

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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

A question to ponder... *If a tuba falls in the middle of a holiday band concert and there is no audience to hear it, are the saxophones still out of tune?*

This past month there were two fantastic performances by our Symphonic and Jazz Bands. While there were appreciative audiences, I couldn't help but wonder why so few parents came to support their students. I think there was plenty of advance notice, including articles in the newsletter. We were performing in the new theater and had two amazing soloists, Julie Hochman and Eric Burger. The programs were very interesting -- an ELECTRIC TROMBONE!— certainly not your usual high school band fare. Still, I would venture that fewer than half the band families attended these performances.

Well, you all have a chance to redeem yourselves. On Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m., the Symphonic and Concert Bands will present their "Winter Rhapsody" concert, featuring selections sure to put you in the holiday mood. The concert will be the first performance this year by our Concert Band. Selections will include a stirring march - "Silvercrest," a double fugue by Bach, and "Overture to a Winter Celebration" – a medley of holiday tunes. A highlight of the Symphonic Band presentation will be the performance of "Rhapsody for Flute and Band" by Stephen Bulla, featuring flute soloist Christine Chu. Now a senior, Christine has been an integral part of our Symphonic Band

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since she came to DHS as a sophomore. She has twice been accepted into the Nor-Cal and All-State Honor Bands. She is one talented student!

This concert will also feature the traditional performance by the combined Concert and Symphonic Bands with songs of the holidays, including "Rhapsody for Hanukkah" and our traditional ending "Auld Lang Syne." We ask for a suggested donation of \$8.00 for General and \$6.00 for Students/Seniors. The theater only holds 525 people, so you might want to arrive early.

Finally, I want to wish you all the happiest of times this season. The band people are the best people I know and your students really are the cream of the school. You are all special people and I am personally thankful to call all of you my friends.

Happy Holidays,

Fred Lange, Director of Bands

Answer... *No! The saxophones at Davis High are NEVER out of tune!*



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🎵 Band Booster President's Message 🎵

Greetings Everyone,

Wow, what a week of great concerts last week!! The Symphonic Band played a great program and was graced with a Cellist Extraordinaire! Thank you to Julie Hochman for adding your musical experience and expertise to the program for our kids to benefit from. The "Jazz Extravaganza" held last Friday was equally amazing, with a strong performance from a group that truly played at a level well above what you would expect from a group that has been together less than 4 months. They were joined by featured artist, Eric Burger, on trombone. Great job! The Jazz Band will next be playing at the Delta Jazz Festival in Stockton on Dec 4th.

We are well into the school year and lots of fun things are in the works. The Rent-a-Band ensembles have met and practiced. If you have a holiday event planned or know of someone who is having one, please consider hiring a Rent-a-Band for that event. Play-a-Thon and Coconut Grove planning activities are starting up. With the DHS MPR closed, we are looking to have these events at either Emerson or Harper MPR. More details will be communicated as they firm up. This is a great opportunity for the students to fundraise for the Spring Trip.

The Spring Trip planning activities are well underway with reservation payments about to be made for airline tickets, hotel rooms, bus & ferry transportations, and more. You should have received information about the trip recently with a schedule of when funds are needed. Since we have some pretty big bills to pay, please try to get your responses in as soon as possible. Thank you much.

A big "**THANK YOU !!**" to all the people who have contributed so far to our Direct Donation Campaign. These funds are critical to maintaining the high quality music program that our great music educators have build over the years. There is more good news, too... if you haven't had a chance to donate yet, there is still time, as we will accept donations all year round. And if you can't find the form, look on our website (www.DHSBandBoosters.com) under "download forms" for a copy.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. Keep the music playing and enjoy!!

Cheers, ~JAH

John Horn, DHS Band Booster President



MUSIC NOTES



Canada Trip Update

The Canada trip is now just 6 months away! By now you should have received a copy of the trip letter (by email and/or a paper copy handed out to each student) with a preliminary itinerary, installment schedule, and other important trip details. This letter is also available to download on the Band Booster web site. If your student is still undecided about the trip, now is the time to make that final decision. We have made airline reservations, but we need to pay for specific tickets in early January. Thus it will not be possible to join the trip after that date unless another student cancels. Now is also the time to be sure your student has their passport (good through at least July 2011), or a notarized copy of their birth certificate. Remember to send a copy of one of these documents along with your first trip installment by the **December 10th due date**. All forms and installments can be mailed to the Band Boosters at: DHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 73522, Davis, CA 95617



Katie Horn,
Band Trip Co-Coordinator

Direct Donations

For those of you still intending to send a donation to Band Boosters for the 2010-2011 school year, the deadline has been extended. We are happy to accept your donation in the month(s) to come. Initial contributions have been generous and **we thank all of you who have already sent in your checks!**

If you would like to help us in soliciting a business for a possible contribution to Band Boosters, or if you have any questions about the Direct Donation Campaign, feel free to contact Julie Hochman at 758-5577 or cellomama1222@aol.com. We also welcome your interest if you would like to help out with next year's Direct Donation Campaign.

Many thanks,
***Your Band Booster Direct Donation
Campaign Committee***

THANK YOU

Rent-a-Band for the Holidays

Planning a holiday party for your home or business?

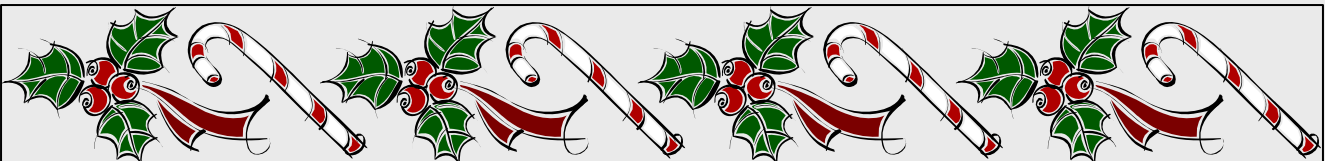
Make it truly special with a live musical performance by Davis High School Band students! A band ensemble of 12 players will serenade you for \$100 for 40 minutes, or \$125 for one hour. Piano soloists are also available at \$60 for one hour.

Events are scheduled from November 20th to December 19th, 2010.

Donating a performance makes a great gift for a nursing home or a non-profit organization.

Proceeds support the DHS Band Program.

Contact Maki Kuper at 530-756-7380 or maki.kuper@gmail.com



Play-a-Thon is Coming!

The band Play-a-Thon is coming in January! For those of you that have not yet experienced this event, it is part fundraiser, part concert, part party, and all fun. Join us on **January 22nd, starting at 7:30 p.m. (site to be announced)**, for an evening of concerts by the Davis High School Combined Band ~ comprised of Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Band students.

The evening begins with an initial performance by the students, after which parents and community members can conduct the band for a \$25 donation. All are also welcome to dust off your old instrument and join the band in playing some fun and easy music. After most of the parents and families have gone home and are sleeping, the band keeps on playing... all through the night! The families may return for the final concert in the morning before picking up their tired (but happy) students.

Students: Very shortly, you will be receiving your **Play-a-Thon pledge sheet**. This is another opportunity for you to earn money toward the Canada Band Trip. You will also receive a **permission slip and a "Code of Conduct" form**. These will need to be filled out and signed by your parents. We will be collecting these forms in the band room beginning in January.

Parents: We will be looking for volunteers to help with the event. Help will be needed with set-up, clean-up, picking up food donations, helping with student check-in, and the all-important chaperoning (all night long!). If you would like to help, please contact me at sweisker@ucdavis.edu or 756-2759.

Sandra Weisker,
Play-a-Thon Coordinator



Nugget Scrip Cards

Many, many thanks to all who are participating in the Scrip programs! Please be on the lookout for the new Nugget Scrip cards. **Nugget will be mailing new cards** (with instructions on how to activate them) to all individuals who have used Scrip within the last year. The cards should be coming in the mail sometime within the next week or two. The cards will need to be registered online, so please take a few moments to do this when you receive them (in spite of your extra busy holiday schedules!). Nugget will reimburse anyone with remaining funds on their current Scrip cards with a check, so not to worry about this. I will also have a supply of the new cards to distribute at the next Band Booster meeting, and at the Winter Concert as well.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 753-4301 or lynnerumery@gmail.com

Happy Holidays,
Lynne Rumery,
Scrip Coordinator





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**SYMPHONIC
& JAZZ BAND
CONCERTS**
~ Nov. '10 ~



DHS Bands 2010-2011 Calendar

November '10

11/30 Tues	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	IPAB
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December '10

12/1 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
12/4 Sat	Delta College Jazz Festival	All Day	Stockton
12/13 Mon	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	IPAB
12/15 Weds	Combined Band Rehearsal	2:30pm	IPAB
12/16 Thurs	Winter Rhapsody Combined Band Concert	7:30pm	IPAB

January '11

1/5 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
1/22 Sat	Folsom Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom
1/22 Sat	Playathon Begins	TBA	DHS MPR
1/23 Sun	Playathon Final Concert	TBA	DHS MPR

February '11

2/2 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
2/9 Weds	Elementary Concert (DHS Band Students Needed)	TBA	IPAB
2/12 Sat	Jazz Choir Cabaret	6:00pm	DHS
2/13 Sun	Jazz Choir Cabaret	6:00pm	DHS
2/16 Weds	Festivity of Bands (Symphonic Band)	TBA	IPAB
2/17 Thurs	Jazz Choir Cabaret Concert	7:00pm	IPAB

March '11

3/9 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
3/12 Sat	Coconut Grove	TBA	MPR
3/17 Thurs	Adjudication Concert Symphonic & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
3/27 Sun	Capitol Jazz Project Concert with DHS Jazz Band	TBA	IPAB
3/28-3/31	Symphonic & Jazz Band Auditions	TBA	DHS PA-3

April '11

4/1-4/3	Monterey Jazz Festival <i>(tentative)</i>	TBA	Monterey
4/13 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
4/16 Sat	UCD Picnic Day (Pep Band Parade & Parking)	TBA	UC Davis
4/19 Tues	Secondary Concert (Symphonic Band)	7:30pm	IPAB
4/21-4/23	Reno Jazz Festival <i>(tentative)</i>	TBA	Reno
4/27 Weds	Combined Band Rehearsal for Canada Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	IPAB

May '11

5/3 Tues	Senior Concert Symphonic & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
5/5 Thurs	Combined Band Rehearsal for Canada Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/9 Mon	Combined Band Rehearsal for Canada Trip <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/11 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
5/19-5/24	Canada Trip (All Bands)!	TBA	Victoria, Canada
5/28 Sat	Combo Concert <i>(tentative)</i>	7:30pm	IPAB

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

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



♪ Band Booster Minutes ~ November 10, 2010 ♪

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.



Approval of Minutes - The October minutes as published by Joyce Boulanger in the November newsletter were unanimously approved.

Music Director's Report - Mr. Lange got his flu shot today. The Symphonic Band will be performing "Legends and Scoundrels" with guest Julie Hochman on Monday evening, and the Jazz Band concert is on Friday evening with Davis High alumni, Eric Burger. A \$300 honorarium will be given to both guests, Julie Hochman on cello and Eric Burger on electric trombone, and a \$100 to the English horn player hired to perform with the Symphonic Band. Jazz Band will be traveling to the Delta Jazz Festival in Stockton the first weekend in December. Parents and friends are encouraged to perform with the Concert and Symphonic Bands at the Winter Concert. If you want to participate, please send Mr. Lange an email requesting music. The new sousaphone and thunder sheet have arrived. The band students will not be giving the usual performance for the junior high students on Monday afternoon.

Student's Report - Pep Band - There is a movement to have some students show up as peppy people with instruments at Saturday's cross country event in Folsom. There is a Pep Band sweatshirt that will be available for students to order soon.

Treasurer's Report - Joyce did not have a report this month as there is nothing significant to report at this time.

Committee Reports -

A. **Car Wash** (Joyce/Theresa) - The second car wash raised \$647. John has someone interested in coordinating future car washes. Maybe we can schedule a couple car washes in the spring at Nugget or somewhere similar.

B. **Davis Jazz Festival** (John) - Those involved in the planning held a meeting following the event to discuss areas of improvement for next year. We will begin planning for next year's event in March so much is done before school is out. We earned \$5,090 net in raffle sales and \$175 in water sales.

C. **Pizza and Yogurt** (Katie) - We earned \$22.13 at Baskin Robbins.

D. **Direct Donations** (Joyce/Kathryn) - \$7,281 has been collected for the "Music to Your Ears" Campaign so far. Mr. Lange would like names of the donors for the concert programs by Friday.

E. **Rent-a-Band** (Maki) - Flyers about Rent-a-Band will be distributed in the concert programs next week. Field trip forms and parent forms will be sent home with students next week. Parents must drive to and from Rent-a-Band events. Student directors have been selected. A Rent-a-Band group may perform at the Farmer's Market to promote this fundraiser.

F. **Play-a-Thon** (Sandra) - There is a mold problem in the MPR so that room is currently not available. We may be using Emerson or Harper MPR if needed.

G. **Coconut Grove** (John) - This event will also need to be held in a place other than the DHS MPR. November 18th will be the first planning meeting at John Horn's home. John will be ensuring that the sub-committees are doing their work. An event coordinator is still needed. Since the MPR is being cleaned out, all of our Coconut Grove decorations need to be removed and stored somewhere else. Lynne Rumery will provide John Horn with information on storage rental.

H. **Concerts, CD/DVD Sales** - John reports that Tom Estes is not available for recording Monday's concert. John is working out a way to have the performance recorded. John will find someone to MC at the Monday evening concert as he will be out of town. Tom will be available for all other performances. (New information: Tom is available to tape the concert on 11/15. Details being worked out between Tom & DMA). Michael George has offered to coordinate the sales of CDs and DVDs. Someone is needed to photograph next week's concerts (Wes Young). Joyce Boulanger will need submissions for December newsletter sooner.

I. **Victoria Spring Trip** (Katie) - The trip has been approved by DJUSD. A letter will be sent home to all students with the preliminary itinerary and installment schedule. We are highly motivated to make the trip as inexpensive as possible. We will be staying at a hotel downtown near the harbor and will be able to walk most places in Victoria. We may be performing at Butchart Gardens. We will frequently update families regarding trip details.

J. **Jazz Band Update** (David) - David and Mr. Lange have been coordinating the Delta Jazz Festival. Parent drivers will be needed. Field trip request has been submitted to the district. David should follow up with Sheila Wardrip to ensure that she is attending and DJUSD has her CPR card. Mr. Lange will be submitting an audition to Monterey. Reno Jazz Festival will be considered if they are not performing at Monterey.

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K. **Scrip** (Lynne) - Nugget is making a change to how the Scrip program is organized. New cards will be made available to all. This new method will be quicker and easier for families to use. Trader Joe's doesn't have a Scrip program. Since Lynne has gotten involved in the Scrip program, we are collecting quite a bit more money. Thanks to Lynne for all her efforts!

L. **Publicity** - Jeannette Vance will be coordinating our concert publicity. If she sends her information to Wes, it can also be posted on the website.

M. **List Serve Administration** - Wes has taken over list serve administration.

Old Business -

A. **Coconut Grove Chair** - We still need someone to coordinate the Coconut Grove event.

B. **Clothing Swap** - People responded to emails about clothes available. Cliva Mee Harder has coordinated something similar at Da Vinci High. If we want to institute something similar, Cliva offered to help with that. In early spring Cliva will let families know by email and newsletter that there is a place where clothes can be donated.

New Business -

A. **DSOMA** representative, Hiram Jackson, shared that the school board has met to evaluate the school budget. There are several things being considered to cut from the 2011-2012 school year including eliminating a 7th period. This would greatly impact the music program as students would have less time for electives. The DJUSD deficit is predicted to be between \$3 and \$7 million. Parcel taxes are being considered. Hiram will be sending a letter on behalf of DSOMA and Band Boosters and the music program generally. He encourages us to consider adding our voices on this topic to the school board. Changes will affect nearly 2,000 families with students involved in music programs. Those present agreed it would be a great idea to have the letter be from DSOMA and Band Boosters.

B. **Repetitive Stress Injuries Speaker** - Arrangements are being made to have a medical professional come talk with students about repetitive stress disorders and their prevention through the Alexander Technique and treatment. The cost will be shared with orchestra. A motion was made to contribute \$175-\$250 towards sharing the cost with orchestra for having someone come talk to students about repetitive stress injuries. It was seconded, then unanimously approved.

Our next Band Booster meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary



Band Boosters Meeting AGENDA **Wednesday, DECEMBER 1, 2010, 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. November 2010II. Music Director's ReportIII. Student Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. General InformationB. Pep BandIV. Treasurer's ReportV. Committee Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Direct Donation CampaignB. Rent-a-BandC. Pizza & Yogurt FundraisersD. Play-a-Thon | <ul style="list-style-type: none">E. Coconut GroveF. Concerts, CD/DVD SalesG. Jazz Band UpdateH. Victoria Spring TripI. ScripJ. Others ?VI. Old Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. BB positions that need filling ASAP<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Coconut Grove Co-Coordinator2. Clothing Swap plansVII. New Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Anything ? |
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Please Join Us!

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Happy
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