

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



**January
2010**

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

♪ Notes from the Band Director ♪



It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a pirate ship appeared on the horizon! (I bet I have your attention...) Meanwhile, in Davis, California, the high school band was holding their Playathon. (I know I have your attention now!)

The annual Playathon, actually the 22nd Annual Playathon, will take place on the weekend of January 23-24 in the MPR at DHS. This event has become a favorite of our students as they play and party their way through 12 hours of fun.

And why do they do this??? Well, for each of the past 3 years, the students have managed to amass over \$8,000 in pledges for their individual accounts. Each and every penny they manage to raise goes directly into their account for the band trip. Oh, and incidentally, they have a huge amount of fun, food and friendship all night long.

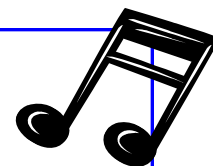
The evening begins with an informal concert by the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands. We call this a "Concert in Progress," as none of the groups have managed to perfect any of the works they are currently working on. Next we have a period of guest conductors and guest performers taken from members of the band family and local dignitaries.

The period from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. is reserved just for the band students to sight-read

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material, and finally, to prepare for a morning concert surprise which begins at about 7:00 a.m. (Oh, my! This sounds like too much for our child!)



Not so fast!

First, each hour of playing is actually only 45 minutes long (because each hour includes a 15 minute “party break”) and the students are allowed to take one hour off out of every three to “rest & recuperate.” Note: most students choose not to rest during those hours off – there is too much food, pizza, drinks, and friends – basically PARTYING – to rest. Now the best part – all of this takes place on the weekend after finals so they have all day on Sunday and Monday to rest for the start of classes on Tuesday.

PLEASE do not dismiss this great experience for your band student. A great deal of bonding takes place at this event. Also, it is WELL CHAPERONED! Roll is taken periodically to make sure no noses have left our supervision, and if a student shows any signs of physical distress, he/she is encouraged to contact their parent and go home. More complete information about pledges and the party is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other things on the horizon (other than that pirate ship) ...

The Jazz Band performs at the Jazz Choir Cabaret on February 13 and 14.

The Coconut Grove takes place on February 27.

The Symphonic Band plays at the Mondavi Theater on March 10.

The Pep Band will support the boys and girls basketball teams throughout January and February.

See, there's more fun for the band than a whole ship full of pirates!

Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands



🎵 Message from the Band Booster President 🎵

Dear Band Booster Parents,

I hope all of you had enjoyable holidays over the last couple of weeks. I suspect you were busy with family and now need a vacation. Oh well, time to start the New Year running. Our upcoming activities include concerts, Playathon, Coconut Grove, other fundraising activities, and, of course, Disneyland.

Because of the work of previous Band Boosters parents, you nurturing your student's musical talent, the talent of our Music Director Fred Lange, and of course, your support of Band Boosters in labor and funds, we have an outstanding High School Band program. When I listen to any of our concerts, I am so thankful to be involved in this program. So I am going to make this note short and sweet this month – a big thank you to each one of you!



Mike Choy, DHS Band Booster President

PLAYATHON ... Fundraiser, Concert, Party, & all FUN!

Hi Everyone,

Well, the Playathon is almost here! For those of you that have yet to experience this event, it is part fundraiser, part concert, part party, and all fun. Join us in the MPR on **January 23rd at 7:30 p.m.** for an evening of concerts by the Davis High School Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band. Then, for a \$25 donation, parents and community members can conduct the band. Or, dust off old instruments and join the band in playing some fun and easy music.

Students: By now you should be busy collecting donations. Remember that all the money collected is credited to your individual account to help pay for the Band Tour to Disneyland. Bring money and pledge sheets (page 5 of this newsletter) to the Playathon and turn them in before the concert begins. **Student registration is 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. in the MPR.**

Also, please remember to fill out the **Permission Slip and Code of Conduct** form (page 4 of this newsletter) and have your parent sign it. We will be collecting these in the band room until January 19th. After that, you will have to turn it in at the Playathon to participate.

Students are asked to bring food to help fuel the Playathon. Concert Band students bring drinks, Jazz Band brings bottled water, and Symphonic Band brings chips, fruit, small sandwiches, or brownies. Bring enough for about 6 students. Also, feel free to bring pillows and sleeping bags in case you want to rest or sleep.

Parents: Please make sure you have signed your student's Permission Slip. If they are leaving early, there is a place for you to indicate this.

We will be contacting volunteers to help with the event. If you would like to help, please contact Sandra Weisker at 756-2759 or sweisker@ucdavis.edu.

Then, come and enjoy the concert!

Sandra Weisker, Playathon Coordinator

2010 Playathon Permission Slip and Code of Conduct

DSHS Bands Playathon in the Davis High School Multipurpose Room on **Saturday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, January 24, 7:00 a.m.**

Approximate Schedule

Saturday

6:45 – 7:15: Check in

7:30: Concert Band Performs

8:15: Symphonic Band Performs

9:00: Jazz Band Performs

10:30: Pizza for students

11:00: Parents and friends play or conduct

Midnight to 6 am: Practice new music for 45 minutes with a 15 minute break per hour

Sunday

6:30 Breakfast bagels

7:00 Final Concert

Clean up, go home, and sleep

Student Code of Conduct

Students will:

- Be respectful and responsible
- Follow the DHS guidelines for behavior on campus
- Stay within the MPR or break room during the event
- Follow the directions of the directors and chaperones
- Contact the Chaperone-in-Charge if they need to leave for any reason during the event

Student signature

Date

Parent Permission Slip

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Playathon, Saturday, January 23rd, 7 pm through Sunday, January 24th, 7 am. In the event of injury, I do hereby consent to whatever examination, X-ray, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis, treatment, and/or hospital care as are considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physicians, surgeon, or dentist, and performed by or under the supervision of a member of the medical staff of the hospital or facility furnishing medical or dental services. As stated in California Education Code, Section 35330, I understand that I hold the Davis Joint Unified School District, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all liability or claims which may arise out of, or in connection, with my child's participation in this activity.

I understand that no student may leave the premises during these hours without parental approval and that there will be parent chaperones present at all times. I understand that if my child needs to leave prior to the scheduled conclusion, I will be contacted and asked to provide transportation unless I have indicated an early release below. All students are required to check out with a chaperone before leaving early.

☐ My student will be staying the night

☐ My student will be picked up early at _____ (time)

☐ My student has permission to leave on his/her own at _____ (time)

Parent signature

Date

Parent Emergency phone number(s) during the event

Allergies or other information we should know about your student



2010 Davis Senior High School Bands Play-a-thon

Saturday, January 23, 7 pm - Sunday, January 24, 7 am

Public invited to concert performances: 7:30 pm, January 23rd and 7:00 am on January 24th

PLEDGE/DONATION RECORD SHEET

A donation may be made for any amount. For a donation of \$25 or more, the donor may conduct or play with the band.

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Total pledges/donations collected \$

Students should collect donations before the event. Please make checks payable to "DHS BAND BOOSTERS"

This student is pledging to play through the night



**December
Concert Photos**
~
by Howard Chew
(HNCPhoto@gmail.com)



Reserve Your Tickets for COCONUT GROVE!



All DSHS Bands Fundraiser
An Evening at the Coconut Grove
Saturday, February 27th, 2010 at the Davis Sr High M.P.R.
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)



Dear Davis Music Friends and Family:

Please join us for an evening of fabulous entertainment by Davis jazz ensembles including the Emerson, Harper and Holmes Jazz Bands, Celia Cottle's Jazz Cats and Sax by Popular Demand, capped off by the award winning DSHS Jazz Band with special guest: the DSHS Jazz Choir. All this while you dine on tasty light appetizers, desserts, mocktails.

This fundraiser benefits the entire band program. The money raised **helps to defray the cost of this year's Disneyland band trip for your band student.** You can support this event:

- ✓ **Donate** an item for the silent auction. Contact Michael Coleman at 753-1410 or coleman@cal.net
- ✓ **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 ranchinn@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.
- ✓ Reserve your tickets now!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

SPONSORSHIPS

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

Family Sponsors: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other

Business Sponsors: ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other

Business or Family Name _____

☐ We prefer to remain anonymous

RESERVATIONS

This event sells out. Send this in soon!

Reservations paid by

February 1st, 2010 Adults \$20_____ Students \$10_____ Total \$_____

(Performers and Children under 5 free)

Reservations paid after

February 1st, 2010 Adults \$25_____ Students \$10_____ Total \$_____

or at the door

You will receive a confirmation via email.

Please make your check payable to **DHS Band Boosters.**

Send this completed form with your check to:

DHS Band Boosters c/o Helen Kado-Fong
900 Eucalyptus Street
Davis, CA 95618

Any questions about reservations?

Contact Helen at 757-2253 or
samstro@pacbell.net

DHS Bands Calendar ~ 2010

January

1/13 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
1/23 Sat	Play-A-Thon Begins	7:00pm	DHS MPR
1/24 Sun	Play-A-Thon Final Concert	7:00am	DHS MPR
1/27 Weds	<i>Habit Burger Fundraiser</i>	4pm-closing	Habit Burger
1/30 Sat	Folsom Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom

February

2/03 Weds	Elementary Concert (DHS Band Students Needed)	TBA	IPAB
2/10 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
2/13 Sat	Jazz Choir Cabaret	6:00pm	DHS
2/14 Sun	Jazz Choir Cabaret	5:00pm	DHS
2/17 Weds	<i>LampPost Pizza Fundraiser</i>	4-9pm	LampPost
2/27 Sat	Coconut Grove	TBA	DHS MPR

March

3/03 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
3/10 Weds	Festivity of Bands Symphonic Band with UCD & CSUS	TBA	Mondavi
3/16 Tues	<i>LampPost Pizza Fundraiser</i>	4-9pm	LampPost
3/18 Thurs	Adjudication Concert Symphonic & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
3/28 Sat	Capitol Jazz Project Concert with DHS Jazz Band	TBA	IPAB

April

4/5-4/9	Spring Break		
4/9-4/11	Monterey Jazz Festival <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	Monterey
4/12-4/15	Auditions for Symphonic & Jazz Bands		
4/14 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
4/17 Sat	UCD Picnic Day, Pep Band Parade and Parking	TDB	UC Davis
4/20 Tues	Symphonic Band Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
4/23-4/24	Reno Jazz Festival <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	Reno
4/27 Tues	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03

May

5/4 Tues	Senior Concert Concert & Symphonic Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
5/6 Thurs	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/9 Sun	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/10 Mon	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/12 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/14-5/18	Disneyland Trip!		SoCal
5/22 Sat	Jazz Combo Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
5/26 Weds	Picnic & Pops in the Park Concert	6:00pm	Central Park

June

6/2 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
6/4 Fri	Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
6/11 Fri	DHS Graduation (Bands play)	TBD	

Reminder...
the 1st DISNEYLAND TRIP deposit of \$150
is due by January 15, 2010. For questions or
forms, contact Trip Coordinator, Katie Horn, at
JazzyHorns@aol.com or
758-2528



🎵 **Band Booster Minutes ~ December 2, 2009** 🎵



- I. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from the November 2009 meeting as printed in the newsletter were unanimously approved.
- II. **Music Director's report** – Mr. Lange reports that the students did a fantastic job at the two concerts in November. The Symphonic and Concert Bands will be performing at the Winter Rhapsody Concert on December 17th. A number of parents will be performing with the bands that evening. The Jazz Band will be performing in the Delta Jazz Festival in Stockton on December 5th.
- III. **Student report** – Pep Band leader, Naomi E., announced the Pep Band will be starting again in January for men's and women's basketball. They will play at 5 games this season. The game dates will be coming out on the calendar. The last Friday in January is "break the record" night. Students in Symphonic Band may volunteer to participate in a Secret Santa program.
- IV. **Treasurer's report** – There is nothing significant to report.
- V. **Committee reports**
 - A. **Pizza and Yogurt** – Habit Burger brought in \$138. Yoloberry will be contacting us with a date for a fundraiser. We are trying to coordinate the date with a concert. The next LampPost Pizza date will be February 17th, 2010.
 - B. **Direct Donations** – We have collected just short of \$11,000 so far.
 - C. **Rent-a-Band** – Maki says we would like to have more gigs. There are about 10 gigs scheduled so far. If students have participated in rehearsals, they may sign up for a gig on the sheets in the band room. Any student wanting to perform must submit field trip paperwork promptly. There are Rent-a-Band flyers available to pass around. Please contact Maki if your student wants to participate in a gig but is never assigned to a gig.
 - D. **Playathon** – Sandra Weisker is creating the sign-up forms for the event. The past two years the band had t-shirts. We may consider pajama pants. Dottie Egel is willing to coordinate this. Chris Weisker and John Cargyle will be directing the band.
 - E. **Coconut Grove** – All attention is being focused on finding volunteers. Last year we had 480 hours of student help. We rely on our students to help out with a lot of the work. The junior high bands will be encouraged to perform at the event.
 - F. **Concerts, CD/DVD sales** – The Jazz Band concert brought in \$1,400 and the Symphonic Band brought in \$1,300 at their November concerts. The DVDs and CDs are available for pick up. Tom Estes has been paid for his services.
 - G. **Disneyland trip** – John Horn says the next trip meeting is Thursday December 10th. The busses and hotel have been reserved. We have a variety of playing opportunities. Disneyland will confirm playing times. Peter is coordinating a possible workshop for the combined band with UC Irvine. There is another person at USC who is willing to work with the bands. Details will be finalized in the next couple of months.
 - H. **Scrip** – Lynne Rumery is trying to promote the program a bit. The DHS Bands have been registered for a great scrip program for 3% at SaveMart. Lynne will distribute the scrip cards at a future concert.
 - I. **Others** – John Horn will bring the idea to Naomi about having a DHS casual band shirt.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. BB volunteers still needed for several smaller time-limited jobs. A very specific description of what help is needed would make it so much easier for people to say yes.
- VII. **New Business**

Possible DHS regulations on all Booster clubs – A few of the BB officers met with the DJUSD finance officer and the DHS principal regarding new regulations for any Booster clubs in the Davis school district.

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This school year we do not need to operate any differently. Mike Choy will continue to work with the school district on implementation of these new regulations. As always, all DHS BB events are voluntary and we offer financial assistance to any student requesting it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary



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AGENDA for Band Boosters Meeting January 13, 2010 ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ Room PA-3

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| I. | Approval of Minutes | E. | Coconut Grove |
| | A. December Minutes | F. | Concerts, CD/DVD Sales |
| II. | Music Director's Report | G. | Disneyland Trip |
| III. | Student Report | H. | Scrip |
| | A. General Information | I. | Others? |
| | B. Pep Band | VI. | Old Business |
| IV. | Treasurer's Report | | A. Parent Help Needed — good pay,
great benefits! |
| V. | Committee Reports | VII. | New Business |
| | A. Fundraisers: Pizza, Yogurt,
Burgers, Liver & Onions | | A. Possible DHS Regulations on all
Booster Clubs |
| | B. Direct Donations | | |
| | C. Rent-A-Band | | |
| | D. Playathon | | |