

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



**April
2011**

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz & Pep Bands
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♪ Band Director's Message ♪



Battle of the Bands

Photo by Howard Chew

Like the Energizer Bunny, the bands keep going, and going...

In the past month, you were able to hear some great performances by our band students. These weren't just run-of-the-mill high school band concerts. These were great evenings of entertainment!

I hope you were able to hear the Symphonic Band in the annual Festivity Of Bands. Here I think you were able to compare our work with that of the local college bands... bands which are comprised of students majoring in music. I am pleased to say that our Symphonic Band was certainly on a par with both of these groups (if not even better than them).

If you missed that, then I hope you were able to hear the Concert and Symphonic Bands at the Adjudication Concert. Guest adjudicator, Eric Hammer, gave some great insight and instruction.

You had the chance to see our Jazz Band perform at the Coconut Grove and again with the CSU Sacramento Jazz Ensemble in "Battle of the Bands".

You might even have seen our Jazz Band in Monterey performing in the Monterey Jazz Festival, Next Generation High School Competition. Our group was chosen as one of 12 groups from across the U.S.

What's left?? (I'm glad you asked)

On Sunday, April 17, the Jazz Band will perform again along with student-run combos. As usual, 7:30 p.m. start time with free admission.

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On Tuesday, April 19, we will host the Secondary Concert with the bands from Emerson, Harper, and Holmes Junior Highs. This is always a fun concert with our DHS students getting a chance to show off for the younger students who are about to be part of our band family. The music starts at 7:30 p.m. in the IPAB and admission is free. (What can we expect? Hint: 40 DHS drummers!)

The Concert and Symphonic Bands will perform again on May 3 for the Senior Concert.

The band tour to Victoria Canada (May 19-24)... and much more in June!!

Lots to do.

Mr. Fred Lange, Director of Bands



**Contact
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if you are
interested in
serving as an
Officer, Chair,
or Committee
Member in
2011/2012

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♪ Band Booster President's Message ♪

Greetings Fellow Band Boosters,

Well, we are only two months from the end of the school year and still have some of the most exciting things to come. The Spring Band Trip to Victoria, Canada is only 6 weeks away. The trip committee has been working hard and has the itinerary mostly set. The final installments are being collected, so please make sure that you get them in quickly. There are several more great concerts coming for all of our bands. We are also in the process of identifying committee chairs and members who are interesting in helping out next school year. Early preparations for next year have already begun, including early reservations for the All Bands Trip to San Diego in May 2012 and the Jazz Band Trip to New Orleans, as well as many of the fund-raising activities and concerts on the calendar.

This is also the time of year when the seniors are looking forward to the next steps in their lives after DHS. Many will be making the decision as to which college or university to attend, some will select to join the military in service of our country, while others will take time to figure out which direction they would like to go next. Regardless of their path, the music that they have enjoyed for many years, need not stop. Most colleges and universities have bands, all branches of the military have bands, and pretty much all communities have bands. With the background that Mr. Lange and the Davis music programs have provided, any of our students would do great in these programs. For the colleges and universities, join the band!! It provides a great core group of friends, which is what every new student needs when going off to school. The whole environment around the band can be lots of fun socially, very supporting from a scholastic standpoint, and a great resource pool of information from those that have been through everything that you have questions about. The precision and musical strength of our military bands is amazing, giving you "chops of steel" and a tremendous experience. And our community bands have something for everyone. They span the spectrum, offering opportunities for the most experienced to those still building their skills. But the bottom line is, **music can continue to enhance your life and provide you with years of entertainment and pleasure.** It has (and still is) for me, my wife Katie, and many others that we know. Don't be part of the group that says "I wish I had kept it up!". Keep it up and reap the benefits of the music that you have nurtured for so many years. I want to see all of you in the band.

Musically Yours,
~JAH

John Horn, Band Booster President (& active musician)



Stay Involved!

Band Boosters Meeting AGENDA Wednesday, APRIL 13, 2011, 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. March 2011 II. Music Director's Report III. Student Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. General Information B. Pep Band IV. Treasurer's Report V. Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Direct Donations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Coconut Grove C. Jazz Band Update D. Victoria Spring Trip E. Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers F. Scrip G. Others VI. Old / New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Anything(?) |
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**NEXT
GENERATION
JAZZ FESTIVAL
~ Apr. 2, 2011 ~**



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Howard Chew
& Paul
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MUSIC NOTES



Band Boosters Endorses Measure A

Davis and Da Vinci High School students excel in many areas. Recent examples include selection of the Jazz Band to compete at the Monterey Next Generation Music Festival, accolades for our choral groups at international music festivals, the recent Robotics Club regional victory propelling them on to national competition, awards in debate and math competitions, recognition of the excellence of the HUB student newspaper, athletic team achievements... the list is long and varied. Excellence at the high school level provides the most visible measure of the quality of a school program, but it demands a strong foundation built in the elementary and junior high schools.

If you have helped your children or grandchildren learn to build block towers, you know that a broad foundation builds a sturdy structure. You also know that pulling out blocks at the base quickly leads to collapse of the whole structure, which can't be repaired by just adding back a few blocks, but requires starting again to rebuild from the bottom up. Failure to pass Measure A may mean cutting back the length of the school day, reducing course offerings, and decreasing educational opportunities at all levels, making it nearly impossible to maintain our strong educational foundation. The negative effects for the music program are particularly obvious, with potential loss of beginning and intermediate band, orchestral and choral instruction, but this is no less true for the other academic endeavors highlighted above.

We are all responsible for providing the best opportunities that we can for the next generation. But even from a self-serving perspective, supporting our schools also benefits our own bottom line. DHS is one of the most highly rated secondary schools in the region, and the entire Davis school system is a positive factor in making Davis a desirable community, fostering business growth and maintaining the value of our investments in home and property.

For all of these reasons, **we urge you to send in a YES vote when the Measure A ballots arrive.** We invite you to join us at the Brunelle Performance Hall for our free Secondary Concert (three junior high bands and DHS Symphonic Band; April 19, 7:30 pm) and the free DHS Jazz Band/Jazz Combo concert (April 17, 7:30 pm) to see for yourself what a strong foundation can build.

Jeanette Natzle Vance,
Publicity Chair

Scrip

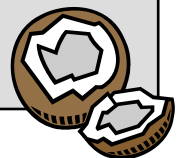
Many thanks to those of you who are using Scrip! Please contact me at 753-4301 or lynnerumery@gmail.com if you would like a card and enrollment instructions for Nugget, Safeway or SaveMart Scrip. I can also answer any questions you may have about the programs. Thank you!

Lynne Rumery,
Scrip Coordinator

Coconut Grove

Did You Know?

91 Band students contributed 371 hours for set-up, performance, kitchen helpers, servers, road crew, special projects, and clean up. **Wow!** Students, the parents are proud of your contribution of time, energy, craftsmanship, and musicianship in producing another successful "Evening At the Coconut Grove".



Canada Trip

The Canada trip is just 6 weeks away and final preparations are underway! Here is the latest Canada news...

Great news! Due to all the fantastic fundraising the group has done this year, the Band Boosters is able to offer a large sum of money to help offset the overall cost of the trip. That contribution, combined with diligent bargaining from the trip committee folks (on everything from busses to hotels to food and activities) has resulted in a lower than expected overall trip cost, even with the recent airline fiasco costs.

So the final trip cost per student will be \$750!

Watch for official permission slips and packing information to come home right after Spring Break. There will also be sign ups for parent volunteers for our departure and return day activities - so parents, if you have some time to carpool kids to the airport or to help check kids in for the trip, there will soon be emails looking for volunteers to help with those things.

P.S. You should be very proud of your band student. **The DHS Combined Band has been invited to perform at Butchart Gardens this year.** The Butchart Gardens coordinator originally told me they have only had high school bands perform there once many summers ago, and it didn't go well at all. They have not had a high school group perform since then, and he was not interested in having our group perform there either. But after reviewing a demo DVD, and after many conversations, the owners of the Gardens decided to give it another try, and they have invited our group to play. It will get lots of publicity through the Festival Society, which promotes the weekend events during the Victoria Day celebration. And best of all, the kids will get complimentary passes to tour the Gardens (which also helped to lower those trip costs! YAY!)



Katie Horn,
Band Trip Coordinator

DHS Bands 2011 Calendar

April '11

4/13 Weds	<i>Band Boosters Meeting</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
4/16 Sat	UCD Picnic Day ~ Pep Band Parade & Parking	TBA	UC Davis
4/17 Sun	Jazz Band & Jazz Combo Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
4/19 Tues	Secondary Concert ~ Symphonic Band	7:30pm	IPAB
4/27 Weds	Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band	7:30pm	IPAB

May '11

5/3 Tues	Senior Concert ~ Symph & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
5/5 Thurs	Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/9 Mon	Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/11 Weds	<i>Band Boosters Meeting</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/15 Sun	Rehearsal for Canada Trip ~ Combined Band	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/19 - 5/24	All Bands ~ Trip to Canada	TBA	Victoria, Canada

The full calendar is also conveniently located at www.DHSBandBoosters.com

June '11

6/1 Weds	Picnic & Pops in the Park Concert	6:00pm	Central Park
6/3 Fri	Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert	7:30pm	IPAB

♪ Band Booster Minutes ~ March 9, 2011 ♪

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.



- I. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes from the February meeting as published in the March newsletter with the following corrections (calendar updates to Mr. Lange by March 7, not 17) were approved.
- II. **Music Director's Report** - Mr. Lange reports the kids have been working extremely hard in all groups. Coconut Grove is Sunday night 3/12. The Symphonic Band will be performing a concert with adjudicator Eric Hammer from UOP on Thursday 3/17. On Saturday 3/20 CSUS and DHS Jazz Bands will perform together. Next on 4/1 the Jazz Band heads to Monterey for the Jazz Festival. Band auditions will occur the last week in March. There is a Spring Jazz Band and Combo Concert on 4/17. The 5/28 Combo Concert is cancelled.
- III. **Student Report** - We are still making a decision whether to participate in Picnic Day. We need a viable group and a number of brass players to commit. The Pep Band has been requested to perform at various DHS functions including 4/28 Open House.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Student financial assistance for travel has increased this year, but still seems a reasonable amount. John Horn would like to consider purchases that enhance our sound system. Mr. Lange suggests using funds in the IPAB account to purchase a "snake". After Coconut Grove we'll assess our funding. Last year we allocated \$1000 from the general fund for Jazz Band and \$5000 for the All-Band trip. This year it will be comparable.
- V. **Committee Reports** -
 - A. **Direct Donations** (Kathryn) - There were no new donations this month.
 - B. **Coconut Grove** (Karen) - All is coming together for this weekend's event. More servers are needed. Mr. Lange will encourage more students to sign up to be servers or bussers. Luci is willing to temporarily store all items after the event. Karen would like people to bring staple guns for set up. Pizza will be provided during set-up.
 - C. **Jazz Band Update** (David) - Lynn Rumery is coordinating carpools. Departure on Friday is when the parents want to leave, 3:30 or later. Students and families may attend a concert Friday evening. On Saturday, the band will warm up 1:00 p.m., perform at 1:30, and then sight read at 2:00 p.m. An email for alternative parking was sent to Jazz Band families. There will be a presentation on repetitive stress injuries in band classes on Friday 4/1. Mr. Lange will be taking 101 South. John Horn threatens to beat him there by driving HWY I-5 South.
 - D. **Victoria Spring Trip** (Katie) - Students will probably be putting their suitcases on the truck Wednesday and then be taking a small carry-on bag with items for 24 hours with them on the plane. When final decisions on suitcases are made, emails regarding packing advice will be sent out to all. The final trip costs should be well under \$800. Families will be notified of the final cost soon. There are currently 149 people participating. Students can vote on T-shirt designs this week. Info about the trip can be found on Facebook. Students will sign up for room assignments soon.
 - E. **Concerts, CD/DVD Sales** (Peggy/Michael) - The 3/20 date is a new concert. John will notify Peggy of the new date.
 - F. **Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers** (Katie) - We had a pizza fundraiser last month that several people attended.
 - G. **Scrip** (Lynne) - A SaveMart check for \$100 came in. We have 3 times more people using Scrip than before. A nice letter about the Scrip program was sent to alumni and friends. Lynne wants to continue marketing this program.
- VI. **New Business** -
 - A. **Measure A** - Sheila Allen discussed the school parcel tax coming up as a mail-in only ballot in the first week of April. This tax of \$200 for two years will help fund school programs. Please return your ballot by May 3rd. You may hand deliver your ballot at the Yolo County Davis Library. If not passed, class sizes will increase, and 7th period for 7th and 8th graders will be eliminated, which will strangle the band program as students will not be able to take band and another class, like language. It will take a 2/3rds majority of valid ballots that come in to pass. Volunteers needed to participate in phone bank. There is an exemption for senior citizens. DSOMA has endorsed Measure A. DHS Band Boosters voted to unanimously approve Measure A. John Horn suggests posting a statement on the website, and making an announcement on the listserv.
 - B. **Instruments to Victoria** - There are nice travel cases for drums in the IPAB to pack percussion for the Victoria Trip. We usually take the old timpani, xylophone, old bells, full drum set, tubas, etc. John will email Mr. Lange to request a complete list of instruments we will take on the trip.
 - C. **Next Year's Calendar** - We have a tentative band calendar for 2011-2012 including a possible trip to New Orleans for the Jazz Band during Spring Break in April, 2012 (Weds 4/11 or Thurs 4/12 - Sun 4/15) and the all band trip to San Diego in May 2012. Mr. Lange suggests doing the New Orleans trip with the Jazz Choir.
 - D. **Coconut Grove Decorations Storage** - There is some storage available above the instrument cabinets in the back of the band room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary

