

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



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Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz & Pep Bands  
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## Mary Fettig, Fred Lange & Celia Cottle

### ♪ Band Director Fred Lange's Message ♪

TOLD YOU SO! (Oops, I promised Mrs. Lange I wouldn't say that). There are so many superlatives one could use to describe the November concerts...

**Astounding! Electric! Monumental! Breathtaking! Amazing!**

But the real feelings defy description. If you were there, YOU KNOW -- if you were not there, you missed out. Your students played beyond their ability and gave Davis High -- NO, every musical group in the city -- a goal to shoot at for musical enjoyment. All groups in this town will need to work to match the skill and musicality that was displayed in those performances. Those of you who were at the Band Booster meeting of November, all I can say is "I told you so!" (Oops, there I go again!).

Special thanks goes to Ms. LuAnn Higgs, who added so much to the **Symphonic Band Concert** -- "Lest We Forget", and Mary Fettig, our **Jazz Extravaganza** artist, who gave us a saxophone evening

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to remember for a long time. I told you... (There I go again).

Thanks also to our Concert Committee, Peggy Bernardy and company, for providing all the support that makes our programs so special.

Now, looking forward...

'Twas the month of Christmas and all through the band room, SO MUCH WAS HAPPENING THAT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO LIST IT ALL! (Yeah, I know it doesn't rhyme - but we are really busy this month).

First and foremost, our **Winter Rhapsody Concert**, the first formal performance of the Concert Band with Mr. Clyde Quick conducting, comes to us on **December 15**. This concert, to be held in our own IPAB Theater at 7:30 p.m., has something for everyone. The primary focus will be music for the holidays ("Ding, Dong, Merrily on High", "The First Noel", "Coventry Variant") as well as contemporary band works. A special part of the evening will be the performance of the "Concertino for Clarinet & Band" by Frank Bencriscutto, featuring student soloist, Evan Hamaguchi. There will be no advanced tickets, so come early (the Theater only seats 550). A suggested donation of \$8.00 for General, \$6.00 for Students & Seniors, or \$20.00 per Family will be asked.

What else...

Well, the Jazz Band participates in the **Delta Jazz Festival** in Stockton on **December 3**. If they play as well as they did in November, I'm certain we will do well at this Festival!

And... ??

Don't forget **Rent-A-Band** - the chance for your student to earn money for his or her trip to San Diego, or, better yet - hire the group for a performance at your party or family gathering.

**Pep Band** at DHS Basketball games (coming in January). Jenny promises to have a list of dates for us soon. We will include it in the newsletter and also send it out on the Listserv.

See? Lots more than mice are stirring in our band room!

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!  
**Mr. Fredrick Lange, Band Director**



## ♪ Band Booster President's Message ♪

Greetings Band Booster Families,

Well, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday!! We definitely have many things for which to be thankful. The week before the break, we had two terrific concerts, "Lest We Forget" and the Jazz Extravaganza! Both were fabulous! We should really be thankful for our community agreeing to support our Elementary, Junior High, and High School music programs!! The level of performance of these groups would not be possible without their support. We should also be thankful for our great music educators at all levels. It is through their dedication that our students are able to perform at the level they currently do. We should be thankful to all the parents, families, and friends that support our musicians. The positive support system that the music community provides allows our students to flourish in a safer, more healthy learning environment. It also provides them with a means of being able to communicate with anyone in the world through their music. Quite a gift! And I am thankful for all those who are helping out with our teams to allow for a better experience for our children.

Thank you to all the families who have contributed to the 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 donation form, look on our website ([www.DHSBandBoosters.com](http://www.DHSBandBoosters.com)) under "download forms" for a copy.

Remember that December is upon us, and with that comes our Winter Rhapsody Concert, the opportunity to hire one of our Rent-A-Bands, and a special Jazz Combo Benefit Concert (over the winter break, more information will be sent out separately about this concert).

So look around, and be thankful for what we have, because many communities don't even come close.

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

Cheers, ~JAH

**John Horn, DHS Band Booster President**



### Band Boosters Meeting Agenda Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

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| I. Approval of Minutes - Nov. '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 Benefit Concert | VII. New Business             |
| E. Play-A-Thon Update                      | A. Other                      |

**December 7**

# MUSIC NOTES



## San Diego Trip



The Band Trip to San Diego is set for **April 26—30, 2012!**

Trip planning is well underway, and our performance on the USS Midway has been secured. A masters class session at UC San Diego has also been reserved. An additional performance and touring locations are being firmed up by the committee - we'll keep you posted as details become set.

Please remember to fill out the **orange trip form** that was sent home with the band students in November. **We need a completed form from every band student** so we know who is and who is not planning to go to San Diego. **We need to have the forms and initial deposits by Monday, December 5.** Forms may be turned in to the box in the band room, or mailed to the band post office box as indicated on the form. Additional copies of this form are available on the band website if you need one.

Band Boosters exists in part to ensure that all students who want to attend these memorable trips are able to. Please contact John Horn at [dhsbbpresident@gmail.com](mailto:dhsbbpresident@gmail.com) if you would like more information about financial help for this trip.

**Katie Horn, Band Trip Coordinator**

## Play-A-Thon

**Play-A-Thon is coming!**

An updated version of an old tradition is on the way! Save time on the weekend of Friday, January 20, to Sunday, January 22, for the 2012 version of Play-A-Thon. **More information with finalized dates and times will be coming soon.** We're planning some new twists, but it will still be a great chance to relax after finals, play some great music with good friends, and earn some funds for your band trip account. If you didn't already contribute your suggestions and opinions about Play-A-Thon on the survey, please send them to Jeanette Vance at [dhsbbpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:dhsbbpublicity@gmail.com).

**Jeanette Vance, Play-A-Thon Coordinator**

## Rent-A-Band

Band students are ready to perform at your house or business, and **it is not too late to request a performance!** The Rent-A-Band fundraiser has been a fixture of the DHS Bands for over 26 years! People throughout Davis have hired small groups of students to provide holiday entertainment at all sorts of gatherings.



If you are planning a party during the holidays, groups of students from Symphonic, Jazz, and Concert Bands have practiced their holiday music. Leaders are in place, and groups are waiting to play at your house or business. Consider hiring a group to entertain at a senior living center. You will be surprised at how much fun it is to delight your guests with live music.

We are sending out a bigger and better sound this year with an ensemble of 6 to 12 students to entertain you. You may hire them for **40 minutes @ \$100** or **1 hour @ \$125**. Piano soloists are also available at \$60. Gigs can be scheduled between November 19 and December 18.

To book your gig, please contact Maki Kuper ASAP at [maki.kuper@gmail.com](mailto:maki.kuper@gmail.com) or 756-7380.

Cheers for the Holidays!  
**Maki Kuper, Rent-A-Band Coordinator**





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Symphonic & Jazz  
Band Concerts  
November 2011

# DHS Bands 2011-2012 Calendar

## December '11

12/3 Sat	Jazz Band ~ "Delta College Jazz Festival"	All Day	Stockton
12/7 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
12/12 Mon	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	IPAB
12/14 Weds	Combined Band Rehearsal	2:30pm	IPAB
12/15 Thurs	Combined Bands ~ "Winter Rhapsody Concert"	7:30pm	IPAB

## January '12

1/4 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
1/28 Mon	Jazz Band ~ "Folsom High School Jazz Festival"	TBA	TBA
1/20-1/22 Fri-Sun	Play-A-Thon (the dates & times will be finalized soon!)	TBA	TBA

## February '12

2/1 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
2/2-2/4 Thurs-Sat	NorCal Honor Band (selected by audition tapes)	TBA	Chico
2/11 Sat	Jazz Choir Cabaret	6:00pm	Emerson
2/12 Sun	Jazz Choir Cabaret	5:00pm	Emerson
2/16 Thurs	Jazz Choir Cabaret ~ Concert Version	7:00pm	IPAB
2/16-2/19 Thurs-Sun	All State Honor Band (selected by audition tapes)	TBA	Fresno
2/29 Weds	Symphonic Band ~ "Festivity of Bands" w/UCD & CSUS	TBA	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	TBA	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"	TBA	TBA
5/30 Weds	"Picnic & Pops in the Park Concert"	6:00 p.m.	Central Park

## June '12

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



The full calendar is also conveniently  
located at [www.DHSBandBoosters.com](http://www.DHSBandBoosters.com)

## 🎵 Band Booster Minutes ~ November 9, 2011 🎵

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – The October meeting minutes as published in the November Band Boosters newsletter were unanimously approved.
3. **Music Director's Report** – Mr. Lange shared that last Sunday select members of the Symphonic Band participated in the Sister City Concert. Coming up is the concert, "Lest We Forget," honoring people who served in the military. Friday evening the Jazz Band will perform with guest artist Mary Fettig. That evening we will also honor Celia Cottle. People are encouraged to email John Horn with thoughts to share about her. Symphonic Band will have a very important rehearsal this Sunday evening prior to the concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Quick says the Concert Band is preparing for the Winter Rhapsody. Band families are encouraged to invite their friends and family to attend these performances.
4. **Student Report** – Mr. Quick said that the football season was great. The senior students were announced at the senior game. The band is now preparing for basketball season. For those who pre-ordered Pep Band sweatshirts they are \$25.00, payable to Band Boosters, and will be available the beginning of December.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – There is \$43,000 in the Band Boosters accounts: savings has \$15,735.92; checking has \$27,243.31 (General \$17,299.37, Music Fund \$1,559.68, IPAB Fund \$3,132.50, Student Accounting \$5, 251.76). Direct Donation Campaign \$5,780 to date, Other Donations equal \$1,577, Car Wash \$930. The 30 students who worked at the car wash earned \$13.73/hour in credits, Davis Jazz & Beat Festival raffle around \$2,900. Several students worked really hard to sell tickets at the event bringing in another \$617. Students at the ticket booth and performers earned a total of \$470 in credits.
6. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **Car Wash** – The last car wash was extended to 6 hours. John has already sent out the request for car wash dates for next school year. We need a place to store car wash supplies until next year. If you are willing to hold it until next year, please contact John Horn.
  - B. **Davis Jazz Festival** – The Jazz Band played very well and it was a beautiful afternoon. The position of the stage allowed for more shade. Natsoulas did all the set up. We had minimal involvement in the event which was great.
  - C. **Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers** – No report. If anyone is interested in talking to Lamppost, Woodstock's, Yoloberry, Baskin Robbins, or The Grad to arrange fundraising, please contact John Horn. Jill They is willing to contact Cultive to see if they will work with us.
  - D. **Direct Donations** – The letter has been sent out and donations are coming in. Donors will be listed in the concert brochures. This fundraiser will be announced at the concert. Donations are to be collected through November 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. **Rent-A-Band** – The first rehearsal was held Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Maki will send out a special announcement and flyer in the next newsletter. If you are having a holiday party, or know someone having a party, consider hiring a group to perform. Permission slips are being collected and parent drivers are needed for carpools.
  - F. **January Fundraiser** – Katie Horn sent out a survey to students about Play-A-Thon. About a third of the band, or 55 students, responded. The majority of those responding had fun and liked the dancing, eating, and staying up all night with friends. Less fun was the seriousness of the college student conductors from UOP. We are considering having no evening or morning concert. There may be different happenings during each hour, like students conducting, playing Pep Band music or circus music, or using different instruments. We are also looking into a Bowl-A-Thon at MU. Maybe the long weekend date is not convenient for families.
  - G. **Coconut Grove** – Sue Ebeler says the committee met. There are a good group of people helping with the activities. Help is still needed with food and silent auction. All committees need parents of students (not seniors) to assist. Please consider donating a string of white lights for the event. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.
  - H. **Concerts, CD/DVD Sales** – Michael George has been contacted to come for Monday's concert. Sales will be available for one week after each concert. Order forms will be available in the band room for last minute orders. John will talk to Michael George about having an order form after concerts and in the band room.
  - I. **San Diego Spring Trip** – Busses, hotel, and concert venues are confirmed. The trip itinerary may include a tour of UC San Diego, and a BBQ. A bright orange paper was sent home with students. Please return by December 5<sup>th</sup> with deposit. It will be sent out on the listserv. Sea World is quite expensive, so we are deciding whether or not to go there.
  - J. **New Orleans Jazz Band Trip** – John Horn requested all Jazz Band parents to stay after the meeting to get more details about the trip to New Orleans.
  - K. **Scrip** – Nothing new to report.



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7. **Old Business** – Carrie Juchau suggests we consider making t-shirts for band parents. John will continue to research student band shirts and now parent band shirts.
8. **New Business** – The band calendar will be updated and redistributed.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary**



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Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers		
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