

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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December 2008

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

Notes from the Director

TOLD YOU SO! (Oops, I promised Mrs. Lange I wouldn't say that) There are so many superlatives one could use to describe the November concerts...

Astounding! Electric! Monumental! Breathtaking! Amazing! But the real feelings defy description. If you were there, YOU KNOW -- if you were not there, you missed out.

Your students played beyond their ability and gave Davis High -- NO, every musical group in the city -- a goal to shoot at for musical enjoyment. All groups in this town will need to work to match the skill and musicality that was displayed in those performances. Those of you who were at the booster meeting of November, all I can say is "I told you so!" (Oops, there I go again!)

Special thanks go to Dr. Lester Lehr, our Mr. Sousa, who added so much to the **Symphonic Band concert** "...of a Simpler Time," and Ron Cunha, our **Jazz Extravaganza** Artist who gave us a trombone evening to remember for a long time. I told . (there I go again).

Thanks also to our Concert Committee (Peggy Bernardy, and company) for providing all the support that makes our programs so special.

Now, looking forward.

'Twas the month of Christmas and all thru the band room, SO MUCH WAS HAPPENING THAT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO LIST IT ALL! (Yeah, I know it doesn't rhyme - but we are really busy this month.)

First and foremost, our **Winter Rhapsody**, the first formal performance of the Concert Band this year, comes to us on **December 18**. This concert, to be held in our own IPA Theater, 7:30 p.m. has something for everyone. The primary focus will be music for the holidays ("Greensleeves Rhapsody," "Wexford Reverie," "Coventry Variant,") as well as contemporary band works. A special part of the evening will be the performance of the "Concertino" for Flute and Band by Camille Chaminade featuring student soloist, Jane Seo. There will be no advanced tickets so come early (the theater only seats 550). A suggested donation of \$7.00 General, \$6.00 Student/Senior will be collected.

Extra rehearsals FOR ALL BAND STUDENTS in a combined group will be (or have been) held on **December 3, December 15** (both at 7:30 p.m.) , and **December 17** (at 2:30 p.m.).

Oh, yes, Parents .. Dust off your old instrument at join us on stage for the Winter Rhapsody. Yes, I'm inviting you to be a part of our musical celebration. Just let me know that you're going to participate. I will get you the music and then join us for the extra rehearsals listed above.

What else.?

Well, by the time you read this the Jazz Band will have participated in the Delta Jazz Festival in Stockton on Dec. 6. If they play (played) as well as they did in November, I'm certain we will have done well at this festival!
And.?

Don't forget **Rent-A-Band** - the chance for your student to earn money for his/her trip to San Diego.. or - hire the group for a performance at your party or family gathering.

Pep Band at DHS Basketball games (coming in January). Sam promises to have a list of dates for us soon. We will include it in newsletters and also send it out on the listserv.

And? **Play - A - Thon** ???? (again in January)

See? Lots more than mice are stirring in our band room



John Hatamiya in the spotlight with the Symphonic Band on "The Bluebells of Scotland."



Coming Soon to an MPR near you...

The All-Night Music Party Fundraiser PLAYATHON

The Playathon will begin on January 24th with concerts by the Combined Band and the Jazz Band, to be followed by a full night of practicing music for 45 minutes each hour, with eating, game-playing and dancing during the breaks. Finally at 7 a.m. Sunday, the students, beyond bleary and weary, play the new music they have learned during the night. Now band students hardly need an excuse for this kind of madness, but this also happens to be a huge fundraiser. Students will collect donations from incredulous family and friends beforehand, which go to the student's account to help pay for the San Diego trip. In this newsletter you will find a copy of the pledge sheet, which might be handy during the holiday visits with relatives. (We will have a presentation to students with an additional donation sheet, as well as permission slip, behavior expectations, and more information in January.) Most kids don't stay up all night, but a determined few will play each hour of the event. The kids will have Monday off (with the rest of the secondary students) due to a teacher work-day.

Does this kind of fund sound appealing? Perhaps you'd like to help. We are having a parent meeting on Monday Dec 15th at 7:40 pm at 739 Elmwood Dr. This will be just after the drop off for the combined band rehearsal, so just head south on Oak, turn right on 8th and left on Elmwood. We will need help with sorting music into folders; soliciting and picking up pizza, coffee, etc.; adding up the vast sums of money the night of; cleaning up the morning after; and oh, and chaperoning during the night. If you'd like to help but can't make the meeting, just give us an email saying what you'd like to do at susan.hulsizer@comcast.net. We'll do most of the work in January.

This event is a blast. You might find yourself staying up all night, once you make it past 10 p.m. As a former band parent would say, "This is your chance to see your kid in their natural habitat!"

-Susan Hulsizer and Sandra Weisker, Playathon coordinators

San Diego Trip Taking Shape

A fun and music-filled trip to San Diego is in the works and the planners hope all students can join in. Information on the trip was distributed to students as well as emailed to parents recently by trip coordinator, Katie Horn. The Tour will start Friday, May 15th after school and return Tuesday, May 19th, and is planned to feature band performances at Sea World, UC San Diego and USS Midway.

The cost is projected to be between \$474 to \$550 per student, which will include travel, hotel, admission to the park, breakfasts and some dinners. Additional spending money will be necessary for lunches and some dinners. The first installment of \$250 is due **Jan 16**. This deposit is non-refundable, since we will be using the funds collected in January to pay the bill for the hotel immediately. We realize that finances are difficult for many families especially just after the holidays, but we need our final count for hotel rooms by February 1st, so you must sign up and send a deposit to secure a spot for your child.

In cases of financial hardship, please see Mr. Lange before January 15th for assistance in paying for the trip. Band Boosters has allocated funds for student assistance, and all requests will be strictly confidential, between Mr. Lange and the family only.

Our Band Booster treasurer has been keeping track of each student's fundraising from car washes, entertainment book sales, rent-a-band, etc. and will let each family know how much additional money is needed. Upcoming fundraisers include the Playathon in January and the Coconut Grove in February. Please take advantage of these opportunities for your student to help pay for his trip.

As the enthusiasm of the veteran band students shows, the band trip can be the most memorable highlight of the year.



DHS Bands Calendar 2008-2009

December

Wed 12/3	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30	IPAB
Sat 12/6	Delta Jazz Festival	All Day	Stockton
Wed 12/10	Band Boosters Mtg	7:30	PA3
Mon 12/15	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00	IPAB
Wed 12/17	Combined Band Rehearsal	2:30-5:00	IPAB
Thur 12/18	Winter Rhapsody Concert	7:30	IPAB
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

February

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

March

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

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 January newsletter is Wednesday, December 17th. We welcome your submissions and comments.
-Susan Hulsizer

Lights! Camera! Music!



The Winter Rhapsody Concert on December 21 with the combined DHS bands will be professionally recorded by Tom Estes. CDs (\$15) and DVDs (\$20) can be ordered on performance night by check or cash. Don't forget to bring your payment to the concert. For those who have ordered November performance recordings, CDs and DVDs of the Symphonic Band Concert will be available the first week in December and the Jazz Band Concert, the week thereafter.

Gail Cooluris, CD/DVD Sales Coordinator

Pep Band will play at home Friday Basketball games in January. Look for the schedule in next month's newsletter.

Delta Jazz Festival Results

Congratulations to all our Jazz students and parents. The results are in from the Delta Jazz Festival and are as follows:

DHS Combo (Isaac Bunch, Chris Hunt, Neil Heaton, John Miller):

Third Place overall and a nice trophy for the bling! Outstanding Soloist awards to Neil Heaton and Chris Hunt! Scores = 87, 85, and 84

Big Band:

Fourth Place overall (no trophy)

Outstanding Soloist awards to John Hatamiya and Kevin Choy. Scores = 94, 92, 92, and we achieved our goal of straight superiors and now we can submit for Monterey.

Hugs and Kisses and all your Holiday wishes to all the parents who helped out on Saturday. Peter Matlock for initiating and organizing the info and getting it sent our from Buffalo, NY. Nancy Hatamiya who did a stellar job organizing the rides. Thanks also to Ema Miille for doing the practice sheet thing.

All the kids who played so superbly in the festival, were on time, listened to the other groups perform and shared a great musical experience.

-Fred Lange

A Message from the Band Booster President



BB Booster Members,

Great month! We had 2 concerts performed by the Symphonic band and Jazz band. I believe most of the parents who attended one of these concerts would agree that the students were very impressive, especially knowing these were early concerts. I am so thankful so many of you dug deep last year to preserve our music program this year. Watching and listening to our students perform at this high level sure encourages me to continue to support our music teachers/program both with money and labor.

We are now in the full swing of the year – our bands are performing at concerts, fundraising is going on, and we are planning for several major events. The most immediate major fundraiser going on is our **Direct Donation** drive. Last year we collected well over \$10K. This money was so helpful to our music program, so I am asking you to please consider donating money to this drive. I realize our retirement accounts do not look so healthy right now, but the money you invest in the your son's or daughter's music program is a safe bet and I think you will be pretty amazed at the return.

We are in the planning stages for Rent-a-Band, Playathon, Coconut Grove, and the San Diego trip. For those of you who are already working on these events, thank you. We will need lots of people power for each of these events, so please consider doing something for one or more of these events if you have the time.

The DHS Band Boosters is a great organization, and I really enjoy working with and talking to each of you. See you at the Band Boosters meeting and around town.

Mike Choy
DHS BB President

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BAND BOOSTER MINUTES *NOVEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING*

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm.

The **minutes** from the Oct meeting as published in the Nov newsletter were approved.

The master list of emails isn't quite right; we are missing a few people when we do a mass email. If you aren't receiving **BB emails**, please provide Secretary Kathryn Shickman with your email address.

Director's Report: The week of November 17th is a busy one. The Symphonic Band concert is Monday evening, entitled "Of a Simpler Time" with guest John Phillip Sousa! John Hatamiya is the student soloist. On Friday evening the Jazz Extravaganza will celebrate the trombone with professional Ron Cunha joining the band. Rent-a-band rehearsals will occur in between these concerts. The Combined Band winter concert is on 12/18. And the Jazz Band is participating in a festival at Delta College in Stockton in December.

Mike Choy will work on getting an announcement about the concerts into the junior high band listserv. John Horn will make a link to all the elementary and junior high school bands so we can send out announcements to them whenever we want.

(November Minutes continued from previous page.)

Treasurer's Report: Jo Andrews Merges shares we are spending money faster than we are bringing it in, yet we are in good shape for this time of year. The General Fund has \$7K. The Savings Account has \$15K, which is our reserve. Students are building up their personal trip accounts. We need to encourage students to continue fundraising to offset costs of the trip this year. Jo requested that John Horn send her a copy of all the committee chairs. Right now we are doing fine with our accounts so we have money to pay for guest artists or visitors to the bands if Mr. Lange would like to invite someone to work with the students.

Pep Band Report: Sam Bold reports that the Pep Band sweatshirts came in. The last pep band game is Friday 11/14 against Nevada Union. The theme is "Stages of Life." The Halloween game was cancelled because of rain. A few students are going to play at the cross country sectional meet 11/15. After football, there is not much scheduled until basketball season starts. During basketball season, the pep band will play at only one game per week, usually Friday. Fred requests Sam make a schedule of which games the pep band will play at and post it in the newsletter. It was decided that marching band rehearsal for the Picnic Day parade is not necessary.

Committee Reports: Car Wash: We have one more car wash scheduled in the spring. Karen Farley and Sue Vigue will coordinate this. A date has not yet been set.

Rent-a-band: Nancy Hatamiya had a flyer available with information about this event. Rehearsals are from 3:30-5pm, 11/18 and then 2:30-4pm 11/19 and 11/20. Students must attend two rehearsals to be eligible to play. Also, one signed permission slip is needed to perform. Nancy will send out a general notice to all for volunteers. Usually a parent of one of the quartet members drives. Nancy sent notices to all who reserved gigs last year, and to date we have already booked ten gigs. Watermelon Music has flyers at their cash registers. We have received ten referrals through them. Mr. Lange suggests including a flyer in the upcoming concert programs, and he would like them by this Friday in a PDF file. It was also suggested to put an announcement on the band listserv which can be easily forwarded to friends. A student in a quartet earns \$15/half hour. The student leader gets an extra \$10. A solo pianist gets \$40 and must have their own music planned in advance. Kate Scow offered to be the event treasurer again this year.

Mike Choy reminded all that each event needs a local treasurer. Katherine Miller or Greg Melcher are Treasurer Assistants who will pick up checks and summary sheets for deposit.

San Diego Trip: There was a planning meeting held on 11/13. The trip dates are Fri-Tues 5/15-19th, 2009. The preliminary agenda includes participation at the Sea World Music Festival. Mr. Lange approved the committee to register for the Festival. Visits to a college campus, with master classes and performances are being planned. Within the next week a combination email and flyer will be distributed announcing the trip dates and costs. The first payment will be requested mid January. The next planning meeting will be 12/4/08 at 7pm at Katie and John Horn's home.

More Committee News: Direct Donation letters will go out in the next couple weeks. We should be receiving a check soon for the **Yogurt Shack** fundraiser. The next fundraiser is **Lamppost Pizza** on 11/19. From the **Davis Jazz Festival** we received another \$1100 since our last meeting (\$600 from Wells Fargo, and \$500 from an auction painting). If we want to continue doing this event with John Natsoulas we need to write up in advance exactly what work we are willing to do. We need to find someone to coordinate this event so that John Natsoulas can start working with them this summer. John Horn requests a one page synopsis from all committee chairs on each event so that future coordinators can use the "recipe" for conducting the event. A template will be created to provide to each chair requesting this information.

Playathon: The room has been reserved for the event. The first planning meeting will be set soon. Mr. Lange has met with a student from UOP who will be coordinating the music for the event. **Coconut Grove:** Randy Chinn and Mike Coleman held the first planning meeting on Tues 11/ 7pm.

Mike Choy asked that he and John Horn receive an email of when your committee meetings occur so that they can try and attend

Bylaws: Revisions to the Bylaws will be made available the end of November. We will vote on the proposed changes at the December Band Booster meeting. A couple major changes to the bylaws were proposed. Currently, all major spending decisions must be made at BB meetings after a group discussion. Often things come up that require a decision be made before the next meeting. Firstly, in the current Bylaws proposal, the President would obtain approval from the other 3 officers and then allow the distribution of BB funds for the request. The information would then be presented to the BB members at the next meeting. During this BB meeting, several members were concerned this policy would still potentially slow down financial decisions that need to be made more quickly. It was then proposed that the Band Booster President be able to authorize in advance any expenses under \$500, and any expenses over \$500 must be authorized in advance by a majority of the Band Booster officers. All expenses must then be reported to the Band Boosters at the next meeting. This suggestion passed by a unanimous vote of the members present. Secondly, regarding the allocation of funds raised from various events, it was decided that the Band Boosters should determine on an annual basis where all funds raised should go, such as individual students' accounts, the general fund, or the music program, and should not be determined in the Bylaws. Our Direct Donation drive can list options for where people would like their funds to go, either the music program or general fund. Donations must be credited to the fund they were earmarked for.

The meeting was adjourned 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Shickman, Band Booster Secretary

Join us for the next DHS Band Boosters Meeting: Dec 10, 7:30 pm, PA-3

- I. Approval of Minutes
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- H. Concerts, CD/DVD sales
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