

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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

Normally this is the time of the year when I rehash 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? (Congratulations go to Mr. Quick for his great leadership!) The power of the first notes of the Symphonic Band's "Coventry Variant"? The mastery of Evan Hamaguchi's clarinet performance? The warm feelings of our Combined Bands - first by the fantastic sound of over 150 band students, alumni, and parents playing 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 I 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 2012!

First we have the **Play-A-Thon** from January 20 to 21 -- the band's all-night party and play session. This year, due to repairs being done to our MPR, it will be held at Emerson Junior High. Encourage your student to get lots of pledges in order to make this event profitable, as well as fun.

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Photo by Joyce Hamaguchi

Rent-A-Band

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The **Folsom Jazz Festival** will be held on January 28. Watch the band listserve for more information, which will be sent as soon as I have it.

The **Festivity of Bands**, with UCD and CSUS, is scheduled for February 29. This year we get the opportunity to perform in the Mondavi Center. This is a great chance to see three very talented groups and to compare the work of our high school students to that of the colleges. If you've never seen this event, I think you would be very favorably impressed.

The **Coconut Grove** - our signature event - will be on March 10 and will feature performances by the Junior High Jazz Ensembles, Celia Cottle's jazz groups, as well as our own big band.

Oh yeah - lots on **Pep Band at the Basketball Games**. Jenny 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 **Adjudication Concert** on March 15. This unique event will be held in our IPAB, with an adjudicator joining us for the whole day, working with our Concert Band during the day. Both the Concert and Symphonic Bands will perform in the evening, with the adjudicator actually continuing their judging right in front of the audience.

I'm not going to get into April and May right now -- I'm tired just thinking about all we have planned for the first 3 months of 2012. 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, Band Director

P.S. The band calendar (found at www.DHSBandBoosters.com) has been updated, so it may be time for you to add those dates to your new 2012 family calendar! You wouldn't want to miss a note of these great performances.

Band Boosters Meeting Agenda Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

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| I. Approval of Minutes - Dec. '11 | F. Coconut Grove |
| II. Music Director(s) Reports | G. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales |
| III. Student Report - Pep Band | H. San Diego Spring Trip |
| IV. Treasurer's Report | I. New Orleans Jazz Band Trip |
| V. Committee Reports | J. Scrip |
| A. Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers | K. Others? |
| B. Direct Donations | VI. Old Business |
| C. Rent-A-Band | A. Any? |
| D. Winter Break Jazz Combo | VII. New Business |
| Benefit Concert | A. Other |
| E. Play-A-Thon Update | |

January 4

♪ Band Booster President's Message ♪

Happy New Year DHS Band Boosters!!

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. December was packed with terrific concerts (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and even some of the Jazz Band Alumni), that I hope you were able to attend and enjoy. **We are so fortunate to have the level of music performance at Davis High School that we do today.** So many of our surrounding communities and beyond have cut music education from their curriculum, which is very sad to see! Recently I saw a picture of a high school band from a very affluent community in the Bay Area. It was a picture of their winter concert, and they were sharing how well it went. I naturally acknowledged that it must have been a good performance, but couldn't help focusing in on the hardwood floor, the cold folding chairs, and the bleachers that were collapsed against the wall. They were performing in their gym, which is not uncommon. It just brings to light again, how fortunate we are to have the facilities, equipment, and instructors that we do in Davis.

Now we are off to a quick start of the second half of the year. We have Play-A-Thon coming up right after finals near the end of January, Coconut Grove in March, and some great trips that are actively being prepared for by our volunteers. If you haven't let us know that you want to go on the band trip, please do so immediately. We still have about 25 families that have not provided input, and we need to know their plans.

If you have any spare time and can help out with any of the upcoming activities, please let us know. We can always use the additional help. Check the band calendar and join the fun!

Happy New Year!
Cheers,
~JAH

John Horn, Band Booster President



♪ Pep Band Director's Message ♪



Hello everyone!

Pep Band hasn't had much going on lately, but we're approaching a new season of Pep Band events. We play at four men's basketball games on:

January 27th

February 1st

February 10th

February 15th

So mark your calendars! We may also be able to play at two women's basketball games, but the dates for those are not set yet. Hope you've all had a fabulous break and holiday season!

Jenny Horn, Pep Band Student Director

MUSIC NOTES



Play-A-Thon

PLAY-A-THON IS ALMOST HERE!!!!

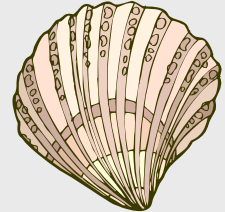
Play-A-Thon is planned for Friday, January 20, overnight, to early Saturday, January 21, 2012, and will again be held at Emerson Junior High. This is the weekend after finals and students have the following Monday off. It will not conflict with the three-day Martin Luther King holiday, which is the weekend before. We are planning a very entertaining event with new activities, music theme hours, door prizes, and lots of food, fun and music. The format of Play-A-Thon is different this year, and without the concerts before and after the event, there will be lots more "play" ~ without the need to prepare for a performance in this new structure. It should be a lot of fun. This is also an important opportunity to get pledges that will earn credits to help reduce the cost of the upcoming spring band trip. However, we hope all students will plan to attend this fun event regardless of whether or not they are fundraising for the trip. A Play-A-Thon pledge form was sent out on the list serve just before Christmas. Even small pledges add up quickly, so ask your friends, neighbors and extended family for their help and support! More information, permission slips, and another copy of the pledge form will be sent home after the first of the year. Parents, we can use your help as volunteers to assist with food, set-up, clean-up, check-in, and chaperoning. Watch the list serve for a link to SignUp Genius and offer your help!

Jeanette Vance, Play-A-Thon Coordinator



San Diego Trip

The San Diego trip is set for April 26-30, 2012 ~ just 4 months away!



We still haven't heard from around 25 families about their intentions regarding the trip. **Please send in the San Diego trip form**, which can be found on the band website, so that we can accurately account for all students in band. We sincerely hope that all students will attend this trip, and Band Boosters has funds available if needed to help make this happen. Please talk to Band Booster President, John Horn, for more information about that.

This will be an exciting trip with unique performances, a masters clinic at UC San Diego, and some great sightseeing ~ mixed in with opportunities for the band to relax together and bond as a group. As always, there will be study times available for those who wish to study, either in transit or at the hotel. Also, here is a reminder that **we will be collecting the 1st installment of \$250 by Friday, January 20th**, which can be mailed to DHS Band Boosters / San Diego Trip, P.O. Box 73522, Davis, CA 95617.

Katie Horn, Band Trip Coordinator

Rent-A-Band

Rent-a-Band suffered a slight downturn in the number of gigs requested this year. However, on a positive note, some of those gigs will resume next year when the sponsors rotate their requests back to Rent-A-Band. A total of 20 students played 8 gigs at private homes, downtown Davis locations, and a Rotary luncheon. **The students earned \$900** that will be distributed into their accounts.

Special thanks go to the leaders: Ben Alpers, Evan Hamaguchi, Frenchy Havagimian, Kimia Nader, and Cassie Vance. They often had to scramble to gather a group on short notice. All of them managed their tasks without a hitch. Thank you, also, to the parents who transported the students to the gigs. A lot of good cheer was spread through the students' performances!

Maki Kuper, Rent-A-Band Coordinator



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Winter Rhapsody
December 15, 2011



Delta Jazz Festival
December 3, 2011



*Delta Jazz
Festival*

Photos by
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Hamaguchi



DHS Bands 2012 Calendar

January '12

1/4 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
1/20-1/21 Fri-Sat	Play-A-Thon	TBA	Emerson JHS
1/27 Fri	Pep Band @ Boys Basketball	6:00pm	TBA
1/28 Sat	Jazz Band ~ "Folsom High School Jazz Festival"	TBA	Folsom

February '12

2/1 Weds	Pep Band @ Boys Basketball	6:00pm	TBA
2/1 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
2/2-2/4 Thurs-Sat	NorCal Honor Band (selected by audition tapes)		Chico
2/10 Fri	Pep Band @ Boys Basketball	6:00pm	TBA
2/12 Sun	Jazz Band ~ "Jazz Choir Cabaret"	4:30pm?	Emerson JHS
2/15 Weds	Pep Band @ Boys Basketball	6:00pm	TBA
2/16 Thurs	Jazz Band ~ "Jazz Choir Cabaret, Concert Version"	7:00pm	IPAB
2/16-2/19 Thurs-Sun	All State Honor Band (selected by audition tapes)		Fresno
2/29 Weds	Symphonic Band ~ "Festivity of Bands" w/UCD & CSUS	7:30pm	Mondavi Center

March '12

3/7 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
3/10 Sat	Coconut Grove	TBA	TBA
3/22 Thurs	Concert & Symphonic Bands ~ "Adjudication Concert"	7:30pm	IPAB

April '12

4/1 Sun	Jazz Band ~ Concert with "Capitol Jazz Project"	TBA	IPAB
4/2-4/6 Mon-Fri	Symphonic & Jazz Bands ~ Audition Week for 2012/13	TBA	DHS PA-3
4/4 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
4/10-4/15 Tues-Sun	Jazz Band ~ New Orleans / French Quarter Festival Trip		New Orleans
4/21 Sat	Pep Band ~ UCD Picnic Day Parade & Parking	TBA	UC Davis
4/22 Sun	Jazz Band / Jazz Combo Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
4/26-4/30 Thurs-Mon	All Bands ~ San Diego Trip	TBA	San Diego

May '12

5/2 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/7 Mon	Concert & Symphonic Bands ~ "Senior Concert"	7:30pm	IPAB
5/30 Weds	"Picnic & Pops in the Park" Concert	6:00 p.m.	Central Park

June '12

6/1 Fri	Jazz Band ~ "Jazz on a Summer's Eve XXII" Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
6/8 Fri	All Bands ~ DHS Graduation	5:45 p.m.	TBA

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



🎵 Band Booster Minutes ~ December 7, 2011 🎵

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – The November minutes as published in the December Band Boosters newsletter were unanimously approved.



Music Director's Report - Clyde Quick can't be here at the meeting today, but Mr. Lange reported on his behalf that Concert Band preparations are going well for the Winter Rhapsody concert. The bands did excellent jobs at their concerts during the past three weeks. The Symphonic Band did an outstanding job at their tribute to veterans at the "Lest We Forget" concert and a number of veterans attended in uniform and were recognized. The Jazz Extravaganza was a great evening with a wonderful performance by saxophonist/flutist Mary Fettig and recognition of the many contributions of Celia Cottle to the jazz programs in our schools. A CD/DVD of the concert was given to Celia and should similarly be ordered and given to Mary Fettig. At the Stockton Jazz Festival, the DHS Jazz Band won the Advanced Division, and received a perfect score from one judge. Thanks are due to Julie Hochman, Lynne Rumery, and Davis Cross for taking care of travel to the Jazz Festival. Upcoming events include the Winter Rhapsody concert, with Evan Hamaguchi performing as soloist, and family/returning alumni participating in part of the concert.

Student Report - Jenny Horn, Pep Band Director, reported that Secret Santa is underway. The dates for Pep Band participation in the boys' basketball games have been set (Jan. 27, Feb. 1, Feb. 10, Feb. 15). Dates for two girls' basketball games will be announced soon.

Treasurer's Report –Account balances were reported. So far the Direct Donation account has \$11,200 (this is down from last year), other donations \$1,677, concert donations \$2,032 (about the same as last year). The need to be careful with the budget committed for assistance on trips to New Orleans (Jazz Band) and San Diego (combined bands) was discussed. Perhaps we should set a decision point for trip continuation/cancellation depending on the financial commitments received. If parents would like to find out how much is currently in their students' account they are welcome to contact Band Boosters to find out.

Committee Reports –

- A. Car Wash – no report
- B. Pizza and Yogurt Fundraisers – Cultivé Yogurt would be willing to donate 2-3% of the evening's gross income for a fundraiser. Rostini Kitchen restaurant may be willing to do a fundraiser.
- C. Direct Donations – So far the donations are less than last year. There are only about 2/3 of the number of donors, but the size of donations are larger.
- D. Rent-a-Band – Maki Kuper reported that the number of gigs that were requested for this year (~ 7) was down considerably compared with last year (16-17). She personally contacted many of the people/groups that did not renew their request for this year. The bad economy may be part of the reason. The student groups that perform this year will be larger to provide better balance for parts.
- E. Play-A-Thon – The student survey showed that students were enthusiastic about continuing the Play-A-Thon fundraiser. Jeanette Vance will chair the event. Some changes will be made based on suggestions from Mr. Lange and from the student survey (there will be no formal concerts to begin the event; there will not be a concert at the end of the event). The format will still include a family/friends play-along/conduct hour at the beginning and all-night blocks of music with food & relaxation breaks. There was discussion of beginning the event with a spaghetti dinner, but it might be hard to put that together for this year. Requests for volunteers to help with food, set-up and chaperoning will be sent out and posted on Sign-up Genius.
- F. Coconut Grove – Sue Ebeler reported that they are still looking for an assistant coordinator, and that planning is progressing well. The next meeting will take place in January on the same day as the Band Boosters meeting, but will start an hour earlier (at 6:30 pm, Wednesday January 4). Donations of strings of white Christmas lights will be solicited at the Winter Rhapsody concert.
- G. Concerts, CD/DVD sales – A suggestion was made to look into purchasing CD's and DVD's through PayPal on the Band Boosters website. But concerns were raised about the legality of doing this because of copyright issues for the music if the sales were set up for the general public rather than just as archival copies of the concert made available to families.
- H. San Diego Spring Trip – Work is in progress setting up performance venues. The band was polled and was in favor of going to Sea World rather than whale watching tours. The Jazz Band will probably not perform separately on this trip because some members will be going only on the Jazz Band New Orleans trip, rather than on both trips, and instrumentation for the remaining band would not work for performances.
- I. New Orleans Jazz Band Trip – Performance times and places are being worked out. The Jazz Band will not be doing the Monterey Next Generation Festival this year because the New Orleans trip would be the following week.

Old Business – The need for sophomore/junior parents to become involved in planning for some of the annual Band Booster

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events was discussed.

New Business –

A. Report by Hiram Jackson on Parcel Tax – Measures Q and W, which currently fund elementary music programs and a full secondary class schedule, will be expiring at the end of the year. To replace this funding Measure C will be put before the voters in a mail-in ballot due between February 6 - March 6. The current proposal is for the amount requested to equal the same amount as for Measure Q + Measure W (\$320/yr) + a small inflation factor (maybe ~\$60 which could go up or down based on the consumer price index). The term requested would be for five years, and the measure would include an exemption for SSI/disability and people 65 or older if they wished to opt out. The community will need to mount a get-out-the-vote effort to ensure that this measure passes. Wes Young moved and Julie Hochman seconded a motion for Band Boosters to endorse Measure C. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Special Alumni Jazz concert - An announcement was made about a special concert being put on by DHS Jazz Band alumni on December 28, 7-9 pm, at the Brunelle Performance Theater. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Band Boosters to support the Jazz Band trip to New Orleans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Vance (filling in for Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary)



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