

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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



## Notes from the Director

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

Our "Fourth Band" at DHS is the extremely popular Pep Band. This year it will be directed by senior drummer Sam Bold. We have held 4 very productive rehearsals and I think this could be the best-sounding pep band in years! Last Friday this group played for a packed house of students at the fall sports rally at the gym, and I have been told by many students and faculty that this was the best sound in memory. 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 earns them 50 extra credit points toward the 200 needed to get an A in the class. Participation in the Homecoming Parade and Homecoming Game on October 3, however, are **required**; meaning that if students do not attend, they will lose 100 points at each event. Naturally, students involved in another school-sponsored event (such as a Cross Country meet) would be excused from participating with no penalty.

**PARENTS NOTE: STUDENTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PEP BAND UNTIL THEY HAVE EACH RETURNED A BEHAVIOR STANDARDS FOR PEP BAND RELEASE FORM WHICH HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THEM AND YOU.** (A copy is on page 7 of this newsletter.) If you have not already done so, please read this form, print it out, sign it and return it with your student.

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. I am especially pleased with the work of the Sophomore students. As a group they have really stepped up and done a marvelous job.

So, what's coming up? (more Pep Band in late October and November, that's for sure!) 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 from the 8 elementary schools. 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!

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The DHS students involved were 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 9 and 13) and 2 performances (October 14 and 16) in the IPA Theater. Students must be available for all 4 of these services in order to participate. Dress for the performances will be simply white on top and black on the bottom for all students.

**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, director of Davis High School Bands [flange@djUSD.k12.ca.us](mailto:flange@djUSD.k12.ca.us)

## Good Clean Fun: DHS Band Car Wash a Sparkling Success



The September car wash saw students and parents working together, like a well-oiled machine, meticulously washing cars, vans and trucks. At the end of the day, we had earned over \$1000, which will be credited to the students' travel accounts. Due to the good spirits of coordinators Mike and Lisa O'Brien, the hard work was actually a lot of fun, as members from all the DHS bands washed, dried and cleaned together. Our thanks to the parent volunteers who were our quality control checkers and drivers.

Don't miss the next car wash! It's **Saturday, October 11th**, from 8:30 to 12:30 in the DJUSD parking lot. Students can sign up the week before. And parents, please, don't wash your car until you can bring it to the Band Car Wash!

## Pep Band Director Notes

Pep Band is our 4th band at the high school, and available (yet optional) to all band students. Pep Band has a repertoire of both old and new pop music, some arranged by professionals for collegiate marching bands, some by our very own comrades. As a tradition, each event we dress up according to a different theme. So far this year we have had Olympics, safari, occupations, and inanimate objects. We have rehearsed four spectacular times, and just had our debut performance of the year! Pep Band played beautifully at the ASB kick-off rally last Friday. We had approximately 60 performers, all of whom helped create an EXCELLENT reputation for this upcoming school year!

Our next event is on homecoming; Friday, October 3rd. We are leading a parade through downtown immediately after school, and then the football game is that night. These two homecoming performances are our mandatory pep band events, but they are also two of our best events, because there is always a huge crowd excited to hear our band play and see the football team win. The rest of the football and basketball games, and other special events we play at will all be optional, but class points are often awarded!

-Sam Bold, director

## DHS Jazz Band and Jazz Combo to perform at the Natsoulas Jazz Festival on October 4

The John Natsoulas Center for the Arts is hosting the second annual Jazz Festival the weekend of October 4th and 5th, bringing together jazz musicians, visual artists and poets to explore how their arts intertwine. While the bands are playing, artists start and complete a painting, interpreting the music on canvas. The DHS Jazz Band plays at 4:00 PM Saturday at the Davis Commons, on the lawn by Borders. The Jazz Combo will play at this venue at noon on Saturday and also at the Gallery Indoor Stage at 2:30 PM. All venues are free and open to the public.

The Band Boosters are holding a raffle in conjunction with the event, and students from all bands are solicited to help sell tickets before and during the festival. The money from the raffle will benefit all DHS bands' students. The raffle prizes are great: a painting from the Natsoulas gallery, tickets with American Airlines, tickets to Mondavi events and more. The tickets are (suggested donation) \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets. You can purchase tickets ahead of time from Lisa Yamauchi at [lyama87@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyama87@sbcglobal.net). If you can help man a booth on Saturday, please contact Stephanie Hunt at [desdhunt@comcast.net](mailto:desdhunt@comcast.net). Students will also be working selling water and facepainting on Saturday.

More information on the festival at: <http://www.natsoulas.com/html/jazzweb/index.html>

# DHS Bands Calendar 2008-2009

Times pm unless noted

## October

Fri 10/3	Homecoming Parade	1:00	Central Park
	Pep Band at Football	6:15	PA3
10/4-10/5	Natsoulos Jazz Festival		Downtown
<b>Wed 10/8</b>	<b>Band Boosters Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
Thur 10/9	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30	PA3
Fri 10/10	Pep Band at Football	6:15	PA3
Sat 10/11	Car Wash Fundraiser	8:30 am-12:30	DJUSD
Mon 10/13	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30	PA3
Tue 10/14	Outreach Band Concert	7:30-8:30	IPAB
Thur 10/16	Outreach Band Concert	7:30-8:30	IPAB
Fri 10/17	Pep Band at Football	6:15	PA3
Thur 10/23	Yogurt Shack Fundraiser	4-7	
Fri 10/31	Pep Band at Football	6:15	PA3

## November

<b>Wed 11/12</b>	<b>Band Boosters Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
Thur 11/13	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:30-9	PA3
Fri 11/14	Pep Band at Football	6:15	PA3
Sun 11/16	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:00-9	IPAB
Mon 11/17	Symphonic Band Concert	1:30	IPAB
<b>Mon 11/17</b>	<b>Symphonic Band Concert</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>IPAB</b>
Tue 11/18	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	3:30-5	PA3
Wed 11/19	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	2:30-4	PA3
Wed 11/19	Jazz Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:30	IPAB
Wed 11/19	Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser		
Thur 11/20	Rent-A-Band Rehearsal	2:30-4	PA3
<b>Fri 11/21</b>	<b>Jazz Extravaganza Concert</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>IPAB</b>
11/24-11/28	Thanksgiving Vacation		

## December

Tues 12/2	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30	IPAB
Sat 12/6	Delta Jazz Festival	All Day	Stockton
<b>Wed 12/10</b>	<b>Band Boosters Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
Sat 12/13	CSU Jazz Festival	All Day	Sacramento
Mon 12/15	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30	IPAB
Wed 12/17	Combined Band Rehearsal	2:30-5:00	IPAB
<b>Thur 12/18</b>	<b>Winter Rhapsody Concert</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>IPAB</b>
12/22-1/2	Winter Break		

## January

<b>Wed 1/14</b>	<b>Band Boosters Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
Fri 1/23	Folsom Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom
Sat 1/24	Folsom Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom
Sat 1/24	Playathon Begins	7:00	MPR
Sun 1/25	Playathon Final Concert	7:00 am	MPR
Wed 1/28	Elementary Concert	7:30	IPAB

## February

<b>Wed 2/11</b>	<b>Band Boosters Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
<b>Wed 2/18</b>	<b>Festivity of Bands</b> Symphonic Band with UCD, CSUS	<b>7:30</b>	<b>IPAB</b>
<b>Sat 2/28</b>	<b>Coconut Grove</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>MPR</b>

## March

<b>Wed 3/11</b>	<b>Band Boosters Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
Thur 3/19	DHS Bands Adjudications	1:30	
<b>Thur 3/19</b>	<b>Bands Adjudications Concert</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>IPAB</b>
Mon 3/30	Jazz Band Auditions		
Tue 3/31	Jazz Band Auditions		

## April

Wed 4/1	Jazz Band Auditions		
<b>Wed 4/1</b>	<b>Band Booster Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
Thur 4/2	Symphonic Band Auditions		
4/6-4-10	Spring Break		
Tue 4/21	Secondary Concert Symph with Jr High	7:30	IPAB

## May

<b>Tue 5/5</b>	<b>Senior Concert</b> (Concert + Symphonic Bands)	<b>7:30</b>	<b>IPAB</b>
<b>Wed 5/13</b>	<b>Band Booster Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
?5/16-5-19	Band Trip- San Diego		
<b>Wed 5/27</b>	<b>Picnic and Pops Concert</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Central Park</b>
Sat 5/30	Jazz Combo Concert	7:30	IPAB

## June

<b>Wed 6/3</b>	<b>Band Boosters Mtg</b>	7:30	PA3
<b>Fri 6/5</b>	<b>Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>IPAB</b>

## A Message from the Band Booster President



DHS Band Booster Parents,

A good number of you have turned in your volunteer positions form, and I want to thank you. For those of you who are new to DHS Band Boosters, I think you will find working with other parents and students to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience. We had a great time last year at all of the events. There are still many positions to be filled so please consider one of them if you have not already volunteered and you have the time. We have most of our chair/coordinator positions filled, but there are a few that are still vacant and need to be filled sooner than later - Concert Committee, Concert CD and DVD, Scrip. Please consider one of these positions especially if you have some experience from last year.

Thank you Mike O'Brien, parent supervisors, and students for another successful car wash. I trust that all of you came home wet. All of the money raised goes into student accounts to help defray the cost of the San Diego Band trip. Thank you Janet Matlock for working on the Entertainment Books. Parents new to these books should know they are a great deal. Activities that are more immediately coming up include pep band, another car wash (second chance to accidentally drench your student), and the Natsoulas Jazz Festival. We hope to see you at these events.

For those of you who had students in the Davis public school music programs last year, you are acutely aware that we almost lost a good percentage of our music program for this year. Thanks to the generosity of most of you, we saved it this year. DHS BB has officially acknowledged its support for Measure W, which is a measure that can continue to support our outstanding music program on a long term basis by spreading the cost of support to all Davis residents. Remember to talk to your Davis friends who do not have children in the Davis school district. These are the people who will more likely vote no, but we can help them understand the importance of protecting our Davis public education, which is partly what makes up the unique character of our City.

*Michael Choy, DHS BB President*

### *Support the Band*



**Yogurt Shack Fundraiser**  
**Thursday, October 23**  
**4-7 PM**  
**113 E St**

### DHS Band Booster Officers and Chairs, 08-09

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Vice President, John Horn  
Treasurer, Jo Andrews Merges  
Secretary, Kathryn Shickman

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Band Director Fred Lange welcomed all to the first DHS band booster meeting of the 2008-09 school year. He said that the success of our band program is due in large part to the contributions of the parents. Being involved in Band Boosters is a fun way to spend time with friends. He asked that all parents find some way to participate in this program.

Band President Mike Choy introduced the other Band Booster officers: John Horn, Vice President; Kathryn Shickman, Secretary; and Jo Andrews Merges, Treasurer.

Student, Sam Bold will be the Pep Band Director this year. The pep band is the 4<sup>th</sup> band at DHS that performs at home football and basketball games and other special school and community events. There are four Pep Band rehearsals on the band calendar. The Pep Band will be playing at an event honoring Gina Miles, an equestrian silver medalist at 4pm on 9/14/08 at Bistro 33. Watch for information about the Homecoming Parade and Football Game. Entries for the band sweatshirt design contest are to be submitted by Monday, 9/15. Sweatshirts will be sold for \$20 each.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Vice President John Horn reviewed key upcoming dates including a car wash 9/20, Pep Band rehearsal 9/23, Homecoming 10/3, and the Natsoulas Jazz Festival 10/4 benefiting the Band Boosters. A band calendar for the school year was sent home with all band students.

The By-Laws were brought up to date over the summer. They will be distributed by email to all for review. If you have input on the by-laws please submit them to John Horn by 9/30. The final version will then be sent out on the band listserv by 10/4. A vote for approval of the revised by-laws will be held at the meeting on 11/4/08.

Last year a group of parents were involved in coordinating extremely successful fundraising enabling us to continue our music programs in all schools this year. Since then the Davis Music Association has been created to help continue to raise funds. The DHS Band Boosters needs a representative to attend the DMA monthly meetings. If you are interested please contact Mike Choy.

Our music program would be very different without the Band Boosters. We help organize band trips, concerts and special functions throughout the community. The Band Boosters really enhance the quality of the music program. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in the many volunteer opportunities. We have immediate needs for coordinators of: website, concert committee, concert CD's and DVD's, stage crew, Jazz Band Festivals, Fundraising, Script, Picnic Day Parking, Rummage Sale, Play-a-thon, Direct Donation Drive. There are many other positions that require less time, as well. A flyer with all volunteer positions was made available to parents at the Band Booster meeting. Completed forms are to be returned to John Horn.

Janet Berry and Michael Hulsizer discussed the importance of Measure W which, if passed, will "preserve" all of the school programs, including music, which we saved this past year. All were encouraged to Vote YES on Measure W and to help campaign for this. The DHS band boosters are responsible for staffing phone banking on Monday evenings until the election in November. A motion was made that the DHS Band Boosters officially support Measure W; it was seconded and then passed with no opposition.

Mr. Lange closed the evening by telling of a parent who waited until his student was a senior before getting involved in Band Boosters and then saying he wished he had done it sooner. Mr. Lange suggests you just jump right in and have fun while getting involved with your students as it may be the last couple years that you are able to do things with them in school.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary

### **Band Boosters Endorse Measure W**

At the September meeting the Band Boosters unanimously voted to support Measure W, a DJUSD parcel tax to raise 2.4 million a year which would fund the elementary music program, among other programs. If you were in town last spring, you will remember the tremendous efforts of the music community and the community at large to raise funds to keep from cutting many school programs, including the elementary music program. After a heroic campaign, the funds were raised through DMSO and Davis Schools Foundation to keep the program intact for this year. For next year and following years, we hope you will vote for the \$120 per year parcel tax on the November ballot.

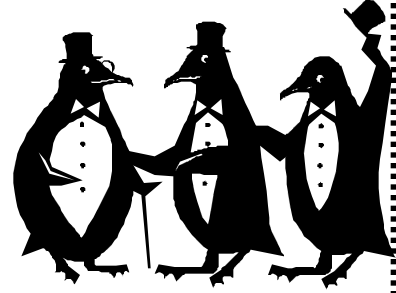
Help support Measure W. Please consider putting a lawn sign, endorsing, writing a letter to the editor, helping with the phone bank, walking your neighborhood, and talking to your friends about the need for the parcel tax. To help with the organized campaign, go to the website, <http://www.yesw.org/>, or call Michael Hulsizer at 753-2221. We all need to work together to protect the music, library, elementary science programs and more.

## The Dress Blacks Uniform

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 (not sport shoes.)

Women: Black dress, or black top and black skirt, or black top with black slacks and dress black shoes. The dresses and tops must have sleeves! All slacks must be slacks - not jeans nor tight-fitting pants. If the skirt is short 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 younger 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 dress lengths. Let's be sensible this year -- no shorter than 2 inches above the knee, max.

Our dress blacks set the stage for the outstanding music performances of our concert and symphonic bands.

-Mr. Lange

*With all the talk of budget cuts, faculty lay-offs and Measure W, I thought it would be important to update you on some of the latest research involving the ongoing discoveries of the power of music education.*

*Did you know:*

- *Testing has revealed that students with experience in music performance scored measurably higher in both the verbal and math sections of the Standardized Achievement Test (22 points above the mean on verbal and 18 points above the mean on math).*
- *There continues to be a significant (and growing) spread between the scores obtained by musicians and those of their non-musical counterparts.*
- *The correlation between cognitive learning and musical understanding continues to prove they are linked, and improving one will develop the other. In fact, music is suspected to be the key for unlocking the scientific mind.*
- *Music is seen by many as the solution to many of our cultural problems. It is the common language of communication for our shrinking global society, crossing all ethnic and social strata.*
- *The theory of "multiple intelligences" tags music as one of the separate minds, and being exposed to music strengthens all other learning forms.*
- *National testing demonstrates scores rise proportionately higher with the length of time spent studying music in school.*

*We cannot take for granted what "being in band" means to our students. Although it might seem we are just completing one performance and then preparing for the next, there is a much greater educational agenda being shared every day in our rehearsal room. Learning music is preparing our students to be successful in life.*

*-Fred Lange*

# BEHAVIOR STANDARDS FOR PEP BAND

Pep Band is, arguably, one of the most enjoyable things about being in the band. It is so fun that we frequently have 120 or more students participating at a single game. No longer do we have pep band, but now it is PEP BAND!

Having this much participation is GREAT, but it is quickly becoming more and more difficult to make sure everyone is doing the job of cheering on the team. (If you have observed, I sit facing the band at all times.)

There seems to be many misconceptions about the rules for Pep Band participation. Too many students do not know the proper behavior at these events and we have now had a couple of incidents that make it necessary to establish clear guidelines. Please understand that when you tell your parents that you are with the Pep Band, your safety is MY responsibility.

I have listed the major points in the list below. I am willing to discuss any and all of these rules.

You must stay with the band the entire time we are at the game. If you wish to leave the group, please ask permission. DO NOT climb off the back row of the bleachers.

If your parents insist that you must leave the band earlier than the end of the game, you must bring a note from your parents.

You will have the first 8 minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the game to visit the snack bar. You must be back with the band when the field clock reads 4:00 remaining in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Do not play your instrument unless doing so with the entire group.

Cheering is good - Cursing is bad. Let's keep all cheering POSITIVE. Do not disgrace our school by saying something that might put down the opposition!

Only students enrolled in the band program may participate in Pep Band.

Non-band students may not sit in the band area. If you wish to sit with your non-band friends, please sit next to the edge and have them sit outside the group.

You may not use school saxophones, or bass clarinets for Pep Band. Period!!

I do not think it is wise to leave your instrument unattended on the bleachers during your break - however it is your instrument and is up to you. Do you think it is good to eat a lot of junk food during the break and then blow it into your instrument?

Please take the new horns with you on break - don't leave them on the bleachers to get scratched, dented, etc.

Costumes have become a super part of Pep Band, however you may not dress to mock or defame any group. Boys may not dress as girls.

If any student willingly breaks any of these rules, the following will be implemented.

Any points earned at this event will be forfeit.

50 points will be deducted.

Parents will be informed.

The student will be forbidden from participating in Pep Band for the remainder of the school year.

I have read and understand the above behavior standards for Pep Band and agree to abide by them. (This form must be returned, signed before you will be allowed to participate in Pep Band.)

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student signature

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parent signature

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print student name

**Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting: Oct 8, 7:30 pm, PA-3**

DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda  
October 8, 2008

- I. Approval of Minutes
  - A. September minutes
- II. Music Director's report
- III. Treasurer's report
- IV. Committee reports
  - A. Student report
  - B. Pep band
  - C. Entertainment books
  - D. Car wash
  - E. Natsoulas Jazz Festival
- V. Old Business
  - A. BB chair/coordinator positions still open
    - A. Play-a-thon
    - B. Concert committee
    - C. Concert CD's and DVD's
    - D. Script
    - E. Picnic Day Parking
  - B. Many other positions requiring less time
  - C. DHS BB By-Laws revision
- VI. New Business

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