

DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



**October
2011**

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

PARENTS... WE NEED YOU!!

Welcome to the most enthusiastic and effective support group in our community, the Davis High School Band Boosters. Now that your student is an active member of the band, we hope you will take advantage of this outstanding positive family experience. It is the opportunity to join your son or daughter in the attainment of a mutual goal, something you do not want to miss.

At a time when young people are making crucial decisions concerning personal behavior, ethics, integrity, morals, and an array of vital life choices, wouldn't you like to be around to have some influence on their direction? Band parents enjoy this unusual vantage point, and all of the band members benefit from such a healthy relationship.

Band parents are also integrated into every phase of the program. They are not passive observers, or simply a polite sideline audience, but active contributors in the daily operation of the program. The ongoing success of our program is in direct proportion to the support of our parents. **WE NEED YOU!!**

I often think there is as much pride in our band parent organization as there is in the band itself. Many of our parent participants have found hidden social benefits for their own growth and development. Not only do our boosters work hand-in-hand with our band program, but they relish the

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exchange with other parents who share a common interest.

You may think there are not enough hours in the day to add one more responsibility to your schedule. This is a legitimate consideration; however, we are sensitive to the situation. You will find everyone is willing to make the necessary accommodations so all parents can become involved. It is a chance that will only come around once in your high school student's life.

Our next scheduled Band Boosters meeting is Wednesday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the DHS Band Room. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to be with us for a brief meeting to meet our veteran members and get a bird's-eye view of our band program. You will also enjoy the optimistic atmosphere of our band's number one fan club – our band parents. You will quickly sense the caring and sharing attitude that has become the trademark of this group. I urge you to attend our meetings, become an active member of the various committees, and join the ranks of a wonderful "band of parents" who ensure our students are at the front of life's parade.

GOODBYE AND HELLO...

I think most of you have heard by now that this will probably be my last year as Band Director at Davis High School. After 25 years, it is time for a much-needed rest and return to my family. This year I have started the cut-back by relinquishing one of my classes at DHS - the Concert Band - and increasing my load at the elementary level.

This year we welcome Mr. Clyde Quick to Davis High School as Director for our Concert Band! Mr. Quick is also currently the Band Director at Holmes Junior High School. While the High School presents new challenges for him, he is already familiar with our school district. Mr. Quick will also be responsible for the workings of our Pep Band.

Best of luck to you, Mr. Quick!

Personal regards,
Mr. Fredrick Lange, Band Director



♪ Band Booster President's Message ♪

**Welcome back to another year of great musical opportunities.
We're off to a fantastic start!**

The Band Booster Officers hosted the annual "Welcome Back BBQ" for the bands during the second week of school, just prior to a Pep Band rehearsal. At Pep Band rehearsals this year, we added in some basic block formation marching instruction, so the group would look polished moving from point to point. This has already paid off, as the Pep Band sounded AND LOOKED great during the Homecoming Parade!!

We're off to a slow start on the fundraising front, with the first two car washes unfortunately needing to be cancelled. The first cancellation was due to a shortage of additional help, and the second due to a holiday that I forgot to account for. SOOOOO..... the third car wash is coming up on October 29, and we can still use some more help. This one will be located at the District Lot adjacent to the Farmers Market (as long as Mother Nature cooperates!).

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with football games, Pep Band, and all of the other activities during the year! There are still lots of open slots available, so please don't be shy. Sign up and have some fun with your kids and the other adults helping out.

Planning for many events is already underway, and the committees have actively been working toward their goals. The San Diego Band Trip Committee is well underway, planning the Spring Trip. Another committee is actively working out the details of the Jazz Band and Jazz Choir's trip to New Orleans. The Coconut Grove Committee is forming and about to get started. There are also multiple items being worked on for the January Fundraising Day. The committee working on the Davis Jazz Festival in October, where we will be raffling off several neat prizes, is sorting out the final details. Raffle ticket sales are expected to start in the beginning of October. This is an activity that EVERYONE in ALL Bands can participate in. In previous years, some students actually earned credit that reduced their trip costs by several hundred dollars by selling raffle tickets. Students... take advantage of this great fundraising opportunity!

I can foresee this year being great. Lots of fun activities, trips, events, concerts, and friends. I look forward to seeing all of you at our concerts, and at as many of the other events that you can make! Mr. Lange's last year is going to be a great one!

Cheers, ~JAH

John Horn, Band Booster President

Band Boosters Meeting Agenda Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

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| I. Approval of Minutes - Aug. '11 | G. Coconut Grove |
| II. Music Director(s) Reports | H. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales |
| III. Student Report - Pep Band | I. San Diego Spring Trip |
| IV. Treasurer's Report | J. New Orleans Jazz Band Trip |
| V. Committee Reports | K. Scrip |
| A. Car Wash | L. Others? |
| B. Davis Jazz & Beat Festival | VI. Old Business |
| C. Pizza / Yogurt Fundraisers | A. Open BB Positions - see |
| D. Direct Donations | SignUp Genius for list |
| E. Rent-A-Band | VII. New Business |
| F. January Fundraiser | A. Other |
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October 5!

Band Booster Officers & Chairs

OFFICER POSITION

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Vice President

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Secretary

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Publicity Coordinator

Facebook Coordinator

SignUp Genius Administrator

Scrip Coordinator

Photographer

Newsletter Editor

Concert Coordinator

Concert Refreshment Coordinator

Concert CD / DVD Orders

Concert Program Developer

Direct Donation Drive Coordinator

Direct Donation Drive Assistant

Rent-A-Band Coordinator

Play-A-Thon Coordinator

Coconut Grove Coordinator

Coconut Grove Coordinator

Coconut Grove Asst Coordinator

Online Auction Coordinator

Spring Trip Coordinator

Spring Trip Coordinator

Jazz Combo / Choir Liaison

Jazz Band Trip Coordinator

Jazz Band Liaison

Jazz Band Coordinator

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John Ebeler

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Jeanette Vance

Sheila Allen

Beth Stein

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Howard Chew

Joyce Boulanger

Peggy Bernardy

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*** OPEN POSITIONS ***

Pep Band Coordinators (2 people)

Car Wash Coordinators (2 people)

Picnic Day Parking Coordinator

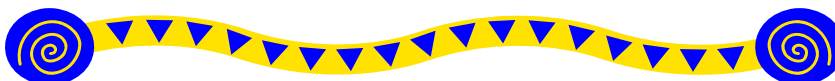
Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers

Coconut Grove Asst Coordinator

Rent-A-Band Asst Coordinator



If you are interested
in volunteering, please visit
www.SignUpGenius.com
/go/20111239/753671
Thank you!



Davis Jazz & Beat Festival

**The 5th Annual
Davis Jazz & Beat Festival
will take place on
Saturday, October 22!**

There will be two stages downtown: the Main Stage at Davis Commons, and the Armadillo Music Stage. **The DHS Jazz Band will perform at 4:15 p.m.** on the Main Stage. Other highlights include performances by Celia Cottle's "Crazy Eights" and the UC Davis Jazz Combo. The full schedule can be found on the John Natsoulas Gallery website at www.natsoulas.com.

As part of the Davis Jazz & Beat Festival, we will be selling **raffle tickets**, expected to begin in early October. All members of all of the Bands may participate in this fundraiser. The Band Boosters will be raffling off several Grand Prizes. Two prizes have already been identified, but we are still looking for one or two additional options. **If you have any items, services, or ideas for another Grand Prize, please contact John Horn at dhsbbpresident@gmail.com.**

David Cross & John Horn

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5th annual

DAVIS JAZZ & BEAT FESTIVAL

DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND FEATURED

**OCT. 22, 2011
NOON-11PM**

OCT. 21, 2011 • 6PM - 10PM

John Natsoulas Gallery 521 First St. Davis, CA



♪ Pep Band Director's Message ♪

The Pep Band has helped kick the year off to a great start! We've performed at three fantastic football games, had some great rehearsals and a welcome-back barbecue, not to mention the Homecoming Parade. All the events have been extremely successful and exciting – kids are dressing up in awesome costumes, and we've tried some new things (marching onto the track before the game, playing while walking in the Homecoming Parade) which have all gone very well. The next exciting new event is coming up next week: the 9th grade band members at all the junior highs have been invited to play with the Pep Band at the football game on **Friday, October 7**. We will meet in the band room a bit early before the game to rehearse with them, and they will sit in with the band for most of the game. There will be two more football games following: **Friday, October 21**, and **Friday, November 4**. Look forward to some exciting costume themes for these games! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped to supervise games and help out, and an extra big thanks to Mr. Lange and Mr. Quick who have been doing a lot of planning and organizing to keep the Pep Band hip and happening!



Jenny Horn, Pep Band Director





**PEP BAND
at Football
~ Sept. 2011 ~**



**Photos by
Katie & John Horn**



BEHAVIOR STANDARDS FOR PEP BAND

Pep Band is, arguably, one of the most enjoyable things about being in the band. It is so fun that we frequently have 120 or more students participating at a single game. No longer do we have Pep Band, but now it is PEP BAND!

Having this much participation is GREAT, but it is quickly becoming more and more difficult to make sure everyone is doing the job of cheering on the team.

There seem to be many misconceptions about the rules for Pep Band participation. Too many students do not know the proper behavior at these events and we have now had a couple of incidents that make it necessary to establish clear guidelines. Please understand that when you tell your parents that you are with the Pep Band, your safety is MY responsibility.

I have listed the major points below. I am willing to discuss any and all of these rules.

- You must stay with the band the entire time we are at the game. If you wish to leave the group, please ask permission. DO NOT climb off the back row of the bleachers.
- If your parents insist that you must leave the band earlier than the end of the game, you must bring a note from your parents.
- You will have the first 8 minutes of the 3rd quarter of the game to visit the snack bar. You must be back with the band when the field clock reads 4:00 minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter.
- Do not play your instrument unless doing so with the entire group.
- Cheering is good - Cursing is bad. Let's keep all cheering POSITIVE. Do not disgrace our school by saying something that might put down the opposition!
- Only students enrolled in the band program may participate in Pep Band.
- Non-band students may not sit in the band area. If you wish to sit with your non-band friends, please sit next to the edge and have them sit outside the group.
- You may not use school saxophones, or alto or bass clarinets for Pep Band. Period!!
- I do not think it is wise to leave your instrument unattended on the bleachers during your break – however it is your instrument and is up to you. Do you think it is good to eat a lot of junk food during the break and then blow it into your instrument?
- Please consider taking your horn with you on break – don't leave them on the bleachers to get scratched, dented, damaged, etc.
- Costumes have become a super part of Pep Band, however you may not dress to mock or defame any group. Boys may not dress as girls.

If any student willingly breaks any of the above rules, the following will be implemented:

- Any points earned at this event will be forfeit.
- 50 points will be deducted.
- Parents will be informed.
- The student will be forbidden from participating in Pep Band for the remainder of the school year.

I have read and understand the above behavior standards for Pep Band and agree to abide by them.

 student signature

 parent signature

 student name (printed)

This form must be signed and returned before you will be allowed to participate in Pep Band.

DHS Bands 2011-2012 (Partial) Calendar

October '11

10/5 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
10/7 Fri	Pep Band @ Football	6:15pm	DHS PA-3
10/21 Fri	Pep Band @ Football	6:15pm	DHS PA-3
10/22 Sat	Jazz Band ~ "Davis Jazz & Beat Festival"	4:15pm	Davis Commons
10/29 Sat	Car Wash	9am-1pm	DJUSD

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
12/10 Sat	Jazz Band ~ "Sacramento State Jazz Festival"	All Day	Sac State
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

November '11

11/4 Fri	Pep Band @ Football	6:15pm	DHS PA-3
11/6 Sun	Symphonic Band ~ "Sister City Band Concert" w/UCD	TBA	Vet's Theater
11/8 Tues	Rent-A Band Rehearsal	3:30pm	DHS
11/9 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
11/10 Thurs	Rent-A Band Rehearsal	3:30pm	DHS
11/10 Thurs	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	DHS
11/13 Sun	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:00pm	IPAB
11/14 Mon	Symphonic Band ~ "Lest We Forget" Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
11/16 Weds	Jazz Band Rehearsal	7:30pm-9:30pm	IPAB
11/17 Thurs	Rent-A Band Rehearsal	3:30pm	DHS
11/18 Fri	Jazz Band ~ "Jazz Extravaganza Concert"	7:30pm	IPAB
11/29 Tues	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	IPAB

January '12

1/4 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
1/21 Sat	Band Booster End-of-Semester Fundraising Event	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

Remaining months will be posted in future newsletters.
The full calendar is also conveniently located at
www.DHSBandBoosters.com



🎵 Band Booster Minutes ~ August 30, 2011 🎵

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.



Welcome – Mr. Fred Lange welcomed all to the first DHS Band Booster meeting of the 2011-12 school year. This will be his 26th year of teaching and his last. He will be teaching Symphonic and Jazz Bands. Mr. Clyde Quick, also the Band Director at Holmes Jr. High, will be teaching the Concert Band. Mr. Lange thanked all the band parents for their dedication to the Band Boosters program, as we wouldn't have the kind of program we do without all of the parents. He encouraged all to get involved and to do at least one small job. The purpose of the Band Boosters organization at DHS is: to raise funds to support the costs of enriching the band program; to organize and chaperone band trips and other band events; to offer administrative/logistical support for all band performances and activities, and to provide a means of communication between the Director and the parents of students in the band.

2011-2012 Officers – The slate of officers for the 2011-2012 school year are: John Horn, President; Julie Hochman and Wes Young, Co-Vice Presidents; Kathryn Shickman, Secretary; Joyce Hamaguchi, Treasurer, and John Ebeler, Assistant to the Treasurer.

Band Boosters Website – Please go to our website to find information about our band trips, audition information, the calendar and meeting minutes at www.DHSBandBoosters.com

Music Director's Report – Mr. Lange reminded parents he is not an officer of the Band Boosters, but attends meetings to give his input. He encourages all parents who would like to discuss anything regarding their student to contact him to set up a convenient time to talk. The Boosters meetings are not an appropriate time for this. Unfortunately, Mr. Lange will no longer have an aide provided by the school district. Any parents interested in assisting with filing, copying music, or other administrative duties, please contact him. Mr. Quick said they are looking forward to a successful year and plan to have fun.

Minutes – Band Boosters President John Horn said he would send out the June 2010 Band Booster minutes to all online after the meeting. If no changes or edits are reported by midnight, they will be printed in the next newsletter. The minutes were unanimously approved pending any changes before midnight.

Pep Band Director's Report – Student Jenny Horn will be the Pep Band Director this year. The Pep Band is the 4th band at DHS that performs at home football and basketball games and other special school and community events. Rehearsals and games always have a theme and students dress up. Students are encouraged to participate in Pep Band and many say it is the most fun part of being in the band program. Although not mandatory, students may earn valuable points towards their grade by participating. Parents are needed to help chaperone all football and basketball games.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Joyce Hamaguchi reviewed our finances from the last school year. Donations and concert admissions totaling \$25,000 were received. Scrip and restaurant events brought in an additional \$2,500 - \$3,000. These all go to the general fund and then are allocated as needed. Through events such as car washes, Coconut Grove, Davis Jazz Festival, and Play-A-Thon, students raised money toward band travel expenses. A total of \$43,000 was raised through these events last year. Participation in all fundraising events and the band trip are completely voluntary and available to all in the band. Students are encouraged to participate in our fundraising events as they are a great way to earn money towards the band trip and are a great way to bond with band friends. The Music Fund has \$2,000. Our savings account has \$16,000 and the checking currently holds \$18,000. Approximately \$150,000 passed through the accounts with expenses for sheet music, instrument purchase and repair, and trip expenses.

Committees – President John Horn introduced all Committee Chairs in attendance. A few key positions still need to be filled. Please go to the Band Boosters Website for the link to SignUpGenius.com to see which positions are available and to sign up to assist at various events.

Car Wash – ?

Davis Jazz Festival – Julie Hochman

Direct Donations – Jody Lusebrink

Newsletter – Joyce Boulanger

Rent-A-Band – Maki Kuper

DVD Sales – Michael George

January Fundraiser Event – ?

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Coconut Grove – Sue & John Ebeler
Jazz Band/Choir New Orleans Trip – John Horn
San Diego Trip – Katie Horn
Publicity – Jeanette Vance
Website – Wes Young

Announcements – Kathryn Shickman pointed out that one of the car wash dates falls on Yom Kippur and that would prevent many of our band families and members of the Davis community from participating in the event. She asked that they consider rescheduling the event. John Horn said he would look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary

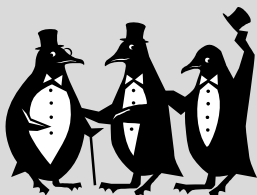


The “Dress Blacks” Uniform

The Concert and Symphonic Bands wear “Dress Blacks” as follows...

- MEN:** Tux, or black suit, or black coat and black slacks (please, no jeans), white shirt, black bow tie, black socks and nice black shoes (please, no sport shoes).
- WOMEN:** Black dress, or black top and black skirt, or black top with black slacks and dress black shoes. The dresses and tops must have sleeves! All slacks must be slacks (please, no jeans or tight-fitting pants). If the skirt is short, you must wear black tights with black shoes.

1. Men, if your suit / tux / coat from last year does not fit anymore, how about donating it to DHS Bands for use by younger students?
2. Women, all dresses must be completely black (no white ruffles or collars, etc.). If you intend to purchase a new dress this year, make it all black! Furthermore, last year I was concerned about the propriety of some dress lengths. Let’s be sensible this year -- no shorter than 2 inches above the knee at the most.
3. Parents, don’t let your student talk you into an expensive purchase, such as a full tuxedo! A perfectly acceptable option is to search out a “gently used” black coat from a local thrift store, supplemented with some inexpensive slacks, a white shirt, and a black bow tie. Try the “Thrift Store Outlet” at 106 W. Main St. in Woodland. This store normally has the best selection, and almost all items are priced at \$3.29. If you can’t find what you need here, you might try some of the other thrift stores in Woodland, which are usually larger and less expensive than those in Davis. There is also an online listing of Yolo County thrift stores at:
<http://www.thrifthopper.com/city/Woodland/CA/1.htm>



Our dress blacks set the stage for the outstanding musical performances of our Concert and Symphonic Bands!

Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands