

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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March 2009

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

Notes from the Director

A very important event for the Concert and Symphonic Bands takes place Thursday next week in our own IPAB Theater. I'm talking about the annual Adjudication Concert. This is the opportunity for someone outside our circle of friends to come to DHS and listen to the work being done by our students and evaluate the performances.

This inspiration of this concert came a few years ago when I realized that in order to take our two bands to festival it would cost us almost \$1,000 for fees and buses. I decided that for a portion of that amount I could hire a noted band authority from this area to come in and work with our students. That way instead of getting only written comments and some garbled tape recordings, I would be able to have the adjudicator work personally with the students – showing them how to improve.

The format of the day is as follows; first he will come to Jazz Band class and listen to the students – helping them to perform better. Then during 7th period, Concert Band, we will play for him and then he will have almost an hour to present to the students.

At the concert that evening first the Concert Band will repeat the performance from the afternoon, brief comments will be given then intermission. The Symphonic Band will then perform and he will spend a while presenting to them.

The adjudicator I've invited this year is Mr. Merle Wamhoff, Department Chair at Delta College of Stockton. Mr. Wamhoff has served as Director of Bands at Santa Rosa Junior College and been Conductor of the All-State Honor Bands.

And the music? Well, the Concert Band will be performing "A Longford Legend," a collection of Irish Street Songs (a St. Patty's Day tribute); "I Am," a very moving tribute to a band student from Texas who was tragically killed; and "Chesapeake," an exciting portrayal of a band of American Indians which disappeared in the 17th century. The Symphonic Band will perform "Triumph," a fast-paced opener; "The Whispering Tree," (from our Festivity Concert last month); and "Impressions of Japan," a three-movement work descriptive of the mysterious island nation. More surprises are in store, but I will leave those for you to find out about.

No admission will be charged (though donations are gladly accepted!) The concert begins at 7:30 pm and will end about 9:00.

-Fred Lange



Many Hands Make a Coconut Grove Success

Thanks to all our volunteers for making this year's Coconut Grove an artistic and financial success. Amazingly, despite the tough economy, this year we had record attendance. We also had the most plentiful food ever, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Bobby Coyote of Dos Coyotes, Nate and family of 2kThai, Mark Scribner of Uncle Vito's Pizza, and Aziz of Village Bakery. Please support these wonderful Davis restaurants. They are great supporters of our music programs.

Many of you volunteered to make appetizers and desserts or set aside some time to help us pull the event together. Without all of you this event simply could not happen. Thanks to you we'll be able to pay our student volunteers to help offset the cost of the San Diego trip, provide financial aid to all band students who need it, and even have a little left over to pay for the miscellaneous expenses that come with teaching three performing bands.

We especially want to recognize the hard work of our team leaders: Paula Yang, Helen Kado-Fong, John Weir, Mike Choy, and Sue and Dave Viguie. They are a joy to work with and have made this, our second Coconut Grove, the best ever.

Randy Chinn and Mike Coleman, co-chairs



Jazz Artists Honor Hank Jones

Don't miss the DHS Jazz Band concert with the Capital Jazz Project on March 29, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Richard Brunelle Performing Arts Center (IPAB).

Each group will perform, including musician exchanges (kind of like free agency...). The CJP will also conduct a clinic for the Jazz Band on Monday, March 16 to help prepare for the Reno Jazz Festival.

Be sure to come, and bring your family and friends! Tickets are sold at the door, with reduced pricing this year: \$12 general, \$8 students/seniors, \$5 children (Junior High and younger).

This will be a great concert. Our students are performing with seasoned jazz professionals, and will be gearing up for Reno. The CJP will honor the music of Hank Jones, a giant of mainstream jazz.

See you (and your friends) at the concert!

-Peter Matlock

More info on Hank Jones at:

<http://www.officialhankjones.com/index.php?p1=bi&en=1>



DHS Bands Calendar 2008-2009

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
Sat 3/21	Car Wash Fundraiser	8am-noon	DJUSD Lot
Sun 3/29	Jazz Concert with CJP	7:00	IPAB
3/30-4/1	Jazz Band Auditions		

April

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
23-25	Reno Jazz Festival		
Sat 4/25	Car Wash Fundraiser	8am-noon	DJUSD Lot

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

June

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

San Diego on the Horizon

Planning is underway for the Band trip to San Diego in May. A second installment of \$150 was due on March 6th. If you haven't made this payment, please send it ASAP to

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For all payment inquiries, please contact John Horn at john.a.horn@intel.com.



Don't miss a great opportunity to grab a delicious frozen yogurt and support the DHS Bands

Purchase a yogurt on **Thursday March 18th**, between 4:00 – 7:00 pm at **Yogurt Shack** and 50% of what you spend will go toward the band!

**Join us for the next Band Boosters meeting:
Wed, March 11th, 7:30 pm in the Band Room.
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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 at 753-2221. The deadline for the April newsletter is Wednesday, March 25th. We welcome your submissions and comments.

-Susan Hulsizer

A Message from the Band Booster President



DHS BB Parents,

Well, February sure turned out to be a busy month. I really liked hearing the UC Davis band, the Sac State band, and our combined DHS band all in one concert. You parents really have talented sons and daughters. We all want to thank Mr. Lange for preparing our students for their spectacular performance and continuing to support this concert. It was great to see so many of you at Coconut Grove. We had a huge turnout and I hope you had an enjoyable time. I would like to thank the Coconut Grove committee/volunteers who organized this event. I know the amount of work some of you individually put into the organization and I know collectively the enormous number of hours to make this event so successful – thank you, thank you, thank you.

I am sure we all remember last year when our Davis public school music program was looking at major cuts. All of us picked up the ball and we saved the program from any cuts through our direct donations and the passing of Measure W. I know we all took a sigh of relief as we successfully supported the music program knowing there would not be any cuts to the music program this coming year. However, I think most of you know that Measure W only protects a portion of our program. The Davis School Board can still cut part of the music program in the future, and I believe this is more likely than not. Thus, although the “Save Our Music” committee really does not exist anymore, I think we need to be prepared for the bad years. Hiram Jackson, one of the key players in SOM last year, is coming to talk to us at the March BB meeting about potential directions we should take to preserve our outstanding Davis music program. Please try to make this BB meeting.

Mike Choy

BAND BOOSTER MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MEETING

- I. The January **minutes** were approved with minor changes. The next Yogurt Shack fundraising evening was stated incorrectly, the correct date is 3/18/09.
 - II. Music Director’s report- Mr. Lange says the Symphonic band is preparing for the Festivity of Bands together with the CSUS and UCD bands at the IPAB on 2/18/09. Admission is free. The symphonic and concert bands will also participate in an adjudicated concert on 3/19/09 with professor Merle Wamhoff from Delta College in Stockton who will spend the day working with the students. The evening concert in the IPAB is also free. The Jazz Band is performing at Coconut Grove on 2/28/09. Both the Jazz Band and the Combo won their divisions at the Folsom Jazz Festival. Unfortunately, the Jazz Band was not accepted at the Monterey Jazz Festival this year. However, they will be participating in the Reno Jazz Festival in April. Thanks to our administration who gave us permission to go to Reno during STAR testing. Testing will be made up. Jon Hatamiya and Jane Seo were both first chair, and Christine Chu was third chair in the Nor Cal honor bands.
 - III. Treasurer’s report - Jo Andrews Merges provided us with a thorough mid year financial report. Details available upon request, email Jo at jtandrews@ucdavis.edu.
- A motion was made that President Mike Choy have the discretion to spend from the BB General Fund up to \$2500 to cover costs of the San Diego Trip music clinics at USD. It was seconded and then unanimously approved.

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A motion was made to allocate up to \$1500 from the General Fund to subsidize the Reno Jazz Festival expenses including the registration fees and hotel. It was seconded and then approved unanimously.

IV. Committee reports

A. Student report - none

B. Car wash - March 21st and April 25th

C. Direct Donations - \$8,986 has been raised from 79 total donors.

D. Playathon – Thank you to two wonderful young men, John Cargile from CSUS and Chris Weisker from UOP, for leading the nightlong event. The kids stayed focused with high energy. They were challenged with hard music, rewarded with fun music, and Broadway singing. John and Chris kept things rolling and the event was very successful. In future years it would be great to “play up” more community involvement. We could include junior high school players and more adult players, and make the event more inviting to the Davis community.

E. Coconut Grove – Much of what is raised at Coconut Grove goes directly to students’ accounts, paying them at a good hourly rate for their service that evening. Some money is allocated to the General Fund. Donations and registration are comparable to last year. The planning committee could use some adult help the evening of the event. Several large tables are needed. Student sign-ups are available in the band room.

F. Reno Jazz Festival – The Jazz band will be participating in the Reno Jazz Festival 4/24/09.

G. San Diego trip – All requests for financial assistance should be made before the next payments are due at the beginning of March. The students will be touring the campus of the University of San Diego, and then participating in rotations through full band clinics, master clinics, and observation of other groups.

H. Concerts, CD/DVD sales – A discussion regarding the loss incurred on sales of DVD’s and CD’s included details that we provide a service to those who want a recording of concerts, we create an archive of our performances, and we then have recordings to use for auditions or scholarship applications. John Horn is making arrangements to submit all DVD and CD orders one week after any concert date to allow people to still order them after the performance.

I. Scrip – It was suggested that we make a “concerted” effort to encourage band families to use Nugget script. Mike will talk to our script coordinator about enhancing our script program

J Fundraising - Lamppost Pizza 2/19. Yogurt Shack 3/18 from 4-7pm.

K. Capital Jazz Project Concert – On 3/29/09 The Jazz Band will be participating in a clinic with members of Capital Jazz Project and then performing with them in the evening. This is not one of our regularly scheduled concerts. We will be charging admission at the door. The musicians have agreed to waive their regular fee and accept the net gate proceeds as payment. We will need help with publicity, posters, etc.

V. Old Business – The suggested changes in the bylaws give the BB officers freedom to make decisions more immediately, but the decisions still need to be brought before the BB members at the BB meetings for final approval. They now better reflect how we have been doing business in the last several years. The changes from the last draft of proposed changes (mainly minor typos and grammatical corrections) were distributed via email to all band families for review prior to this meeting. A suggestion was made to add back to the purpose of the band program the phrase “have fun, make friends, and be amazed.” A motion was made and seconded that we accept the changes to the bylaws with grammatical corrections made and typos corrected. There was no further discussion. A vote was taken with no opposition. The new bylaws were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm. The next Band Booster meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2009 at 7:30pm.

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DHS Band Boosters Meeting Agenda March 11, 2009

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| I. Approval of Minutes
A. February minutes | E. Coconut Grove
F. Reno Jazz Festival
G. San Diego trip
H. Concerts, CD/DVD sales
I. Scrip
J. Lamppost and Yogurt Shack
K. Capital Jazz Project Concert
L. Other? |
| II. Music Director's report | |
| III. Treasurer's report | V. Old Business
A. ? |
| IV. Committee reports
A. Student report
B. Car wash - March 21 st and April 25 th
C. Direct Donations | VI. New Business
A. Hiram Jackson from "SOM" |

