

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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**November 2008**

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



Thanks to your support, **Measure W Passed**, ensuring funding for the elementary music program, among other existing programs. Approximately 75% of the Davis voters approved the 3-year parcel tax.

## Notes from the Director

**DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL BANDS...**

**HAVE FUN...**

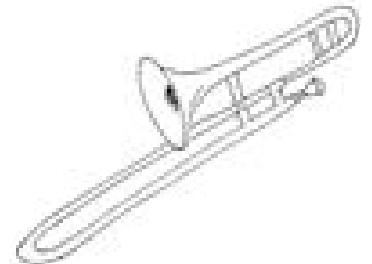
**MAKE FRIENDS...**

**BE AMAZED!**

November marks the beginning of our concert season with the DHS bands, and we have a pair of them for you this month.

On Tuesday, **November 17** the DHS Symphonic Band will present “...of a **Simpler Time**” a themed-concert dealing with a time when life was simpler – at a time before iPods and CD’s – when the entire family would go to the park each Sunday to hear the town band play the latest marches and tunes. There will be surprises galore in this tribute to the America that was. We will even have a special surprise guest to help us to remember the days gone by.

Five days later, on **November 21**, our DHS Jazz Band will present their annual “**Jazz Extravaganza**.” This concert has been an annual pre-Thanksgiving treat for 23 years. The group has been working hard this year and is now ready for their first major performance.



As an added attraction, we will have a special guest artist join our band for this performance. Ron Cunha, professional Trombonist, has been a faculty member of Cosumnes College, Sac State, and Cal State Northridge. This year we will be highlighting the many talents of our Jazz band trombone section- John Hatamiya, Diego Rivas, Robbie Merges, Alex Matlock, and Nathan Yang – in a “Celebration of the Trombone.”

“But, Mr. Lange, I don’t like jazz...” Well, come anyway! I can promise you that once you attend one of these performances we will change your mind. The energy that these students put out for their audience is tremendous.

Both of these concerts will be held in the DHS IPAB Theater. The starting time is 7:30 p.m. and the suggested donation is \$7.00 General; \$6.00 for Students and Seniors.

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...and not too far away...

On Thursday, **December 18** we will present our annual “**Winter Rhapsody**” concert featuring the Concert Band in its first major performance, the Symphonic Band with student soloist, Jane Seo, and a few selections by the combined forces of the Concert, Symphonic, and any Jazz members that want to participate. Rehearsals for this concert (outside of regular class meetings) are listed in the Calendar of this newsletter.

As October ends, so does football season. This year we have had a tremendous time with our DHS Pep Band thanks to the leadership of Sam Bold. But this isn't the last of the Pep Band – we have Basketball season approaching. Ana has promised to provide a list of dates for us so we can support our team at home. Look for it here next month!

-Fred Lange

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## Ho, Ho, Holiday Rent-A-Band is Coming!

The Rent-A-Band fundraiser has been a fixture of the DHS bands for over 25 years! People throughout Davis have hired small groups of students to provide holiday entertainment at all sorts of gatherings. These student groups provide the musical “cheer” and reap financial rewards for their efforts.

All DHS band students who attend at least two rehearsals and return permission slips prior to their first gig are eligible to participate. Student rehearsals are scheduled for one and a half hours, from 3:30 to 5 pm on November 18, and from 2:30 to 4 pm on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Only one permission slip is needed to participate in any or all Rent-A-Band performances. As gigs are ordered by the public, Nancy and Lon Hatamiya (Rent-A-Band parent coordinators) will post sign-up sheets with the date and time for each gig on the bulletin board in the band room. Students may sign up for as many gigs as they want. Their spot in a gig quartet is not guaranteed, however, until they receive a confirmation call from one of the student leaders and a driver has been identified for the gig. The student leaders choose musicians from the sign-ups to fill out all four parts of the music.

If you are planning a party during the holidays, why not hire a Rent-A-Band group as entertainment? You will be surprised at how much fun it is to delight your guests with live music.

Parents, if your student has signed up and been confirmed, please consider driving the group. It's a great chance to see them perform and really gets you into the holiday spirit! Drivers also need to fill out the appropriate school district drivers form showing proper insurance coverage. These need to be on file before you drive any students for Rent-A-Band performances. If you would like to volunteer to drive or would like to order a performance, please email us at [DHS.rent-a-band@comcast.net](mailto:DHS.rent-a-band@comcast.net) with your name, address, home and cell phone numbers, and we will email you the form you need to fill out.

Students can earn up to \$15 for their student accounts for each 30 minutes Rent-A-Band gig they play. If an individual student can provide at least one hour of piano music, they can earn up to \$40 for each hour for their accounts. Please note that pianists have to provide their own music, practice independently, and may have to transport their keyboard, if they have one.

## DHS Bands Calendar 2008-2009

### November

|                  |                                  |             |             |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Wed 11/12        | Band Boosters Mtg                | 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        | <i>Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser</i> |             |             |
| 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>       | <b>7:30</b> | <b>PA3</b>  |
| 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

|          |                         |         |        |
|----------|-------------------------|---------|--------|
| Wed 1/14 | Band Boosters Mtg       | 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   |

## Remember these Concerts Forever



The Symphonic Band Concert on November 17 and the Jazz Extravaganza Concert on November 21 will be professionally recorded by Tom Estes. CDs at \$15 each and DVDs at \$20 each can be ordered on performance night by check or cash.

-Gail Cooluris

## Pep Band News

October has come and gone, and the same to say for our beloved Pep Band Football season. You've ridden with me, "through the veins of history" through 3 football games, with two to go. Our fantastic sweatshirts are almost here, and then we will be warm for our final games and the cold season en general. It's been a good run my friends, but gladly, unlike Prince, the party's not over, and we're not out of time (unfortunately, its not the year 1999); because we still have basketball season, pep rallies, Powder Puff, Picnic Day, Easter, Fourth of July, and anything else I forgot, (or whatever sporadically appears in addition to all of that). Oh yeah, and our last football game on November 14th. So "don't waste your time (or time will waste you)" and BE THERE!

-Sam Bold

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Davis High School Band Boosters. Band parents/guardians can request a mailed copy of the newsletters by emailing the editor, Susan Hulsizer at <susan.hulsizer@comcast.net> or phoning at 753-2221. The deadline for the December newsletter is Wednesday, November 26th. We welcome your submissions and comments.

-Susan Hulsizer

## A Message from the Band Booster President



DHS BB Parents,

When I look back at this last month, I see we have had 3 major events. The car wash did not bring in as many cars, but we had fewer students, so the students who participated made about \$13 per hour worked for their student accounts. Pep band has been going strong at the football games. Finally we had the Outreach concerts. It was great seeing the enthusiasm of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and I was very glad to see the number of 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents at the concert that I attended. There were lots of parent questions at the end. I hope we can keep that level of parent and student enthusiasm going for the years to come. One way we can help is by protecting our music program financially and through volunteer work through local school booster programs. I would like to thank all the parents who have been involved in our own DHS BB and all of you for supporting your student in music activities.

Since we are in the first half of our school year and I know some of you are new to BB, I would like to go over some general information about our incoming money. We are a nonprofit organization and need to follow federal government and Davis High school rules. We have basically 2 sources of money that go through BB. Fundraising money is money donated by people which may or may not be tax deductible. If one donates money to DHS BB with no significant benefit to the donor or his son/daughter, then it can be deducted on the income tax return. An example would be if one agrees to pay for repairs or purchases a school instrument. That money is tax deductible. If one donated money for an Entertainment book from one's own son/daughter, this is not tax deductible. The other source of money is money requested from parents to pay for the cost to the student for an upcoming trip. This money is not BB money and DHS BB is essentially acting as an "escrow" service to coordinate the payment of different costs of the trip. This is not tax deductible.

Please try to attend the BB meeting on 11/12/08. One of items we will be talking about is the proposed Bylaws revision. There is at least one major change that we should discuss.

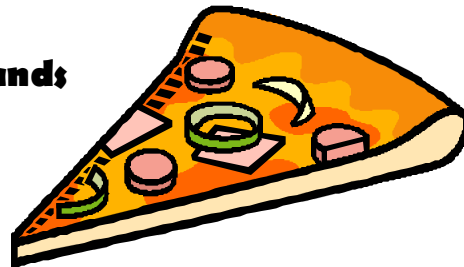
Michael Choy  
DHS BB President

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Don't cook! It's time for the pizza fundraiser.

### **Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser for the Bands Wednesday, November 19th**

Eat-in or take-out pizza (no delivery)  
Say "It's for the Band!" when you order.  
(No other discounts apply)



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

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1. Minutes from 9/10/08 were approved.
2. **Music Director report** Mr. Lange discussed the Outreach concerts. Members of the DHS Bands play with 6<sup>th</sup> graders from the Davis Elementary schools. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have a fun experience playing with high school students and are able to see what is to come if they continue in band. During the concerts the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents hear the importance of private lessons and are able to hear some of the less popular instruments.
3. **Sam Bold – Pep band** Pep band has already started. The football game with Elk Grove has been changed from 10/31 to 10/30/08 to avoid Halloween night. Sweat shirts are being made.
4. **Treasurer report** \$8900 in general fund, \$4000 in music, \$15000 in savings, \$4000 in facility fund (IPAB).
4. **Committee Reports** (just occurred or upcoming) Most of the major committees have the chair/coordinator in place. The volunteer list will be sent out to everyone and the major committees can start their planning. Chairs/coordinators, if they are new, can contact the previous chair/coordinator to obtain the “binder” and obtain helpful advice. The **Entertainment books** have been selling slowly this year. Many Davis businesses are not participating this year. The sale will end on 10/17/08.

There will be a **car wash** this Saturday 10/11/08 from 8:30 to 12:30. The last car wash brought in \$1075.

Overall the **Natsoulas Jazz Festival** was successful this year. The DHS BB had significantly less work to do and probably raised about the same amount of money - \$2535 plus \$1100 still to come. If John Natsoulas would like to have us back, DHS BB should formulate a letter of intent and outline the jobs we will do for the Natsoulas Festival.

Major committees that handle money need to identify a committee treasurer. This person will collect all money and write the summary sheet that will be turned in to the treasurer assistant. The assistant will deposit the money into the DHS BB bank account, and the deposit slip with the summary sheet will then be brought to the DHS BB treasurer for recording. A final suggestion was made that each chair/coordinator write a summary page of the the planning that went into the event to be passed on to the next chair/coordinator.

#### 5. **Old Business**

There are several open chair/coordinator positions that are still open:

- A. **Financial assistant** – Gregory Melcher volunteered during the meeting to join Katherine Miller
- B. **Concert committee coordinator**
- C. **Script coordinator**

There are many other BB volunteer positions available that require very little time.

The **DHS BB Bylaws** have been revised and now are distributed to BB members for their comments. All comments should be addressed to John Horn by 10/12/08. A final draft will then be distributed and the BB vote will be done on the next BB meeting.

Michael Hulsizer still needs help with Monday night phone calls to support Measure W

#### 6. **New Business**

The all band **San Diego planning committee** is scheduled to meet on 10/15/08 at Katie Horn’s home. Katie has already done a significant amount of planning. The trip is scheduled for May 15-19.

**Yogurt Shack** fundraiser day is 10/23/08 from 4-7. 50% of all sales will be donated to the DHS BB. The **Lamppost fundraiser** will occur on 11/19.

- a. San Diego Trip organizers will meet this Wednesday. Trip will be May 15-19
- b. Yogurt Shack fundraiser on 10/23 4-7 PM earns 50%; Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser on 11/19

Flowers will be purchased for Pat Lange who has put in a significant amount of time for the DHS BB (Lisa Yamauchi will take care of this).

The DHS BB gmail addresses and information will be sent to all chairs/coordinators.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Choy, DHS BB President

**Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting: Nov 12th, 7:30 pm, PA-3**

DHS BB  
11/12/08 Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of 10/8/08 Minutes
- II. Music Director report
- III. Treasurer report
- IV. Student/Pep band report
- V. Committee reports
  - A. Car wash
  - B. Rent-A-Band
  - C. San Diego trip
  - D. Others?
- VI. Old business
  - A. DHS BB Bylaws
  - B. Others?
- VII. New business

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