

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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



The **Winter Rhapsody Concert** featured the DHS Concert and Symphonic bands with some DHS alums home for the holidays. Playing to a packed house, the bands brought warmth and resonance to unusual holiday and classical music. Senior Andy Voss played a perfect rendition of "The Flight of the Bumblebee" on the xylophone, and then repeated at an even faster pace, bringing the audience to its feet. The concert ended with the traditional "Auld Lang Syne."

Next Band Booster meeting is
Wed, Jan 9th
7:30 Pm, Band Rm

Upcoming...

The all-night-music-party -fundraiser **Playathon**, on January 26-27.

The **Pep Band** brings musical mayhem to the Friday basketball games

Around the Corner: Capital Jazz Project Concert, Coconut Grove, Victoria Trip, Jazz Trip to New Orleans

Notes from the Director



It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a pirate ship appeared on the horizon.
(bet I have your attention...)

Meanwhile, in Davis, California, the high school band was holding their annual Playathon.
(I know I have your attention now!)

The annual **Playathon**, actually the 20th Annual Playathon, will take place on the weekend of January 26-27 in the MPR of at DHS. This event has become a favorite of our students as they play and party their way through 12 hours of fun.

And why do they do this??? Well, for each of the past 3 years the students have managed to amass over \$8,000 in pledges for their individual accounts. Each and every penny they manage to raise goes directly into their account for the band trip. Oh, and incidentally, they have a huge amount of fun, food and friendship all night long.

The evening begins with an informal concert by the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands. We call this a "Concert in Progress," as none of the groups have managed to perfect any of the works they on which they are currently working. Next we have a period of guest conductors and guest performers taken from members of

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the band family and local dignitaries.

The period from 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am is reserved just for the band students to sightread material and finally to prepare for a morning concert surprise at about 7:00 am.

(Oh, My! This sounds like too much for our child!)

Not so fast!

First, each hour of playing is only 45 min. long (with a 15 min. "party break") and the students are allowed to take an hour off of every 3 to "rest and recuperate."

Note: most students choose not to rest during those hours off – there is too much food, pizza, drinks – partying – to rest.

Now the best part – all this takes place on the weekend after finals so they have all day on Sunday and Monday to rest for the next day of classes.

PLEASE do not dismiss this great experience for your band student. A great deal of bonding takes place at this event. Also, it is WELL CHAPERONED! Roll is taken periodically to make sure no noses have left our control and if a student shows any signs of physical distress is encouraged to contact their parent and allowed to go home.

More complete information about pledges and party, is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other things on the horizon (other than that pirate ship) ...

The Jazz Band will attend the **Folsom Jazz Festival** on the EVENING of January 25. Our performance time will be somewhere around 8:00 pm. The combo will play in the early hours of Saturday morning. Car pools will be needed.

The **Coconut Grove** takes place on February 23.

The Symphonic Band plays at **Sacramento State University** on February 27. Lots of car pools needed here.

The Pep Band will support both the boys and girls basketball teams throughout January and February.

- Fred Lange

Pep Band!

By Ana Ebrahimi

Thank you to everyone who made it to the Boys game Dec. 4th and the Girls game Dec. 21st! We really helped raise the spirit in the gym, and to quote Mr. Christian (the Girl's Basketball coach), "Pep Band is what makes high school basketball".

Math problem:

Band people = screaming + support.
(Basketball)^ Pep Band = (fun + happiness)
(fans + players). Pep Band + Band people = BLUE DEVIL SPIRIT

Please participate! Remember, you earn 30 points extra credit for every game you attend. Our next games are:

Fri. Jan. 11th, Girls (G) v. Elk Grove

Fri. Jan. 18th, Boys (B) v. Kennedy

Wed. Jan. 30th, B. v. Elk Grove

Fri. Feb. 1st, G. Franklin

Wed. Feb. 6th, STUDENT STAFF GAME

Fri. Feb. 8th, B. v. Laguna Creek

Boys games: meet in front of the New Gym.
Girls games: meet in quad outside the Old gym.

Please bring your instrument and music as the band room will not be open. Meet at 6:20pm, themes TBA.



Capital Jazz Project returns to IPAB on Feb 3rd

A real treat for Jazz fans is offered as the Capital Jazz Project performs Sunday February 3rd with the DHS Jazz Band. Part education, part inspiration, this concert repeats a successful venture last year. Put this date on that new calendar because you won't want to miss it.



PLAY-A-THON

The DHS MPR will be "rockin'" all night on Saturday, January 26, 2008 for our annual Play-a-thon. This fundraiser is voluntary but strongly encouraged for those who like to play music, stay up all night and have fun. Your students will soon bring home packets of information, a permission slip and pledge sheets. (The pledge sheet was also printed in the December newsletter, now at the boosters website)

http://www.dhsbandboosters.org/monthly-newsletter/12-07_Band_newsletter_all.pdf/view

They may seek pledges from friends, family and neighbors to spur them on to stay awake playing and listening to band performances all night long. The music begins at

7:30 p.m. with performances by the Concert Band followed by the Symphonic and Jazz Bands; this event is open to parents and the public. Adults who have made special pledges of \$25 or more may participate with the Band in the next mini-concert either playing their instruments or conducting the Band.

The doors close to the public at midnight. For the rest of the night, groups of band students perform every hour. When not performing, students enjoy the many snacks, pizza, bagels or treats provided by volunteers or catch a few winks in M-1. Parents may return at 7 a.m. on Sunday for the Final Concert, after which we all clean up and go home. All pledges earned go directly into each student's account. This is a terrific, fun and lucrative fundraiser for our Band Students. Thanks for your support in their efforts to help pay for their trips, play some terrific music and have a great night. If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please contact Barbara Duffy at 758-0238 or Bduffy@sbcbglobal.net. Remember to look for the packets of information coming home soon!



- Barbara Duffy, Play-a-thon Chairperson

DHS Band Calendar

Times are pm unless noted.

January

Wed, Jan 9	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Fri, Jan 25	Deadline for Newsletter	7:00	<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>
Sat, Jan 26	Folsom High Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom HS
Jan 26-27	Playathon	7:00 p- 9:00a	MPR (and M-1)
Wed, Jan 30	Elementary Concert (some DHS students needed)	7:30	IPAB Theater

February

Sun, Feb 3	Capital Jazz Project/DHS Concert		IPAB
Wed, Feb 6	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Feb 8,9	Jazz Band and Jazz Choir Cabaret	TBA	Emerson JHS
Feb 23-24	Coconut Grove		MPR
Tue, Feb 26	Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser- Eat in or Carry Out, anytime 4-9 pm		
Wed, Feb 27	Festivity of Bands-Symphonic	7:30	CSUS
Fri, Feb 29	Deadline for Newsletter	7:00	<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>

March

Wed, Mar 12	Band Booster Meeting	7:30	PA-3
Thu, Mar 20	DHS Bands Adjudication	1:30	IPAB Theater
Thu, Mar 20	Adjudication Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater
Fri, Mar 21	Jazz Choir/Jazz Band Concert	7:30	IPAB Theater
Mon, Mar 31	Deadline for Newsletter	7:00	<i>e-mail to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net</i>

Send calendar updates to susan.hulsizer@comcast.net

Reservations Filling Up Now for Coconut Grove!

Coconut Grove is a great evening of great music, dancing and delicious desserts and drinks with proceeds benefiting all DHS bands. Reservations for the February 23 evening event are now being accepted. Just complete the form in this newsletter and send it in. Reserve before February 1 and get a 20% discount on your adult tickets.

We still have a few ways you can help make this event a success. If you've got a little spare time in January and February, why not become our:

- o Student and family donations coordinator -- solicits and organizes donations for the silent auction from students.
- o Raffle coordinator -- organizes and conducts the raffle.
- o Table coordinator -- obtains and transports tables to and from the Coconut Grove; assistants will help with the actual transportation.
- o Program coordinator -- designs and produces the program distributed at the Coconut Grove.

Experience is definitely not a requirement! All you need is a little energy and enthusiasm.

-Mike Coleman and Randy Chinn, Coconut Grove Coordinators

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**. Being a booster allows the bands to go places, literally and figuratively, but you'll enjoy it most for the people you meet.

DHS Band Boosters Leadership 2007-2008




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

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All DSHS Bands Fundraiser
An Evening at the Coconut Grove
Saturday, February 23rd, 2008
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Don't miss this year's family friendly *An Evening at the Coconut Grove* featuring light snacks* and a wide assortment of delicious desserts, exotic mocktails, a silent auction, raffle, and of course the DHS Jazz Band and other Davis youth jazz ensembles. This fundraiser benefits the entire band program and the money raised **helps to defray the cost of this year's band trip to Victoria Canada for your band student.**

Here are some ways you can support this event:

-  **Donate** an item for the auction. Contact Michael Coleman at coleman@cal.net for info.
-  Become a family or business **sponsor** of the event. As a contributor your name will be listed in the event's program. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by the IRS.
-  **Volunteer** to make a dessert and/or help at the event. Contact Randy Chinn at 750-5054 or ranchinn@gmail.com

**Not dinner this time.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-mail: _____

SPONSORSHIPS

Family Sponsors: \$50 \$100 \$250 Other

Business Sponsors: \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other

Business Name _____

RESERVATIONS This event sells out. Send in you reservation soon!

Reservations paid by
February 1st, 2008 Adults \$20_____ Students \$10_____ Total \$_____

(Performers and Children under 5 free)

Reservations paid after
February 1st, 2008 Adults \$25_____ Students \$10_____ Total \$_____

or at the door

You will receive a confirmation via email.

Request for those you wish to sit with. _____

(no guarantees – we'll do our best)

Please make your check payable to **DHS Band Boosters** and send your reservation/sponsor form with your check to:
DHS Band Boosters c/o Helen Kado-Fong
900 Eucalyptus Street
Davis, CA 95618

Any questions? Please contact Helen at 757-2253 or via email: samstro@pacbell.net

A Message from the Band Boosters' President

Band Booster Parents,

Well, I must admit I have not been able to attend many DHS band functions or work on Band Booster activities this last month because of a busier work schedule. Work can sure interfere with life! The Jazz Band received all "superior" marks at the Delta Jazz Festival earlier in December, so that gave them the opportunity to send an audition CD to the Monterey Jazz committee. I have been told the Combined Band Concert in December went extremely well. As usual your sons and daughters in all the bands are putting on spectacular performances, and you should be very proud of them.

Looking at the Band Booster side, we are also doing great. Planning committees for all the major upcoming events have been very busy and progress has been substantial. Fundraising has gone extremely well for the first half of the academic year, and that has not included Rent-A-Band or Lamppost Pizza money. Since we are half way through, I just want to take the time to thank each of you who have put in time and/or money to support our DHS bands.

We still have a lot more activities coming up, which are described in this Newsletter, so I will not bore you with repetition. However, if you are involved in one of the committees, and something is not going correctly, please let me know so we can find a remedy. Your son or daughter may be going on 1 or 2 major band trips this year, and I understand the financial implications of this. Please remember one of our major responsibilities is to provide funding so no student is left behind because of financial restraints. Please contact Mr. Lange if you find yourself in that position. Okay, so how many of you Band Booster parents like to do all-nighters and will be at the Play-a-thon?



Mike Choy, DHS BB President

Band Booster Minutes

December 12th Meeting

President Mike Choy called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

I. Clyde Kelly received a unanimous vote to be our new treasurer.

II. Treasurers Report:

The check book has been balanced through November. As Clyde gets caught up with all, there will be a report generated on the ins and outs for each month. As of October 21st the checking account had \$21,209.85, and the savings account had approximately \$15,600. October income was \$12,600 and expenses were \$1,006. The Jazz Band concert raised \$992. The Symphonic band raised \$1,264, and the bake sales raised \$110. Expenses included an honorarium to Patrick Langham at the Jazz Band performance. We will owe an additional \$150 for each concert (\$300) for use of IPAB. November income was \$12,265 including \$4,200 from Natsoulas, and \$4,300 from the car washes. November expenses were \$3,986 including pep band, DVD's, and script. The Direct donations campaign has raised around \$10,000.

III. **Music Director's Report:** November brought two fantastic concerts. The symphonic band had a different, more emotional theme and wonderful oral presentations by some students. The Jazz band performance later that week was also superb. The Jazz band participated in a festival at Stockton's Delta College and came in third. This year's Winter Concert featuring Symphonic and Concert Bands will be held on December 20th. Members of Jazz Band and a few alumni will be joining them. The Concert Band is working very hard right now to prepare for this performance. Mr. Lange's teaching aide, John Argyle, will be conducting a selection at this concert. Rent-a Band groups have been very busy this season.

IV. New Business

A. Treasurer Clyde Kelly will have two assistants, Katherine Miller and Luisa Nye, to collect checks and an accounting summary sheet instructing Clyde how to account for the money. If your committee needs money please talk to one of the officers who will arrange to get a check made out to you. Each large committee needs its own "local treasurer" to prepare the checks and accounting summary for Katherine or Luisa to give to Clyde. Katherine and Luisa will pick up the checks when ready for deposit, and will deliver the checks to the bank and the accounting to Clyde.

B. **Pep Band** Leader Ana Ebrahimi shared that the first basketball games were great fun. She asked that parents encourage students to participate in pep band at the basketball games. An email announcement will go out soon with the dates of Friday evening home games for men and women's basketball when Pep Band will play.

C. **Audience Attendance** at Concerts: A discussion of how to increase attendance at all concerts ensued. We have such a high quality program it would be nice to have more people in attendance at our performances, including DHS administrators. Sug-

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gestions included advertising at senior centers, posting announcements in the DHS Daily Bulletin, offering vouchers to band students to pass along to their friends, sending announcements to the elementary schools and junior high schools to post in their newsletters and Daily Bulletins. Joyce Hamaguchi will see that all schools receive the information about DHS concerts. Announcements already run in The Enterprise newspaper. Mr. Lange can distribute vouchers to students to share with friends. Susan Hulsizer is willing to coordinate invitations to the senior centers.

V. Committee Reports:

A. **Coconut Grove** – Randy Chinn says the committee decided to not serve dinner, but will have dessert and drinks, and a slightly shorter event from 7pm-10pm. Corporate fundraising donations for silent auction are coming in. Registration forms will be sent out in the next month. The decorations group is in full swing and will be recycling many of the Junior Prom decorations. The DHS jazz band, Emerson jazz band, Celia Cottle's JazzCats and Sax By Popular Demand will be performing. They need a raffle coordinator to secure raffle items and sell raffle tickets. They also need a student and family donations coordinator to collect services or baskets of goodies for the silent auction. Please talk to Randy or Mike if you are interested in assisting with these roles. Their next meeting will be held in mid-January. Mr. Lange reminds all that gift baskets cannot have wine or alcohol bottles in them.

B. **Victoria Trip** – Sarah shared that there are only 40 students that we haven't yet heard from regarding this trip. We will be calling them soon. The district has approved the trip. The next planning meeting is on January 17th. One student cannot attend because of visa issues. It was proposed to offer some assistance to this family to help with the visa process. It was decided that we should ask that family if they want some help with this.

C. **New Orleans Trip** – Barbara Duffy said the trip to New Orleans for the Jazz Band is scheduled for April 10th-14th. It is on the agenda for approval at the next DJUSD meeting. There are lots of activities planned to make it an educational event. They are seeking more chaperones. The jazz choir is participating, as well. They are looking into some performance opportunities at the New Orleans Jazz Festival. The students will be performing and participating in clinics at the University of New Orleans.

D. **Scrip** – Larry Lagerstrom said the script made \$400 last quarter. If people can submit orders to him by 12/13/07, he can return them by the following week so people have them before the winter holiday. A Borders gift card gives 9% - 11%, there are gas cards, Nugget offers 3%, and there are lots of other great deals.

E. **Rent-A-Band** – Lon Hatamiya shared that there are 25 performances scheduled, and 13 have happened already. He offered a big thanks to the student leaders. He says Nugget Market wants to add 5 more performances. There are regular performances at Davis Commons and students will be going to Atria Covell Gardens. This fund raiser has generated about \$2,500. There has been a tremendous effort from students, and a big thanks is due to Nancy Hatamiya for her organization.

F. **Lamppost Pizza** – There was a fund raiser this evening at Lamppost. The next pizza night is Feb 26th. Remember that one-third of whatever you pay comes in to BB.

G. **Direct donations** – Michael O'Brien announced that the Direct Donations Drive has brought in \$10,258. Thank you to all for your generosity. One of our largest donations of \$1,000 was from an anonymous donor, and Mr. Lange just received a generous donation of \$2,000 from another family. The Lagerstrom family has also made a large donation.

H. **Play-a-thon** – Barbara Duffy says at this musical marathon fund raiser 100% of the money that comes in goes to students' trip accounts. The event is scheduled for Saturday 1/26-1/27. The following Monday is a day off school. The planners would love more volunteers. Mr. Lange will be there for the first Jazz band, Concert band, and Symphonic band performances. Kids play all night long, with time for breaks and sleep. The final concert is at 7 am. The event is well chaperoned, and is "tons of fun" report the students. Students are encouraged to seek sponsor donations over the holidays. Donations are also accepted for people to perform with the band or to conduct a song.

I. **Spring Car Washes** – Mike reports that we have arranged two more dates for Spring Car washes. Dates will be announced soon.

J. **Concerts fundraising** – Daniel Haberman asked for two people to sell tickets for next Thursday evening's concert. Ticket sellers should stay 20 minutes into the start of the concert as they collected an additional \$50 after the last concert started. Ten people are needed to bring baked goods. They will make arrangements for petty cash with the BB officers.

K. **Other** – An article and photo will be in the Enterprise announcing the Symphonic band and Concert band Winter Concert on December 20th.

VI. Old Business

A. **Auditing committee** – Geraldine Hagie will be reviewing our books and prepare the taxes. That will serve as our audit for the past year. Her base charge is \$185. We will need to decide what we want to do for future tax preparation and audits.

B. **DHS BB Constitution/By-Laws** – A committee with Rick Hoover, Dan Jones, Peter Matlock, Steve Williams, and Mike Choy has been created to examine the BB by-laws.

C. **Permanent email addresses** – Mike is working on creating permanent email addresses for each committee chair. Mike will give instructions to all when they are ready. Mike will send an email to all with the passwords.

D. **Student work hours** for fundraisers – Students should sign up for only one shift at fundraiser events. They must obtain permission from the adult coordinator of the event to stay on for a second shift. This makes it fair the amount all students can earn working at an event. By staying on at a second shift without permission, it dilutes the earning potential of those students assigned to that shift.

E. **Wine Tasting Event** – Rominger West has offered to hold a wine tasting benefit event for all DHS bands. Is anyone willing to coordinate this event? Mark Rominger is willing to do this in the spring.

VII. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from the November meeting as published in the newsletter was approved unanimously without amendment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Shickman – Band Booster Secretary

Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting: Wednesday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m.

DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda
January 9, 2008

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December
- II. Music Director's report
- III. Treasurer's report
- IV. Committee reports
 - A. Coconut Grove
 - B. Victoria trip
 - C. New Orleans trip
 - D. Script
 - E. Rent-a-Band
 - F. LampPost Pizza
- G. Direct donations
- H. Playathon
- I. Spring Car Washes
- J. Concerts fundraising
- K. Publicity
- V. Old Business
 - A. 2006-2007 tax forms – Geraldine Hagie
 - B. Rominger West Wine Tasting Fundraiser (Spring 2008)
 - C. DHS BB Constitution/By-Laws
 - D. Concert attendance improvement – Joyce Hamaguchi, Susan Hulsizer, Mr. Lange
- VI. New Business

A calendar of DHS band performances can be found on the Davis Community Network site at <http://www2.dcn.org/davis/events?&mode-calendar=month&date-calendar=2007/09/23&org-calendar=7>
Use this link or google "dhsbb calendar."

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