

# DHS Band Boosters eNewsletter



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

## Notes from the Director, Mr. Lange



On Friday, June 4, at 7:30 pm the Jazz Band presented "Jazz On A Summer's Eve XVII." Congratulations to all who participated in one of the most musically-satisfying performances I have ever had the pleasure of presenting. Thank you all Jazz Band students for your commitment to excellence all year long!

If you were there, you were also able to see the presentation of our yearly band awards. If you missed them, here is a recap. The John Philip Sousa Award was given to **China Swanson**, trombonist in the Jazz and Symphonic Bands and tubist in the Concert Band. The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award went to **Benny Amon**, the Bob Day Award (with a cash gift) went to **Jack Brazil**. The departmental Brunelle Award (also with a cash gift) went to "uber-musician," **Chris Weisker**. Congratulations to all.

### END NOTES

The excitement of graduation and approaching summer and new adventures for next year overshadow the sadness of having to say good-bye to many great students and parents.

Parents -- without you we would not have a

program like the one at DHS. Oh, sure, there would be a band class, but so much of the fun and excitement comes from the hard work you put in. Many of you are now good friends of mine - I have your phone number memorized. I only hope that when your student graduates you will continue to call and say hello -- you are such nice people that I really want to retain your friendship. Thank you for all you have done for me and your student.

Sophomores -- you finally made it! No more sophomore jokes! (well, at least not for you.)

Juniors -- if you come back we have much to look forward to next year. There are always more challenges ahead and now it is your turn to prove that you have "what it takes."

Seniors enjoy your life -- music will always be there. When you least expect it you will hear a snatch of music that will remind you of the good (or bad) times in band. "Yeah, I remember when we played that piece," or "That sounds familiar. Didn't we play something like that in band?" "I wonder whatever happened to Anjan?" "I hope you will come back and see me --OFTEN!

(P.S. but do it when I have time to talk with you and find out more about your life, not just 2 minutes after a concert!)

This has been a great year both musically and socially. For BAND is, indeed, a social experience as well as an educational one. The friends we made this year -- some will return for more, others will leave but they will always carry with them the musical experience of Davis High School. They will always be my students. They will always be welcome to come back.

-Mr. Fred Lange

## A Message from the Band Boosters' President

Do I see a light at the end of the tunnel? ... or the headlamp of an approaching train? After the past two weeks of controversy about live music at the 2007 Commencement Ceremony, I'm not sure. In any case, I *am* sure the Band Boosters have enjoyed a great year!

Thanks to the many Band parent volunteers, we can be proud of our efforts to support Fred Lange and the DHS Bands program. In doing so, we helped our sons and daughters enjoy another wonderful year as members of the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and Pep Band.

In addition to nearly monthly concerts here in Davis, the Jazz Band performed at the Monterey Jazz Festival and the Fullerton Jazz Festival, the combined bands played numerous performances at venues in Disneyland, and the Pep Band strutted proudly through the rain at the UCD Picnic Day parade. Yes, a very good year!

All of this support – the fundraising, organizing and chaperoning trips, and collecting donations at the concerts at DHS – only occurred because of your willingness – as a Band parent -- to take a part in doing what needed to be done.

In the 2006-07 school year, the Band Boosters stepped up to the plate and hit a homerun – time and time again! Next year, we'll have another inning. Please help again next year. Take care...

-Steve Williams, co-President

## Pep Band Director Signs Off

As you all know, I have had the privilege of directing the DHS Pep Band for two wonderful years. But, as with all good things, this must come to an end. I would love to direct for many more years, but I am told by my parents that I have to graduate.



I have chosen the director for next year from a field of several candidates who were all very qualified for the position. It was a difficult choice, but I know I have chosen someone who will carry on the traditions of the pep band to their fullest, and will enjoy the job as much as I have. And so it is with great pride that I announce the director of the pep band for the 2007-08 school year as **Ana Ebrahimi**. Ana will take over my position in the fall, and I know she will enjoy this experience just as much as I have for the past two years.

Thanks to everyone for making this such a special experience for me. See you all in the stands!

-Jack Brazil, Pep Band Director



## Plan Early for Your Passport

The **Band Trip** next year (May, 2008) is to Victoria, British Columbia. New regulations require that every person returning from Canada to the US have a valid passport.

There are no exceptions. If a student does not have a passport he or she will not be able to participate in this trip, which is a fabulous experience.

If your student already has a passport, please confirm that it will be valid for several months after May, 2008 (there can reportedly be issues if one travels with a passport close to expiration).

**If your student does not have a passport**, please take advantage of the summer vacation to apply for one. Application forms are at the Post Office. Passport pictures can be taken at a number of locations (the Post Office, Longs, Kinkos, PostMark's, Costco, etc.). It appears to be taking two months for the application to be processed. Ideally, everyone should have valid passports by the beginning of the next academic year.

## DHS BAND PRELIMINARY DATES FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

August 30	Pep Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
September 5	Pep Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
September 6	Band Bar-B-Que	6:00	MPR Patio
September 6	Pep Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
September 7	Symphonic Flute Chair Auditions	3:30-6:00	PA-3
September 6,12,13	Symphonic Chair Auditions (Tp, Cl, or Tbn)	2:30-4:30	PA-3
September 10	Elementary Helpers Needed	7:30	Emerson
September 11	Elementary Helpers Needed	7:30	Emerson
September 12	Band Booster Introductory Meeting	7:30	IPAB Theater
September 14	Symphonic Audition Tapes Due	3:30	
September 14	Football	6:15p	PA-3
September 20	Back-To-School Night (Jazz??)	7:00p	New Gym
September 21	Concert Band Audition Tapes Due 3:30		
September 21	Football	6:15p	PA-3
September 25	Pep Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
October 6	Natsoulas Jazz Festival (Jazz)	TBA	Downtown Davis
October 11	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	PA-3
October 12	Homecoming Parade (all bands)	1:30	Farmer's Market
October 12	Homecoming Game (all bands)	6:15	PA-3
October 15	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	PA-3
October 16	Outreach Concert #1	7:30	IPAB Theater
October 18	Outreach Concert #2	7:30	IPAB Theater
October 26	Football	6:15	PA-3
November 8	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	PA-3
November 12	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:00-9:00	IPAB Theater
November 13	Symphonic Band Concert	1:30	IPAB Theater
November 13	Symphonic Band Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater
November 14	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	2:30-4:00	PA-3
November 14	Jazz Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:30	PA-3 (Theater??)
November 15	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	2:30-4:00	PA-3
November 16	Jazz Extravaganza (Concert)	7:30	IPAB Theater
November 27	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
November 28	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	2:30-4:00	PA-3
December 8 (??)	CSUS Jazz Festival	TBA	CSU Sacramento
December 16	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
December 19	Combined Band Rehearsal	2:30-5:00	IPAB Theater
December 20	Combined Band Concert (Winter Rhapsody)	7:30	IPAB Theater
January 26 (??)	Folsom High Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom HS
January 26-27	Playathon	7:00 p- 9:00a	MPR (and M-1)
January 30	Elementary Concert (some DHS students needed)	7:30	IPAB Theater
February 13 (??)	Festivity Of Bands (w/ UCD & CSUS)	7:30	IPAB? (CSUS?)
February 23-25	Coconut Grove		MPR
March 20	DHS Bands Adjudication	1:30	IPAB Theater
March 20	Adjudication Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater

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## DHS Band Preliminary 07-08 Dates continued from page 3

April 7-10	9 <sup>th</sup> Grader Auditions	3:00	PA-3 & PA-8
April 10	Open House (no performances)		
April 22	Secondary Concert (Symph)	7:30	IPAB Theater
April 24	Pre-Tour Combined Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
April 24-27	Possible Jazz Trip To New Orleans		
May 1-4	Possible Jazz Trip To New Orleans		
May 6	Senior Concert (Symph & Con)	7:30	IPAB Theater
May 7	Pre-Tour Combined Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
May 11	Pre-Tour Combined Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
May 12	Pre-Tour Combined Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
May 16-20	Proposed Band Tour to Victoria, Canada		
May 28	Picnic and Pops (Symph & Con)	6:00	Central Park
May 31	Jazz Combo Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater
June 8	Jazz On A Summer's Eve XVIII	7:30	IPAB Theater

Possible Band Booster Meetings: September 12, October 10, November 7, December 12, January 9, February 6, March 12, April 9, May 7, and June 11. Booster meetings at 7:30 in Music room PA-3, except for September which is in IPAB Theater.

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