

DHS Band Boosters

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz & Pep Bands
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Message from the Band Boosters President:

Hi again everyone,

It is incredible how quickly the year is already going. The holiday concert season is almost upon us.

Thank you to everyone who registered, so we can make sure that your e-mail is on the listserv and you are getting the latest information.

Also thank you to everyone who completed the Victoria trip registration. This is critical to ensure we get the right number of airline tickets and give everyone the opportunity to enjoy the trip. With the trip committee underway and other committees about to get started, we have great opportunities for everyone to help out. Please be open to assisting with Coconut Grove, the Playathon, Trip committee, concert committee and others. After all, it's for our kids.

Cheers,

John Horn, DHS Band Booster President

Spring trip update

Plans are well underway for our spring trip to Victoria, Canada. We will start our trip on Friday May 16th with a visit to the EMP (Experience Music Project) Museum in Seattle, followed by a music clinic at the University of Washington. On Saturday we will head over to Victoria and spend the next three days performing in and around the city while taking in the sights as well. We will return to Davis on Tuesday, May 20.

We have already paid the airline deposit and are currently collecting donation pledges and copies of your travel documents.

Please send your first pledge installment and a copy of the passport or birth certificate that will be used for travel now to our PO Box listed below:

DHS Band Boosters - Spring Trip
PO Box 73522
Davis, CA 95617

Checks should be made payable to: DHS Band Boosters

It's going to be a great trip!

Upcoming Events

November 15

First pledge installment for
Spring Tour to Victoria, B.C.

November 19

Symphonic Band's first concert
IPAB, 7:30 pm

November 22

Fred Lange scholarship
applications due

December 4

Band Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
DHS Room PA3

December 10

Winter Jazz Extravaganza, 7:30 pm
IPAB

December 12

Winter Rhapsody Concert, 7:30 pm
IPAB

Got holiday plans?

You can learn more about how to
Rent a Band for your holiday
celebration on page 2!

Direct donation drive

The 2013-2014 "Music to Your Ears" campaign is currently underway. This direct donation appeal is the principal means of funding the band program. The school district has allocated \$8 per student for the entire year, which is a very small fraction of the funds needed for music, instrument purchases, maintenance and repairs, festival fees, etc. We would like to invite you to help keep the Band Program strong and healthy with your donation. \$100 per family earns you free admission to almost all the band concerts; \$250 donations qualify you to receive the admission passes plus two Band DVDs or CDs of your choice. The DHS Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which means that donations are tax deductible.

By now you should have received a letter in the mail inviting you to make a direct donation, but you can do so at any time during the year by downloading and completing a copy of the donation form at http://groups.dcn.org/dhsbandboosters/download-forms-information/Direct_donation_ltr_2013-14.pdf/document.pdf. You can send your contribution in any amount (every dollar helps!) to:

DHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 73522, Davis, CA 95617.

Thank you for your support!

Holiday Rent a Band!

Rent-a-Band is a way for students to entertain the community leading up to the holidays, have a lot of fun, and raise funds for the Spring Trip. It's also a wonderful way for parents to be involved with the community and the band program.

If you have gig suggestions or want to help in any way, please contact Renee Lawver De Angelis, the Booster Secretary, at dhsbbsecretary@gmail.com. Please talk with your students and encourage them to participate in this festive opportunity.

Rehearsals are scheduled for two Thursdays, November 7 and 14, from 3:30-5:30 pm.

In the past, the band has been booked for 8-10 gigs. The students rehearse with Mr. Slabaugh and play from a library of simple holiday music in four parts. This is a valuable musical experience for the students, as it helps them learn to play in small ensembles of 6-8 players and listen to each other with no conductor. Once trained, he will select student leaders who will be in touch with the parent coordinator.



Raise Money for the Bands by Shopping!



Sign up for eScrip online and every time you shop at an approved retailer, such as Nugget or Food4Less, a percentage automatically goes to the band! Sign up here:

<http://www.escrip.com>.

Our ID# is 137316731, and we are called Davis Senior High School Band Boosters. Register your credit cards and Safeway card at eScrip to support our students! Do you have eScrip questions or do you need a new card? If so, e-mail coordinators Jennifer & Rick Tan: thetanfamily@msn.com

Monday Night Football Fundraiser

Well the season is already a little more than half over. We have had lots of winners and even more people having fun tracking their numbers each week as the two Monday Night Football teams battle it out.

There are still two months of Monday night football left; if you want to enjoy the fun, just e-mail me at john.a.horn@intel.com to get all the details.

Cheers! John Horn

Message from Mr. Slabaugh, Band Director:

Hi all,

We celebrate a successful end to Fall Pep Band season and the first concerts of the year quickly come upon us! There truly is no rest for the weary!

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the **Symphonic Band's first concert** on Tuesday, **November 19th**, beginning at 7:30 pm. They are working really hard and are sounding great on a challenging program:

"Something Borrowed"

All music borrowed from other musical genres

Dance of the Tumblers (from *The Snow Maiden*) – Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Ave Maria (In the round) – Franz Biebl

Klezmer Classics for Wind Orchestra – Johan de Meij

March, Op. 99 – Sergei Prokofieff

Intermission

Pas Redoublé (for 4 hand piano) – Camille Saint-Saëns

Nessun Dorma (from *Turandot*) – Giacomo Puccini

SLAVA! – Leonard Bernstein

The Jazz and Concert Bands are busy at work preparing for performances in December that will be wonderful. Keep an eye out next month for the following:

December 7th – **DHS Jazz Band** at Delta Jazz Festival, Stockton CA (afternoon performance time)

December 10th – **DJUSD Winter Jazz Extravaganza** featuring Harper Jr. High, DEH Jr. High, and DHS Jazz Bands, 7:30pm performance

December 12th - **Winter Rhapsody Concert** featuring the DHS Concert and Symphonic Bands, 7:30pm performance

Finally, the DJUSD Music Staff will be presenting a Music Program Update before the Board of Education on November 21, 2013. Please feel free to come to the Board meeting (likely later in the evening, as we are towards the end of the agenda) and see the results of the staff self-study and report to the board. If you are unable to come out, please watch the proceedings on Channel 17, Educational Access Cable TV for the Davis Joint Unified School District. I have been significantly involved in preparing this presentation and I would love to have all the support for music programs in Davis present at this meeting!

Once again, thank you for sharing your kids with me. They bring me a lot of joy when we share music together.

Mr. Slabaugh



Apply now & audition in December for Fred Lange Scholarships!



Background: In honor of Fredrick Lange’s retirement and his legacy, Davis High School Band Boosters announces the establishment of the Fredrick Lange Scholarships. Four scholarships of \$250 each will be awarded to Band students in the 2013-2014 school year, with Band Boosters intending to make scholarships available in the years to come, as well. The Scholarship Fund is being created to acknowledge the high level of playing cultivated by Mr. Lange during his tenure and the striving for excellence expected from our students. As well, the Scholarship Fund will help the Music Director to make the DHS Bands the best they can be through alleviating shortages of various instruments.

Purpose: Scholarship awards are to be used for private lessons, for students taking up a new-to-them and underrepresented instrument in the Band. The student must be choosing an instrument they have played for less than six months’ time, and must state their intention of playing that instrument in one or more of the DHS Bands for at least one school year. This year the instruments a student can audition for will be French Horn, bassoon, and oboe. Students will audition on their primary instrument but with the above instruments in mind. These scholarships will be awarded based on auditions to be held Wednesday, December 4, 2013 and judged by an outside adjudicator. At that time, a brief verbal interview of interested students will also take place.

Eligibility: This scholarship is open to 9th – 11th grade students enrolled in a Davis school district band program.

Requirements: Students will perform 2-3 minutes of music of their choosing: scales, solo or etude (study piece) material or excerpts from Band pieces—any individual piece or combination of selections that shows the student off to best advantage. In auditioning for a scholarship for lessons in order to begin study on an instrument that is new to you, plan to perform the audition on your “first” instrument.

Be prepared to describe your commitment to being the best musician you can be. You may be asked to verbally answer these questions: What qualities do you aim to bring to the Band(s) through your participation? Why are you choosing the new instrument?

Download the application form at http://groups.dcn.org/dhsbandboosters/download-forms-information/Lange_Scholarship_Audition_Application_Form.pdf.

When: The auditions will take place on Wednesday, December 4th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Band Room at DHS (PA3).



More photos and a wrap-up of October’s Jazz and Beat Festival on page 5



Jazz and Beat Festival – October 4, 2013



The Jazz and Beat Festival, as predicted, was fun and inspiring to watch. The Davis community and visitors heard the Davis High School Jazz Band “hit the high notes” under the direction of Dr. Slabaugh. The Band Boosters connected with the arts community and the general public at the Booster’s Pop Ups. At the



Band Booster’s booth, people saw our Davis High School Bands informational poster, read news about the raffle and ate baked treats donated by our members. The Concert Band sold the most raffle tickets, but the whole band program is a winner! Lamppost Pizza has generously donated a pizza party to the entire Band

Program. The date and time will be announced later.

As a fundraiser, we grossed \$809 before expenses, with the bake sale raising \$219 and the raffle bringing in \$590. All the raffle prizes were donated, and Lamppost Pizza donated the band raffle pizza party and the printing of the raffle tickets—please thank Lamppost Pizza for their support! Other raffle donations were made by the Mondavi Performing Arts Program, who gave our band program a voucher for two tickets to a performance; YoloBerry Yogurt, who gave our program a \$25 gift certificate; the Horn Family, who donated the grand prize of a weekend stay at Serene Lakes; and an anonymous band family, who bought and donated the \$50 Davis Downtown Businesses Gift Card. We would like to thank everyone who donated!



Other people who pitched in to help make the day such a good one included Darlene Comingore, Stanley Young, Jennifer Sommers, Theresa and Lyle Najita, Cate Albright, Gwenn Benner, Christina Young, Diana Wilkinson, Karen Nathanson, Ingrid Brust-Mascher, and Walter Lucio. Also thanks to Mike Busch, Band Booster alumni, who donated his pop-up tent.

I’m sure there were others who dropped off goodies but whose names I didn’t catch during the busy times at the booth. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Katherine Miller, Jazz and Beat Festival coordinator



Instrument donations

Do you have an old, but working, band instrument collecting dust at the back of a closet? Would you like that instrument to be put to good use by a student musician? Please consider donating your instrument to one of the school music programs. It's tax deductible!

Not quite ready to part with the instrument yet, but still want to help? Would you consider loaning or renting it to someone in need? If so, we'd like to hear from you.

For donations or interest in loaning/renting, please email Matt Richter at richthand@gmail.com with your name, e-mail address, and information about the instrument (e.g. type, model, condition, when last played).

Those looking for an instrument to borrow/rent should also email Matt Richter at richthand@gmail.com. Please include your name, student's name, grade, school, and instrument.

Details regarding loans/rentals will be worked out by the parties involved. Please spread the word.



Your instruments can enjoy a new life in our school band programs... like at this year's Jazz and Beat Festival and in the Pep Band at events like Homecoming!

HOMECOMING FUN



Band Concert Clothing Exchange

What: The Junior Highs have organized a **Band Concert Clothing Exchange** facilitated by All Things Right and Relevant, a non-profit consignment store, to raise money for the Fred Lange Band Scholarship.

Why: A win-win opportunity to buy concert dress clothes at great prices for growing band members, pass on outgrown clothing to younger band members, and benefit both the band and the community.

Approximately 50% of the sale profits will go to the Fred Lange Band Scholarship, which pays for private lessons for students taking up a new-to-them and underrepresented instrument (e.g. bassoon or oboe). The other 50% goes to All Things Right and Relevant to benefit 10 nonprofit agencies in Yolo County supporting mental health.

When: Clothing has been collected and can be purchased at All Things Right & Relevant, a non-profit consignment store, starting the week of **Tuesday, November 12th**—in plenty of time before the first concert of the season! You can expect to find many items of clothing priced at \$15 and less.



We hope to have available for purchase:

Men's attire: Black jackets, black slacks, black dress shoes, black socks, white button-down long sleeve shirts, and black bow ties.

Women's attire: Black footwear, white dress shirts, black slacks, black dresses (not strapless or with spaghetti straps). Length of black skirts and dresses must be below the knee when sitting, and all white blouses must have some sleeve.

For questions, please contact:

Suzette Smiley-Jewell (smsmiley@ucdavis.edu), 753-2625



Please don't forget to register at www.dhsbandboosters2.com. By registering, you will earn your student 15 extra credit points! In addition, the information you provide during registration will help us to plan upcoming trips and events. Next week I will start contacting people individually. Many thanks to everyone who has already registered! We really appreciate your help. Cheers, John A. Horn, Band Boosters President

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Band Booster Minutes—October 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Minutes—The minutes from the June 5th and September 4th meetings were shared via the list serves. A motion for the approval of the minutes was made and seconded, and it passed by voice vote. The minutes from tonight's meeting will be posted in the upcoming newsletter for consideration on November 6th.

Band Director's Report—Mr. Tom Slabaugh gave the Director's report. The jazz band is playing Ellington for their first concert this weekend at the Davis Jazz and Beat Festival. Today, the symphonic band started reading through music with the theme of "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" for the December concert. Concert band is working on a variety of different music.

This Friday is the homecoming rally and dance. The homecoming parade and football game is next Friday. The students have fieldtrip permission and insurance forms to participate in the homecoming parade next week. The forms, 2a and 2b, are also on the website. Parent assistants are needed to transport heavy instruments to and from the parade site. Tom wrote "He's a Pirate" for the Principal who agreed to wear an eye patch.

Pep Band Report—Co-directors: Andy Miller and Armen Hovagimian

Two designs have been submitted for the t-shirts. A couple more designs are expected. The design ideas will be shared with the Director and Boosters. The pep band will vote for their favorite. There is a rehearsal tomorrow for the rally, practice with the Freshmen next Wednesday, and the football game on Friday.

Themes will be announced.

Treasurer's Report—Deepali Bhargava provided the Treasurer's report. If you have expenses, please turn in your donation request form and receipts within 45 days of the expense. The reimbursement form can be downloaded from the Booster website. If you choose to donate and not be reimbursed, you can obtain a receipt for the tax deduction from Deepali.

Savings \$15,782

Checking \$32,672.14

- General Fund \$28,619.00
- Music Fund \$(3,791.00)
- Scholarship Fund \$1,280
- IPAB Fund \$3,130
- Trips \$1,975
- Total \$31,213.00*

*Difference as some checks waiting to be cleared.

Income:

Total: \$4,046

- Football Fundraiser: \$2,200
- Car Wash 1 and 2: \$1,346
- Music To Your Ears Direct Donation Campaign: \$500

Expenses:

Total: \$5,500

- Administrative: \$550
- Instrument Repair: \$3,785
- Festival Fees: \$675
- Welcome BBQ: \$288
- Office Supplies: \$202

2013-14 Calendar Overview

10/5	DHS Band Booster Car Wash #4—cancelled
10/5	Davis (Natsoulas) Jazz & Beat Festival – DHS Jazz Band
10/9	Pep Band Rehearsal w/ 9th Graders
10/11	Homecoming: 1pm Parade & DHS Football – Pep Band
Nov/Dec	Rent-a-Band
12/7	Delta Jazz Festival
12/10	Winter Jazz Extravaganza
12/12	Winter Rhapsody Concert
1/17-18	Playathon (all nighter ☺)
Jan/Feb	Honor Bands
1/25	Folsom Jazz Festival
2/19	Festivity of Bands
3/8	Coconut Grove
4/11	Concert Band Festival
4/12	Picnic Day Parade
5/6	Senior Concert & Awards Evening
5/10	Festival of the Arts
5/15-19	Spring Band Trip to Victoria, Canada
7/4	Fourth of July Parade

Check online for updates at dhsbandboosters.com

Registration

More than half (58%) of the band families have signed up. Folks commented that the forms are easy to complete and will be very useful. The junior high booster programs may use the forms as well, which will help with jump-starting communication with families of 9th graders as they transition to 10th grade. Many thanks go to John Horn for working out the kinks. All three junior high booster organizations have been sending out messages to ask parents of 10th graders to sign up for the DHS Band Boosters list serve. All families are asked to please go to DHSbandboosters.com to sign up for the list serve as soon as possible. This is how we will

know your student's shirt size for orders.

Committees

The following positions are open:

- Concert coordinator
- Concert program developer
- Jazz combo/choir coordinator
- Jazz band trip coordinator
- Coordinator of food fundraisers such as Yoberry and Lamppost Pizza.

We have a Facebook coordinator and multiple photographers. We have a co-coordinator for Coconut Grove, and she will also help with the Lange scholarship.

Monday Night Football Fundraiser—We have sold 55 of the 100 squares for the Monday night football fundraiser. We expect to earn at least \$975, but can raise more as we continue to sell squares. Twelve weeks of football remain.

Lange scholarship—Julie Hochman offered to help the new coordinator. Poornima Balasubramanyam will coordinate when she gets back in town. The scholarship subsidizes the recipients' first several lessons. The most needed instruments are bassoons, French horns, and oboes. We are asking the junior high booster groups to contribute \$250 each and we will contribute \$250 to total \$1000 for each year. The audition information will be provided in the upcoming newsletter. Auditions will be held the week after Thanksgiving. The scholarship recipients will be announced after the Winter Rhapsody concert on December 12. Mr. Slabaugh will let the current band members know about this opportunity. John is meeting with the junior high booster presidents to discuss this and other topics.

Jazz and Beat Festival—Coordinator: Katherine Miller

Katherine discussed the festival and invited boosters to volunteer. The Jazz and Beat Festival, put on by John Natsoulas the weekend of 10/4/2013 and 10/5/2013, provides an exciting venue for the DHS Jazz Band to play, and it provides fundraising for the entire band program. Thanks to John and Katie Horn for donating the raffle Grand Prize—a weekend at Serene Lakes. Thanks also to Jim Matthews at Lamp Post Pizza who printed the raffle tickets for us and included a \$5 pizza gift certificate on the tickets. You can help support the fundraiser in any of the following ways:

—Sell Raffle Tickets on the day of the Festival. The Booster officers already applied to the Attorney General for a license for raffles.

—Sign up to help staff the Pop-up Tent on the day of the Festival. (Look for the Sign-up Genius invitation)

—Bring goodies, like cookies or other items, to sell at the Pop-up Tent

—Come hear the Jazz Band perform at Davis Commons (near Whole Foods) at 4:00 pm on 10/5/2013.

Instrument Donations—Emerson Band Booster President, Matt Richter, discussed the instrument donation list serve request he sent. He is also interested in borrowing instruments that may be sitting in closets.

Exchange for concert attire—Suzette Smiley-Jewell is working with Right and Relevant, a local consignment store, to hold a concert dress clothing exchange for the junior highs and the high school. Parents can take gently used concert attire to a box at school sites and a few houses around Davis. The collection will be the last two weeks in October. On November 11, people can purchase concert attire from Right and Relevant. Half the sales price goes to Right and Relevant and half goes to the Lange scholarship fund. Girls need black dresses with sleeves or blouses and skirts. No strapless dresses and no spaghetti straps. Boys need black pants, white button-down shirt, black coat, black dress shoes and socks, and black bowties. Suzette has a write-up and will provide to Stanley to share with *The Enterprise*.

Newsletter—Coordinator: Heather Bock

Heather will publish the newsletter by the end of the week. We will look for a more prominent place for the newsletter on the website.

Car Wash—Coordinator: Gwynn Benner

The first three car washes were a great success. The Boosters decided the final car wash,

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scheduled for Oct. 5th, would be cancelled due to lack of student availability.

Direct Donations—Co-Coordinator: Renée Lawver De Angelis and Ingrid Brust-Mascher, Committee member: Diana Wilkinson

The Direct Donation Campaign, or “Music to Your Ears” Campaign, will kick-off this month. A letter will be sent to band families requesting a donation to support the music program. The letter and form will also be provided on the website. Maintaining the quality and excellence of the band program requires new music, instrument repairs, new instrument purchases, music festival participation fees, and adjudicators’ fees.

Rent-a-Band—Co-Coordinator: Renée Lawver De Angelis and Jennifer Sommer

Rent-a-band is a way for students to entertain the community leading up to the holidays, have fun, and raise funds toward the Spring Trip. Look for more information in late October/early November.

Spring Trip Update—Coordinator: Katie Horn

The Spring Trip for all bands is Friday 5/16 through Tuesday 5/20. The Queen’s birthday is 5/19. Trip information and the registration notice will be sent home with students this month. A committee meeting will be scheduled before winter break. The first cut-off for payment is November for the airline. The second pledge installment is January 15 and the final pledge installment is February 15.

Old Business—Polo shirt for informal performances

Tom would like a polo shirt for informal performances such as back-to-school night, picnic-in-the-park, parades, and some performances on the Spring trip.

John made a motion to proceed with getting polo shirts with a school logo on front and blank on the back. Wes seconded the motion. Ingrid will check where Harper band boosters got their polo shirts. A suggestion was made to also get girls sizes, since many girls are smaller than the adult small size. The Boosters may be able to fund a portion of the cost.

New Business—None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée Lawver De Angelis

Band Booster Secretary