

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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

Notes from the Director

The final countdown...

On Friday, June 6, at 7:30pm the Jazz Band presented "Jazz On A Summer's Eve XVIII." 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 **Miranda Liou**, flutist in the Symphonic Band and Road Crew Captain. The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award went to all of the senior members of the Jazz Band: **Tyler Chuck, Aviel Haberman, Jon Kelly, Anton Kueltz, Alex Reiff, Michelle Rabowsky, Andy Voss, and Daisy Zhou**. The Bob Day Award went to Pep Band Director, **Ana Ebrahimi**.

END NOTES

"Now Its time to say goodbye ..." (anyone remember that one?)

The excitement of graduation and approaching summer and new adventures for next year overshadow the sadness of having to say goodbye 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 Michael Mosca?" 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

Congratulations to sophomore Jazz Band Drummer, **Colin McDaniel**, on being chosen for the prestigious Brubeck Summer Colony at the Brubeck Institute. Only 16 high school musicians from across the United States are accepted for this intensive summer program. Way to go!



Congratulations to the new Pep Band director, Sam Bold. He was awarded the ceremonial hard hat by this year's director, Ana Ibrahimi at the Concert on June 6th. Thanks for a great year, Ana!



DHS Combined Bands played to a large crowd at the "Picnic and Pops in the Park" on May 28th .



A Message from the Band Booster President

Band Booster Parents,

What a whirlwind this has been! When I was nudged into this position, I really had no idea what I was going to be doing, and I still do not know why you wanted someone with no previous DHS Band Booster experience to be your President of the organization. Yes, I realized that I would be making some minor decisions and reading lots of emails and making lots of mistakes, but I was not expecting what I have seen this year. I have seen teams of Band Booster parents organize major band trips and major fundraising events. I have seen parents work in behind-the-scenes jobs that were essential to the success of our program.

I cannot even begin to count the number of volunteer hours you have put in collectively. And then after all the work you have done, you are still willing to put in money to support Band Boosters. You are directly responsible for 2 major band trips this year that were rich in experiences and several fundraising events that brought in more money than we have seen in a number of years. You have supported your sons and daughters, and the quality of the bands under the direction of Mr. Lange has been top-notch.

This is a great organization. A BIG thanks to all of you, your students, Mr. Lange, and John Cargyle. I hope to see all of you at our last Band Booster meeting. Have a great summer and see you next year.

Mike Choy
DHS Band Booster President



Photos by John Chuck



Band Trip to Victoria: Mission Accomplished!

Thanks to the many parent volunteers, led by Sarah Davis and Helene Sullivan seen above, who spent uncounted hours to make this highlight possible. Read Emma Shandy's student perspective online at: <http://www.bluedevilhub.com/ext/Band%20Trip.html>

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

- I. Minutes - The minutes from the April meeting were approved.
- II. Music Director's report – Mr. Lange was rehearsing with the students so did not attend the meeting. Mike Choy shared that there have been a lot of band activities this month and we are all looking forward to the Victoria trip. Mr. Lange wanted to clarify that in the May newsletter he was intending to acknowledge the parents of graduating seniors who have given so much of their time to support the band programs and to thank all parents who have helped in the planning of the trips to New Orleans and Victoria.
- III. Treasurer's report – To date there is approximately \$30,000 in the Band Booster account and there will be a few more expenses for the Victoria trip. There have been several "little expenses" for the trip, including a slightly higher cost for the t-shirts than estimated (\$65). The remaining balance at the end of the school year should be close to \$15,000. There is also about \$8,000 in an account designated for facilities. Mr. Lange will determine his needs for the music program over the summer. We came in as projected on the New Orleans budget. We will be closing the books on the New Orleans trip.
- IV. Committee reports -
 - A. Student report from Ana and Miranda – The students are at a Victoria trip rehearsal. The t-shirts order was slightly more than expected. We had allocated \$200 and the final bill was \$265. Mike Choy asked band boosters to cover the whole amount and there was no disagreement.
 - B. LampPost Pizza – The last pizza evening brought in \$88.
 - C. Spring Car Washes- The spring car washes didn't bring in as much money as the fall car washes. Donations weren't as high. People seem "tapped out" on donation funds. The jazz band students were away on one of the car wash weekends. There was not a vacuum cleaner available. We can reconsider spring carwashes in the future.
 - D. Picnic Day Parking Fundraiser – Thank you to Jagruti Maroney, who worked in the DJUSD school parking lot on Picnic Day until 10:30am. There were only a few hassles and one disgruntled customer. In the end it raised \$534 for the general account. Jagruti has lots of ideas for advertising and organizing this for next year.
 - E. Concerts fundraising – We did receive \$150 for the IPAB fee and an additional \$100 as agreed upon from the flute concert that Maki held.
 - F. Victoria trip – Lots of little details for the trip to Canada are being worked out. The Victoria committee tried to find the best way to arrange for all students to get to the airport. The purpose of creating carpools was to ensure that all students will arrive at the airport on time.
- V. Old Business –
 - A. Mike Choy will be collecting names of all businesses that have supported the band programs this past year, and then had planned to send a letter to the Editor of the Enterprise to acknowledge them for their donations. Mike will be emailing all committee heads for a list of these sponsors. This will need to be returned to Mike before the end of the school year. It was proposed to run the acknowledgement of supporters as an advertisement. The committee agreed that an ad over a letter would be best. We (Paula Yang and Jagruti Maroney) will look into the cost of running this ad.
 - B. Updating the By-Laws – Mike will be working on them over the summer. Anyone interested in assisting him with this process should let him know. In the mean time, we are working under the current by-laws. At the last Band Booster meeting of the school year in June is when Officers for the Band Boosters are to be nominated and elected. An announcement can go out on the DHS and Junior High schools asking for interested parents to contact Mike Choy. There was a discussion about whether to change the date of the last BB meeting. The Treasurer is to have an annual report at this June meeting, as well. It was suggested that all committee heads be requested to submit a brief description of their responsibilities to Mike Choy.
- VI. New Business –
 - A. Truck rental - We need to plan ahead for a truck rental to move instruments and stands to the venue for the concert in the park at the Farmer's Market. The sound at the venue was so poor last year. A discussion ensued of how to improve the sound quality at this performance. There is no easy fix to that without going to a lot of trouble. We could possibly improve on one vocal microphone for the sound for the announcer.
 - B. DSOMA donations - It was proposed to consider having the high school and junior high school band boosters support DSOMA. We have to be prepared for raising less money for our program next year. And it is important to maintain a strong balance in the BB account. We have to be careful with what we do with our BB funds and should try to maintain a reasonable reserve (currently about \$15000). The band budget is really tight. We pay for substitute teachers while Mr. Lange is on a band trip, as all teachers must do when traveling on trips. It is not considered a district expense. Directors' expenses are also covered on the trips.
 - C. Funds raised from May 6th concert - We need to instruct Treasurer Clyde Kelly on how much money was collected from the May 6th concert for IPAB (\$150) and for DSOMA (\$5 donation/person requested). Any funds over the \$200,000 collected for DSOMA will be saved to support the music programs in future years. There was a discussion of DSF and DSOMA fundraising. At this date, DSF has committed to saving one music teacher
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. The last Band Booster meeting for this school year will be held on Wednesday, June 11th at 7:30 in Room PA -3.

Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting: June 11, 7:30 pm, PA-3

DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda
June 11, 2008

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. May minutes
 - II. Music Director's report
 - III. Treasurer's report
 - IV. Committee reports
 - A. Student report from Ana and Miranda
 - B. Victoria trip
 - V. Old Business
 - A. Letter to the Enterprise acknowledging all of our business supporters
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Election of BB officers for next year
 - B. Natsoulas Jazz Festival will probably take place
 - C. Welcome new BB parents
 - 1. Brief description of BB function
 - 2. Brief description of major fundraisers/ events
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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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