

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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



The Jazz Band started Back to School night on a sweet note. The band and Jazz Choir entertained the parents before remarks by principal Mike Crowley and student body president (and jazz band pianist) Tyler Chuck.

Next Band Booster meeting is
October 10th, 7:30 Band Rm
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Upcoming...

Davis Jazz Artist Festival: Saturday October 6th, 12-6 pm, Davis Commons. Jazz parents work, everyone else come and enjoy the music. Article, p. 3

Car Washes: Saturdays, 8 am-noon, district parking lot, beginning 10/13. Good, clean, money-making fun. (Money to students' accounts.) Article, p. 5

Rummage Sale: Oct 20th, 7:30 am-noon, district parking lot. Empty out that garage! Article, p. 5

Notes from the Director

the cool of the evenings.....
the crackle of falling leaves...
the smell of football...

Aaah, fall is in the air. And if we are talking football we are talking PEP BAND!

The Pep Band, led by Ana Ebrahimi entertained the crowd at the two recent football games. Over 100 students participated in each of these great events, including many of the sophomores from the **Concert Band**. Pep Band is almost entirely run by the students, all that I do is take roll and unlock the room for them to get their instruments. Students are responsible for almost everything the public sees and hears. The nicest part of this whole experience is that many of the students found their participation to be one of the most enjoyable times they had ever had in a band. Keep up the great work, students!

All students are reminded that participation in Pep Band at football games gets 50 credit points toward the 200 needed to get an A in the class. There has been a small change in the requirements for Homecoming. We will still participate in the parade in the afternoon and that will be REQUIRED (minus 100 points if the students do not participate), but the Homecoming Football Game will no longer be required. Naturally, students involved in another school-sponsored event (such as a Cross Country meet) would be excused from participating with no penalty.

In the classes, we have been preparing for chair auditions. By the time you read this, all will have been done. There have been some surprises in the Concert and Symphonic Bands, although most of the results were expected. In many instances the work has been good but there is a lot of skill-building to be done

Notes from the Director, Mr. Lange

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in the Concert Band. Either these students did not take the work seriously, or they were not prepared for the demands of High School work. This might be time for your student to seek private tutoring (lessons) so they can develop the skills needed to advance.

So, what's coming up? More Pep Band October 12 and 26 that's for sure, but now we need to prepare for the **Outreach Concerts!**

In the district, we feel the need for the elementary students to see what life is like in the High School, so we open our doors and have a joint concert with the Continuing Bands students at the 8 elementary school sites. These events will be held in the IPA Theater. The 6th Graders perform a few selections and the DHS group performs a few selections, and then we get the groups together and play some songs in a massed band. This is a great thrill for the elementary students! In addition to all this music we will present some information to the elementary students and parents on how to prepare their child for a great high school experience. The public is invited (meaning mostly the elementary parents) and you might take this opportunity to see how great the DHS students sound!

The DHS students involved will be chosen from the highest chairs of the Symphonic, Concert, and Jazz Bands (based on audition scores and a balanced instrumentation.) There will be 2 rehearsals for this "elite" group (October 11 and 15) and 2 performances (October 16 and 18) in the IPA Theater. Students must be available for all 4 of these services in order to participate.

Sophomore Parents please note: your band student is growing up. The close family times you experienced just a few years ago will be fewer and fewer as your student matures in his/her high school experience. The band program is one place where you can still do things together! The students need your help in the area of fundraising. When you help out, you become a member of the band. The result is a closer family and great feeling for you. Don't miss out on this, which may be your last opportunity to experience some great times -- together!

Remember it's not too late to be active in the booster program

--Fred Lange



Suitable for a concert... Dress Blacks

The Concert and Symphonic Bands wear "Dress Blacks" as follows:

Men: Tux, or black suit, or black coat and black slacks, white shirt, black bow tie, black sox, and nice black shoes. Sport shoes are not acceptable.

Women: Black dress, or black top and black skirt, or black top with black slacks. The dresses and tops must have sleeves! All slacks must be slacks - not jeans nor tight-fitting pants. If the skirt is short (no shorter than 2" above the knee), you must wear black tights with black shoes.

1. Men, if your suit/tux/coat from last year does not fit anymore, how about donating it to DHS Bands for use by smaller students?

2. Parents, don't let your student talk you into an expensive purchase. Many times a black coat can be purchased at thrift stores for very little.

3. Women, all dresses must be totally black (no white ruffles or collars, etc.) If you intend purchase a new dress this year make it all black! Furthermore, last year I was concerned about the propriety of some of dress lengths. Let's be sensible this year -- no shorter than 2 inches above the knee, max. Flip-flops are not considered dress shoes.

Jazz Band and Combo to Play at the Davis Jazz Artist Festival

The Jazz Band students and parents are invite you to join the fun at the Davis Jazz Artist Festival this Saturday, October 6th, noon to 6 pm at the Davis Commons and the Natsoulas Gallery. Details at the Natsoulas web-site, <http://www.natsoulas.com/html/jazzweb/> As the musicians play, performance artists or performance painters will interpret the music.

This first festival is generously donating the proceeds to the DHS Jazz Band which will be very helpful if they are to travel to New Orleans this year. All events are free so the jazz parents have been busy arranging food vendors, direct donations and a raffle to capitalize on the opportunity. Buy your raffle ticket at the event for just \$10 for the opportunity to win art work from the Natsoulos Gallery, or an evening out in Davis with tickets to the Mondavi, dinner at Bistro 33 and chocolates. Other exciting prizes are a tour and wine tasting for 10 guests at the RH Phillips Gallery, Dinner at Fuzio's, Musical Performances, and more. For more information, contact organizers Lesli Chuck or Lisa Yamauchi at lyamauchi@comcast.net or leslichuck@gmail.com

Davis Jazz Artists Festival

Saturday, October 6th

Main Stage-Davis Commons

12:00	UC Davis Jazz Combo
1:00	Race!!! With performance painter Andrew Dorn
2:00	CSUS Latin Jazz Ensemble
3:00	Capital Jazz Project
4:00	DHS Jazz Band with perf artist Jonqui Albin
5:00	Free Association Reunion with performance artist Jonqui Albin

John Natsoulas Gallery Indoor Stage

12:30	Lambazz
1:30	Dream Door with painter Colleen Maloney
2:30	DHS Jazz Combo with artist Deladier Almeida
3:30	Adam Jenkins and the Ganbare Spirits Ensemble
5:15	Davis Alkire Jazz Combo
8:00	Main Event featuring Nancy Ostrovsky
9:30	Horsecow Performance Art Group - Art Blast on the roof of John Natsoulas Gallery

Various bands and music ensembles will play at Bistro 33

All events are FREE!

More information at www.natsoulas.com

Or <http://www.natsoulas.com/html/jazzweb/index.html>

DHS Band Calendar

October

(Times are pm unless noted.)

Sat, Oct 6	Natsoulas Jazz Festival (Jazz)	TBA	Downtown Davis
Wed, Oct 10	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Thu, Oct 11	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	PA-3
Fri, Oct 12	Homecoming Parade (all bands)	1:30	Farmer's Market
Fri, Oct 12	Homecoming Game (all bands)	6:15	PA-3
Sat, Oct 13	Car Wash Fundraiser	8:00 am- noon	District Parking Lot
Mon, Oct 15	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	PA-3
Tue, Oct 16	Outreach Concert #1	7:30	IPAB Theater
Thu, Oct 18	Outreach Concert #2	7:30	IPAB Theater
Sat, Oct 20	Car Wash and Raffle!	8:00 am- noon	District Parking Lot
Fri, Oct 26	Football	6:15	PA-3
Fri, Oct 26	Deadline for Newsletter	7:00	<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>
Sat, Oct 27	Car Wash Fundraiser	8:00 am- noon	District Parking Lot

November

Wed, Nov 7	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Thu, Nov 8	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	PA-3
Mon, Nov 12	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:00-9:00	IPAB Theater
Tue, Nov 13	Symphonic Band Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater
Wed, Nov 14	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	2:30-4:00	PA-3
Wed, Nov 14	Jazz Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:30	PA-3 (Theater??)
Thu, Nov 15	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	2:30-4:00	PA-3
Fri, Nov 16	Jazz Extravaganza (Concert)	7:30	IPAB Theater
Tue, Nov 27	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB Theater
Wed, Nov 28	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	2:30-4:00	PA-3
Fri, Nov 30	Deadline for Newsletter	7:00	<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>

Send calendar updates to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net

Pep Band: Catch the Spirit!



"If you're happy and you know it... come to the football games! The pep band is a school spirit organization that plays energetic songs and chants. Some new additions to our repertoire this year are 'Any Way You Want It' and 'Good Lovin'". We also brought back some tunes from past years like 'Gimme Some Lovin' (we're a loving bunch) and 'The Imperial March'. September 14th and 21st were our first two games; themes were Celebrities and Under the Sea respectively. If you missed out on the amazing pep band versus dance team dance off, you can still catch it on youtube.com!

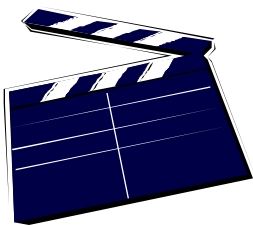
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQ4KedB5I9o>

HOMECOMING ON OCTOBER 12th! We will be playing in the parade and at the game; theme is Monsters! Our last home football game is the 26th, Camp-out/Sleepover is the theme, so bring your blankets, pillows (all the small things) and get comfy. Make sure to come to the games (parents are VERY welcome), bond with other band-mates, and have a great time! Remember, we are ordering pep band sweatshirts this year, so please turn in money as soon as possible."

-Ana Ibrahim, director



Photos by Peter Matlock



Pep Band on KCRA Playbook Website

Thanks to student Matt Zavortink, the DHS Pep Band can be seen on the KCRA Playbook website. Matt, who is a DaVinci senior and a member of the symphonic band, is a KCRA intern and will be including videos of the pep band with the weekly game videos. A pep band performance from the September 14th football game can be seen on <http://sacramento.highschoolplaybook.com/media/ShowMedia.do?mid=0a68ae40b7c207b90fde324d4364a2ea> (Note: This may not work as a hot link, but cut and paste the address on your web browser.)

Are You Connected?

There are lots of ways to get information about the bands and the Band Boosters. You can read the monthly **newsletter**, as you are today. This can be delivered by e-mail (PDF file) or by U.S. mail. If you want to remove yourself from the postal mailing list, email Susan Hulsizer at susan.hulsizer@comcast.net and give your mailing address. The **listserv** is the best way to get urgent e-mail messages specific to your student's band. You can sign up through Joyce Hamaguchi, jhamaguchi@sbcglobal.net. Of course the friendliest way to stay informed about the bands is to attend the band booster **meetings**, coming up Oct 10, Nov 7, and Dec 12. Being a booster allows the bands to go places, literally and figuratively, but you'll enjoy it most for the people you meet.

Band Boosters Fundraiser Car Washes Coming in October!

It's time for you and your band students to set aside the Saturday mornings of October 13, 20, and 27 for the planet's most fun fundraiser car washes. From 8am to noon we'll be in the DJUSD district office parking lot (across from the Farmers Market) doing our part to beautify Davis by transforming dirty cars and trucks into spotless gems.

Each week we'll need about four parents (each taking a two hour shift) and a crowd of band students to make this work. Students who work will not only have a great time (washing cars, dancing, singing, and eating delicious snacks) but also will earn significant amounts of money that will be applied towards their Vancouver band trip accounts. Last year we raised a total of over \$2500 and this year our goal will be to hit the \$3000 mark. Next steps?

1. Effective immediately, park your cars outdoors under sappy trees and bird nests and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Resist the urge to wash them at all costs.
2. Sign up to be a parent volunteer (so that you can show the kids how to wash a car right!)
3. Volunteer to bring snacks and drinks for the hungry masses.
4. Plant a seed in your student's mind that there is no higher calling than working at the car wash. They will be solicited to sign up for a two or four hour shift in band class a few days before each of the Saturdays.
5. On Saturday 10/13, 10/20, and 10/27 make sure that you and your neighbors and friends bring their cars in for a bath AND be prepared to be big tippers. Remember, the DHS Band Boosters is a nonprofit organization so a healthy portion of your donation is tax deductible (see your accountant for details!).

Please get in touch with us for any questions.

Your carwash coordinators,

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John Chuck (john.chuck@kp.org; 530-400-6178)



The Rummage Sale is back by POPULAR DEMAND

Yes, folks, you can clean out your garage, storage shed and closets and bring all those good, usable items to the RUMMAGE SALE on

October 20th to the District

parking lot (5th & B) We will set up items beginning at 7:30 and

go until NOON. All sales will benefit the Band Boosters. For questions please call or email Luisa Nye lryne@earthlink.net or 756-5175.

Looking forward to seeing you and your beloved treasures there.



"Music to Your Ears" Campaign

Your contribution is needed to purchase wind and percussion instruments which will give Davis High School music students the tools they need to develop and share their musical abilities. The campaign raised \$8,500 last year and we hope to surpass that this year. As extra incentive, donations over \$100 will receive complimentary tickets to regularly scheduled concerts. Donors will be acknowledged in the concert programs, unless they choose to be anonymous.

Details of the campaign were sent to band families through the mail in early October. Please return the form today with a generous donation. For more information, contact Lisa Yamauchi, the direct donation chair, at lyamauchi@comcast.net or 757-2893.

Passport Reminder

Students traveling on the Band Trip to Vancouver in May will need a passport to reenter the US. We hope that all students can travel with the band on what promises to be a memorable trip. Make sure your student is prepared with a valid passport. You can apply at the main post office (at Poleline and 5th) from 10:00 am-12:30 or 1:30 pm to 4, Monday through Friday, or 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Saturday. Applications at this time can proceed without additional fees to speed the process, so plan ahead and save some money.

A Message from the Band Boosters' President

Band Booster Parents,

This first month has flown by awfully fast – so what stands out in my mind? Well, I must admit I had not been at a high school football game in years, 35 years to be exact. I remember a pep band being there, but it was a lot smaller and a lot less peppy. What I really remember is the student who dropped his alto sax from the bleachers. I cannot believe how big the **DHS Pep Band** is and how much more personality there is. This band is fun to watch. Great job, Ana! At Back-to-School Night it sure was nice to see both the **Jazz band** and the Jazz Choir kicking off the event. I really liked having the combination of the two performing for us. Thank you, Mr. Lange and Mr. Zinn.

In the month of October, we have at least 2 major functions. Mr. Natsoulas has decided to put on the 1st **Davis Jazz Artists Festival**. He graciously is paying for this event, so it is free to the public. Yep, that means you and I can watch our own DHS Jazz Band and Jazz Combo as well as many other professional bands for free. In addition, there will be “performance artists” who will somehow interpret the music. I guess I will find out when I am there. Of course there are going to be 20 zillion food venders out there enticing your senses, as well as our own raffle for great prizes. Please come out on October 6 and support this Festival so Mr. Natsoulas will want to do this again. We also have the **DHS Homecoming parade** and game on October 12. Okay, I do not know much about this, but that is why we have our music director, Mr. Lange. Last but not least, we have an important function coming up. The **Outreach Concerts** are meant to strengthen our Davis student music program, by combining our students with 6th grader musicians. What a great encouragement for our young musicians to continue playing!

Now the part you probably just want to skip, but please bear with me for one more minute. Thank you parents who already volunteered to help on one or more of the many jobs in Band Boosters. I know some of the planning committees have already met or will be meeting soon. For those of you who simply do not have the time, could I interest you in a tiny job? However, for those of you who just keep forgetting to turn in your volunteer form, please send it in by regular mail, UPS, FedEx, email, or pigeon.



Mike Choy
DHS Band Booster President

Band Booster Minutes

September Meeting

Band Booster Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2007, 7:30 PM

IPAB

The first meeting of the year began with a welcome by band director, Fred Lange. He described the structure of the band classes and acknowledged the vital function of the band boosters to support the excellent bands at Davis High School.

Last year's co-president, Peter Matlock spoke to the purpose of the band boosters, and the lasting importance of the band trips to the students. Since the bands receive only about \$700 for program costs outside of instructional time, the boosters are necessary for funding trips, instrument purchase and repair, music purchase and other costs to maintain a high-enrichment program. In addition, the boosters provide logistical support for trips and performances. The boosters provide an avenue to make the trips more affordable to all students and to see that no student is excluded from participating due to financial needs.

The slate of officers for 2007-2008 was introduced: Mike Choy, president; Peter Matlock, vice president and jazz band liason; and Rick Hoover, treasurer. (Secretary position is vacant.) After leaving the room, the officers were elected unanimously.

President Mike Choy addressed the importance of volunteering, that we have immediate needs at the coordinator positions: fundraising, rent-a-band, wine tasting and scrip. Other vacancies: website, publicity, concert committee, pep band liason, coordinators and chaperones for the trip. Booster volunteers then had a minute to describe their area and what they needed from the group. These included: Susan Hulsizer, newsletter editor; Simone Kueltz, newsletter distribution; Joyce Hamaguchi, listserv coordinator; Dahlia Haberman,

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concert committee; Lori Lovett, concert CD, video and DVD; Chris Voss, concert setup/takedown; Sarah Davis, Victoria trip; Entertainment Book; Janet Matlock; John Chuck and Michael O'Brien, car wash; Luisa Nye, rummage sale; Barbara Duffy, Play-a-thon; Randy Chin and Mike Coleman, Coconut Grove; Joyce Hamaguchi and Lisa Yamauchi, direct donation; and Lesli Chuck and Lisa Yamauchi, Jazz Artist Festival. Forms for volunteering opportunities were distributed, which are to be turned in to Peter Matlock.

Mike Choy then requested approval of \$4000 to Mr. Lange for the purchase of sheet music and instruments. Approved unanimously by the boosters. Meeting was adjourned.

(Note: due to various scheduling conflicts on the 12th, an alternate informational meeting was held by Mike Choy on the 11th for parents who could not attend on the 12th.)

Submitted by Susan Hulsizer, Mike Choy

DHS Band Boosters Leadership 2007-2008

Please join us. We have opportunities in all sizes. Contact Mike Choy.



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Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting, Wednesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m.

DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda
October 10, 2007 7:30 , Band room, PA-3

- I. Music Director's report
- II. Treasurer's report
- III. Committee reports
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Vacant volunteer positions
 - B. Natsoulas Jazz Artist Festival
- V. New Business
 - A. DHS Band Boosters Bylaws

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