

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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January 2009

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

Notes from the Director

Normally this is the time when I rehash of our Winter Concert -- extolling the talents of our students and generally patting ourselves on the back. It actually was a wonderful performance by some really great students. Who can forget the smooth cohesive sound of our Concert Band? The electricity of the first notes of the Symphonic Band's "Coventry Variant?" . the mastery of Jane Seo's flute performance, and the warm feelings of our Combined Bands - first by the fantastic sound of over 150 band students, alumni and parents playing the traditional Holiday songs and concluding with the moving performance of "Auld Lang Syne." Where else can you see a parent and child playing together in harmonious joy? This part of our performance brought a lump to my throat. Did it have the same effect on you? Hope so!

Anyway, I'm glad I won't need to rehash this --- oops I think just did!

I hope this was a special time for you and your family.

But, 'nough said - time to look at what's coming in 2009!

First we have the **Folsom Jazz Festival** (January 24) for our great jazz musicians. We don't have any official information on this yet, but the tentative schedule has the combo playing at 7:30 a.m, and the Big Band playing at 3:25 (note: this is subject to change). That same weekend we have the **Playathon** (January 24-25) - the band's all-night party and play session. Encourage your student to get lots of pledges in order to make this event profitable as well as fun.

The Jazz Band plays for the Jazz Choir **Cabaret** on February 7 and 8. Times will be announced a bit later.

The **Festivity of Bands** is scheduled for February 18 with UCD and CSUS - this year we get the opportunity to host the event in our own IPAB. This is a great chance to see 3 very talented groups and to compare the work of our high school students with that of the colleges. If you've never seen this event, I think you would be very favorably impressed.

The **Coconut Grove** (February 28) - our signature event with a performances by the Emerson and Harper Jazz Ensembles as well as our own big band and a return performance by the DHS Jazz Choir.

Oh yeah - lots on **Pep Band at the Basketball games**. Sam has sent out a list of dates and hopes there will be lots of support for our boys and girls teams.

You'd think we could relax soon, wouldn't you? Well we don't!!!

March kicks things up a notch (BAM!) with our very own **Golden Empire Festival** on Thursday, March 19th. This will be a unique event held in our IPAB, with an adjudicator joining us for the whole day, working with our Jazz Band and Concert Band during the day, and both Concert and Symphonic Bands performing in the evening and actually continuing their judging right in front of the audience.

March concludes with a **Jazz Concert** (March 29) with our own big band and the Capitol Jazz Project. This is the fourth time we have been able to host this great ensemble and is always a chance to learn about the world of jazz.

I'm not going to get into April and May right now - I'm tired just thinking about all we have planned for January, February and March. I hope you will try to attend all (or most) of these events.

(Boy, am I glad I didn't need to rehash the Winter Concert!)

Again, aren't you glad your students are spending so much of their spare time in such a wholesome activity as band?

Happy New Year to you all!

Fred Lange



The All-Night Music Party Fundraiser PLAYATHON to begin January 24th

How do bandians finish off a week of finals? With the Playathon, of course! Thank goodness they have Monday the 26th off from school! Parents are busy organizing the event and students should be busy with soliciting pledges from friendly neighbors and relatives. Do take advantage of this opportunity to help pay for your students band trip. All pledge money goes into their travel account.

The t-shirts need to be ordered right away, so if your student would like to purchase one, send the check and form below with them by next Tuesday, Jan 13th. Information and another pledge form was given to the students last week, and will be sent with this newsletter as well, in case it was lost. Permission slips will be coming home soon, as well as the code of conduct.

We're really looking forward to the event, and thank in advance the parent and student volunteers, all night directors Chris Weisker and John Cargyle, as well as Mr. Lange for bringing this event to fruition.

-Susan Hulsizer and Sandra Weisker, Playathon coordinators

Playathon 2009 T-Shirt Order Form

Due Jan 13th

Would you like a way to quickly identify yourself as a survivor of the awesome DHS Band Playathon? Then buy the official, long-sleeve T-shirt, with a glow-in-the-dark design by our own Liz Weir, to remind you of the good times of Playathon 2009! The shirts will cost **\$12** and will be delivered at the event, but you must bring this order form to band class by **Tuesday, January 13th**, with a check made to DHS Band Boosters, or contact Susan Hulsizer at susan.hulsizer@comcast.net by Tuesday at 4 PM.

Name _____ Student ID _____

(Adult Men's) T-shirt size: ☐ small ☐ medium ☐ large ☐ extra large

The Playathon is a fundraiser of the DHS Band Boosters and the official t-shirt is strictly optional.

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Trip Deposits Due Jan 16th

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>](mailto:susan.hulsizer@comcast.net) or at 753-2221. The deadline for the January newsletter is Wednesday, January 21st. We welcome your submissions and comments.

-Susan Hulsizer

DHS Bands Calendar 2008-2009

January

Wed 1/14	Band Boosters Mtg	7:30	PA3
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

2/7,2/8	Jazz Band at Cabaret		Emerson
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		MPR

March

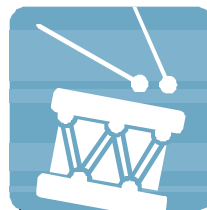
Wed 3/11	Band Boosters Mtg	7:30	PA3
Thur 3/19	DHS Bands Adjudications	1:30	
Thur 3/19	Golden Empire Festival Concert	7:30	IPAB
Sun 3/29	Jazz Concert with CJP		IPAB
Mon 3/30	Jazz Band Auditions		
Tue 3/31	Jazz Band Auditions		

April

Wed 4/1	Jazz Band Auditions		
Wed 4/1	Band Booster Mtg	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

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



Pep Band to Spark Basketball Crowd

The Pep Band will bring their high-energy music to select home basketball games again this season. Students earn 30 class points for each game attended, and will congregate outside of the gym at 6:20 pm on game nights listed below to walk in as a group. For the new gym, meet at the large, north entrance, and for the old gym meet at the quad. Students must bring their instruments with them, and the band room will not be open before or after the games. The games typically end around 8:30. Of course there will be themes for costumes, which will be announced as they come.

- Sam Bold, pep band director

Pep Band at DHS Basketball

Wed	1/14	Boys: new gym
Fri	1/16	Boys: new gym
Fri	1/23	Girls: old gym
Tues	1/27	Girls: old gym
Fri	1/30	Girls: old gym
Tues	2/3	Girls: old gym
Fri	2/6	Boys: new gym
Wed	2/11	Boys: new gym



All DSHS Bands Fundraiser

An Evening at the Coconut Grove

Saturday, February 28th, 2009

at the Davis Sr High M.P.R.

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Don't miss this year's family friendly **Evening at the Coconut Grove** featuring an assortment of delectable appetizers, desserts, exotic mocktails, and a silent auction. Great entertainment by Davis Junior High Jazz Bands, Celia Cottle's Jazz Cats and the DSHS Jazz Band with special guest: the DSHS Jazz Choir. This fundraiser benefits the entire band program and the money raised helps to defray the cost of this year's band trip to San Diego for your band student.

You can support this event:

- ✓ **Donate** an item for the auction. Contact Michael Coleman at coleman@cal.net for info.
- ✓ **Volunteer** to make an appetizer, dessert (We'll supply the recipe for you!) and/or help at the event. Contact Randy Chinn at 750-5054 or rachinn@gmail.com
- ✓ Become a family or business **sponsor** of the event. As a contributor, your name will be listed in the event's program. Complete and mail this form.

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

Paid by
February 1st Adults \$20 _____ Students \$10 _____ Total \$ _____
(Performers and Children under 5 are free.)

Paid after
February 1st Adults \$25 _____ Students \$10 _____ Total \$ _____

You will receive a confirmation by email.

SPONSORSHIPS (Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by the IRS.)

Family Sponsor: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other \$ _____
Business Sponsor: ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

Business Name: _____

Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone number _____	E-mail _____

Please make your check to **DHS Band Boosters** and send this completed form and check to :
DHS Band Boosters c/o Helen Kado-Fong
900 Eucalyptus St
Davis CA 95618

Any questions about reservations? Please contact Helen at 757-2253 or samstro@pacbell.net

Band Trip Payment Due Jan 16

Just in case it was misplaced, use this form to let the organizers know that your student will go on the tour. Please contact Mr. Lange by January 15th if financial assistance is needed.

DHS BANDS - 2009 SAN DIEGO SPRING TOUR

Fri. May 15 – Tues. May 19

First Payment Request

Dear Band Families,

A reminder that, as stated in the December letter sent home to families regarding this year's band trip, the initial payment of **\$250** for the DHS Band trip to San Diego is **due January 16th**.

Trip Cost

The final cost of the trip is still to be determined but will likely be between \$475 and \$550 per student. Payments will be made in 3 installments, starting January 16th. Every student who wishes to attend this trip will be able to participate. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Mr. Lange directly, at this time, if you would like to request financial assistance. Band Boosters has allocated some funds for student assistance, and all requests will be strictly confidential, between Mr. Lange and the family only.

Fundraising Opportunities

Students have already begun adding to their individual band accounts from the fall fundraisers – car washes, Natsoulas Festival raffle, Entertainment Book sales and the holiday Rent a Band ensembles. Upcoming fundraising opportunities include the Play-a-thon at the end of January, the Coconut Grove in February, and our spring car washes. Your student can significantly lower the cost of the trip by participating in these fundraisers.

Payment Schedule:

Jan 16: \$250 trip deposit due. 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 so you must sign up and send a deposit by Jan 16th to secure a spot for your child.

March 6: 2nd payment due - \$150.

April date TBD: Final payment will be calculated individually for each student. It will depend on the final trip cost, less any money the student has earned in their individual band account.

Questions: For more information, please contact trip coordinator, Katie Horn at JazzyHorns@aol.com or 758-2528.

Please promptly return the form below with your payment to: DHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 73522, Davis, CA 95617 _

(Remember – we have to release extra hotel rooms soon, so you MUST return this form by Jan 16th to be included in this year's trip. Please also let us know if your child won't be able to join the trip so we can get our final numbers determined. Once the hotel rooms are released, it will be difficult to add more students to the trip.)



Student Name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Home Phone: _____

_____ YES I am coming and here's my \$250 deposit to secure my spot on this trip!

_____ NO I won't be attending

→Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

A Message from the Band Booster President



DHS Band Booster Parents,

Winter Rhapsody was a pretty amazing concert, don't you think? We have 3 outstanding bands and we were able to listen to 2 of them. All of you have very gifted sons and daughters not only in music but in many other areas. This collection of students will no doubt become our community leaders when we are old and decrepit (scary at this point, isn't it?). These teenagers will eventually be making decisions to help maintain or build our community or provide enjoyment to many other people.

What is the purpose of our DHS Band Boosters? I know that our stated mission is to provide funding and labor to enhance the band experience, but what do we really want to accomplish in the long run? I think we want to start setting the framework for our teenagers to "perform" in the community. We want our students to interact with the Davis community and other cities. We have Rent-a-Band that, not only is a fundraiser, but a service to our community. We have Coconut Grove to encourage are Junior High aged students to continue in music and to give the general public a taste of our future leaders. We have our outdoor concerts in the park again to have our students interact with the general public. We have our band trips to move our students beyond the Davis arena into other communities.

All of you have helped nurture these wonderful students. I think you need a big round of applause and I thank you for supporting Band Boosters.

-Mike Choy, DHS BB President

Donations Build the Band Program

The positive results of this year's Direct Donation Drive is making Mr. Lange very happy indeed!!!!

He is thrilled to have already used funds that were so generously donated in November to purchase an excellent oboe and a tuning kit for the school's timpani. Plus, the timpani and vibes received well deserved maintenance and repair.

Thank you so much to all of the band families, alumni and businesses that have helped to make this possible. Quite honestly it is your contributions to the Direct Donation Drive that provide the principle source of funds needed to sustain the band program. The School District provides less than \$500.00 or about \$3.00 for each band member per year to support the entire program. The Direct Donations contributions are used for instrument repairs, participation fees for music festivals, the purchase of musical scores, new instruments to replace those worn-out and to improve the quality of sound as well as other needs identified by Mr. Lange.

Again, many heartfelt thanks to all of those who have helped support the cause of bringing music to your ears.

-Stephanie DeGraff-Hunt and Joyce Hamaguchi

Donations are accepted at any time of the year at DHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 73522, Davis, CA 95617. The DHS Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Tax ID #68-0240002).



Join us for the next meeting: Wed, Jan 14th, 7:30 pm in the Band Room.

DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda
January 14, 2009

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December minutes
- II. Music Director's report
- III. Treasurer's report
- IV. Committee reports
 - A. Student report
 - B. Car wash
 - C. Direct Donations

- D. Rent-a-Band
- E. Playathon
- F. Coconut Grove
- G. San Diego trip
- H. Concerts, CD/DVD sales
- I. Scrip
- J. Others ?
- V. Old Business
 - A. DHS BB ByLaws Proposal
- VI. New Business

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm

I. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as printed in the Band Booster Newsletter.

II. Music Director's report – Mr. Lange reports that the two concerts last month went well. John Philip Sousa was a big hit at the Symphonic band concert. The Winter Rhapsody on Thursday 12/18 will be the last concert this year. Parents who attend rehearsals are invited to play in the concert.

III. Treasurer's report – Treasurer Jo Andrews Merges clarified that expenses for CD and DVD sales are fronted from the general fund. Direct Donations are initially deposited into the general fund until we track where funds are designated. John Horn will be working with Jo on payments for the San Diego trip. The company for the Entertainment books hasn't been paid yet. Janet Matlock can confirm the amount owed them. To date there is about \$7200 in the general fund. The music program fund has a little over \$2000 not including gate collections from the last concerts. We are doing fine financially at this time. We have a reserve account of \$15,000. Parents should get in contact with Mr. Lange if they need financial assistance for San Diego trip.

IV. Committee reports-

A. Student report – Sam Bold shares Pep Band basketball season gets started in January. He will print a schedule of which games the Pep Band will play in the January newsletter. Games usually are from 7:30 -9pm and are 30 points each.

B. Car wash –The DJUSD parking lot has been reserved for two car washes in the spring.

C. Direct Donations – Joyce Hamaguchi reports that to date we have received donations from 52 donors for \$6461. We have another week left in the fund raiser. Another letter will go out to families reminding people to please make a donation. A motion was made to give \$5000 to the music program fund at this date and was approved by member vote. Next month we will determine if more money needs to be allocated to the music program fund. Mr. Lange plans to use the money on the purchase of an oboe and percussion repairs.

D. Rent-a-Band – Mr. Lange says the four directors are doing a fantastic job - Robbie, Diego, Christine, and Emma. There are lots of requests for solo pianists. Lots of parents have been helping with driving. The Hatamiyas are doing an excellent job of organizing events.

E. Playathon- Plans are going ahead with the event. Pledge forms were made available to all students. The Jazz Band students and Mr. Lange will arriving just on-time as they will be coming from the Folsom Jazz Festival

F. Coconut Grove- The same set of core volunteers will be helping with the event this year. The same bands are participating this year as well. There will be a raffle of a Wii. The planning committee can always use more volunteers. Contact Randy Chinn if you are interested in helping with this event.

G. San Diego trip- A letter was sent home with all students announcing the trip. The first payment is due mid-January. We are finalizing details and the itinerary. We are requesting a parent volunteer to be a trip doctor.

H. Concerts – For the combined band concert Peggy Bernardy will get flowers for Jane and Mr. Lange. Refreshments and CD/DVD's will be sold. We will be asking for donations for all concerts this school year. Clark Bryant emailed that the district fee for using the IPAB has been waived.

J. Others–The Yogurt Shack evening brought in \$210.64. We have asked for another date in the Spring. Lamppost Pizza brought in around \$100. The next pizza night will be in February. The final accounting of the Entertainment Books has not yet been done. The book itself is not that great, and working with the management has been difficult so it was recommended that we drop this particular fundraiser. We will discuss this in more detail when we plan fundraising for next year.

V. Old Business -

A. DHS BB Bylaws Proposal – We will continue to work on it.

VI. New Business –We may need a new publicity chair at some point. Past President and Treasurer binders will be stored in water-tight plastic tubs at DHS under the stage. The Jazz Band and Capital Jazz Project concert is scheduled for 3/29/09.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14th, 2009.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Shickman - Band Booster Secretary

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