Jones Wins Jazz Music Composition Award

Morgan Jones, a 2006 Davis High graduate and current student of the USC Thornton School of Music, has won an ASCAP Foundation Young Jazz Composer Award for the second year in a row. His winning composition is titled "The Loneliest Monk," a tribute to jazz innovator Theolonius Monk. Last year he won an award for his song, "New Orleans."

Morgan will be recognized at the annual ASCAP Jazz Wall event in New York on June 11th. For more information, visit the ASCAP site at http://www.ascap.com/press/2007/020707_youngjazz.html

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Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting, Thursday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 8, 2007

Band Practice Room (PA-3) @ 7:30 p.m.

Welcome: Steve Williams

Band Council:

Band Booster Business

- Recording Secretary's Report: Gina Harwood
VOTE: *approval of Summary Minutes for February 8, 2007*
- Treasurer's Report: Dennis Edgerley
- Newsletter: Susan Hulsizer/ Simone Kueltz
- Web site: Bernadette Swanson
- Listserv: Rhio Barnhart

Band Director's Report: Fred Lange

- Concert Band Adjudication & Con-

cert (CANCELLED)

- Ninth Grade Band auditions (April 2-6)
- Secondary Concert (Symphonic w/ Jr. Highs) (April 24)
- Senior Concert (Symphonic & Concert) (May 1)

Concert Committee: Pat Fyhrie

Fundraisers

- Coconut Grove: Tami Rabowsky
- Scrip: Amelia Triest

Band Trips

- Combined Bands Spring Tour: Laurel Fagan/ Mary Kay Williams

Adjournment @ 8:30 pm

April mtg: Thursday, April 5th @ 7:30 p.m.

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