

# DHS Band Boosters



## Newsletter



**March  
2013**

**Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz, & Pep Bands**

**<http://dhsbandboosters.com>**

### **Band Booster Presidents' Message**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SYMPHONIC BAND ON A great performance at the Festivity of Bands Concert! In addition to a set by the DHS Symphonic Band, we were treated to performances by the UC-Davis Concert Band and the Sacramento State Symphonic Wind Ensemble. We also got to see a friend return to the IPAB stage—did everyone notice the familiar face in the Sacramento State trumpet section: Mr. Fred Lange?!

March will be a busy month of band activities. We start with 'An Evening at Coconut Grove', on March 9. This is a fun evening of jazz music, dinner, mock-tails, silent auction, and raffle. There are lots of opportunities for both parents and students to volunteer; since proceeds from the event benefit all students, we hope to have all students help in some capacity. Additional information about Coconut Grove is provided elsewhere in the newsletter.

On March 22, the Jazz Band has been invited to perform at the 2013 Brubeck Festival French Quarter Street Faire at the Bob Hope Theater in Stockton. Our band is one of only four area high school bands selected to play prior to a performance by Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra.

This is an honor for our band program and should be a wonderful event.

The next day, March 23, will be the Adjudication Festival. A schedule for the Festival is provided elsewhere in the newsletter. We are fortunate to have experienced adjudicators Art Holton and Meryl Wamhoff from Delta College bring their expertise to the event. We expect a day of fine musical performances and education.

The Disneyland trip is coming up in April. All of our final bills for hotels, busses, etc. will be due in mid-March, and so we request that final installment payments be mailed within the next three weeks. If you have questions about anything regarding the trip please contact us or the trip coordinators, Otto Raabe and John Kraft, at [dhsbballbandtrips@gmail.com](mailto:dhsbballbandtrips@gmail.com).

Finally, auditions for next year's bands will be the last week of March. Information can be found on the Band Boosters web site [dhsbandboosters.com](http://dhsbandboosters.com)—see the links on the left hand side of the page. If you have questions about any of the audition materials please contact Mr. Slabaugh. Good luck to everyone!

**John and Sue Ebeler**, Co-Presidents  
[dhsbbpresident@gmail.com](mailto:dhsbbpresident@gmail.com)

### **Director's Message**

THE YEAR IS NOW OVER HALF COMPLETED! I am astonished at how time really does move along quickly when you're busy. We have a lot to report since my last writing...

- **Pep Band:** We finished football and basketball season, having performed at all home football games and several boys and girls basketball games. Atten-

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dance has been great and we were able to introduce several new pieces to our play list. We will have a few more Pep Band events this year, so keep an eye out for us! Many thanks go out to Scott and Frenchie, our student pep band directors, for their hard work. I also want to thank all the parents who helped throughout the season, especially Mr. and Mrs. Yamamoto! It has been a great year!

- **Jazz Band:** In January, we performed at the Folsom Jazz Festival and did a great job! There were several performer awards received by members of our band (8 in all) and we placed 4<sup>th</sup> in our division. This was despite a very early performance time, some equipment problems, significant stage and sound issues, and a clothing malfunction for Mr. Slabaugh!

Finally, we are preparing for a trip to the Reno Jazz Festival in late April. This will be a very challenging festival, as it features jazz band from over the western United States and several winners of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra's Essentially Ellington competition, including several ensembles from the famous Roosevelt High School (Seattle, WA), a nationally known jazz program (and the high school of Quincy Jones, among many great musicians).

- **Concert Band:** They performed in December at the Winter Rhapsody concert and are now preparing for the upcoming Adjudication Concert festival on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> (see below). We will then begin preparations for our LA area tour in April.
- **Symphonic Band:** We have been very busy with performances in December and hosting our Festivity of Bands, featuring the CSUS Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the UC Davis Concert Band. It was a great concert and we are looking forward to playing in the Adjudication Concert festival.
- **Honor Bands:** We were also quite fortunate to have several students selected to participate in regional and state honor bands. In early February, the following students were selected to perform in the Nor-Cal Honor Band:

<b>Alex Monticello</b>	<b>McKenzie Busch</b>
<b>Andy Miller</b>	<b>Ross Kelly</b>
<b>Conor Lee-Smith</b>	<b>Will Ebler</b>
<b>Elizabeth Lee</b>	<b>Seunghyun Kim</b>

In late February, we had the following students participate in the California Band Directors All-State Honor Bands:

**Will Ebler**

**Ross Kelly**

- **Adjudication Festival:** We will be hosting a combined Adjudication Concert festival on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for all the Junior High and High School bands in the Davis school district. We have secured some great adjudicators and are exploring a possibility of expanding this festival next year to include bands from throughout Yolo, Sacramento, and Solano counties. Discussions are also beginning as to whether we will run this festival independently or associate with the state wide California Music Educators Association. Discussions are also beginning as to whether we will run this festival independently or associate with the state wide California Music Educators Association. See page 5 for the schedule of this year's events.
- **Spring Tour:** We have many activities planned, including band clinics at UCLA, performances at Disneyland, and heading backstage to work with Disney Imagineers on a sound recording stage. Rest assured, there will plenty of fun time inside this great park!
- **Coconut Grove:** We are all gearing up for this exciting event and I encourage you to invite family, friends, neighbors, and anyone who would love a night of great music, good food, and wonderful fun! Remember, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Emerson Junior High School!
- **New program at Chavez Elementary School...** We are launching Band Buddies! With the help of Francisca Echiburu (and her mom, Mele, who is a teacher at the school), we will have a five-week program when DHS band students will come by on Thursday afternoons (after school) and play with the elementary band kids! We all think this will be a very powerful program and a great way for the elementary band students to make connections to the high school program. Many high school students are excited about sharing their expertise with the kids and giving back in a very meaningful way.

Musically yours!

**Mr. Slabaugh**

# DHS Bands 2012-2013 Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
<b>March</b>			
6 -W	<b>Band Boosters' Mtg.</b>	PA3	7:30p-9:30p
9 -Sa	<b>Coconut Grove</b>	DHS/ Emerson	6:00p
23 -Sa	Adjudication Festival	Theater, PA3	9:00a-4:00p
25 -M 26 -Tu	Band Auditions-TBA	PA3	3:30p-9:00p
27 -W	Band Auditions-TBA	PA3	3:30p-5:30p
28 -Th	<b>Band Boosters' Mtg.</b>	PA3	7:30p-9:30p
29 -Sa	Band Auditions-TBA	PA3	3:30p-9:00p
Date	Event	Location	Time
<b>April</b>			
1 -M- 5 -F	Spring Break		
10 -W	<b>Band Boosters' Mtg.</b>	PA3	7:30p-9:30p

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<b>April (continued)</b>			
10 -W	<b>Band Boosters' Mtg.</b>	PA3	7:30p-9:30p
11 -Th- 15 -M	<b>Spring Band Trip Disneyland</b>	Anaheim CA	4p-11 <sup>th</sup> - 9p-15 <sup>th</sup>
26 -F- 28 -Su	<b>Reno Jazz Festival (Tentative)</b>	Reno NV	TBA
<b>May</b>			
7 -Tu	<b>Senior Concert*</b>	Theater, PA3	7:30p
8 -W	<b>Band Boosters' Mtg.</b>	PA3	7:30p-9:30p
23 -Th	<b>Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert*</b>	Vet. Mem. Theater	7:30p
29 -W	<b>Picnic &amp; Pops</b>	Central Park	6:00p
<b>June</b>			
6 -Th	Last day of school		
<b>July</b>			
4 -Th	<b>Davis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: Pep Band</b>	TBA	TBA

Events in **boldface** are performances; \* indicates concerts to be recorded; for more details see Calendar available for download from Band Boosters website: <http://dhsbandboosters.com>



## Jazz Band to Perform— Brubeck Festival French Quarter Street Faire

ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 22, THE JAZZ BAND has been invited to perform at the Brubeck Festival French Quarter Street Faire in front of the Bob Hope Theater in Stockton, CA. This year's Festival honors the legacy of Dave Brubeck with events throughout the week of March 18-23, 2013.

For a full schedule of events go to:

<http://www.pacific.edu/Community/Centers-Clinics-and-Institutes/Brubeck-Institute/2013-Brubeck-Festival/2013-Brubeck-Festival-Schedule.html>

## Next Band Booster Meeting — March 6, 2013: Agenda

Meeting begins at 7:30pm — PA3

I. Approval of Minutes, Feb. 2013

II. Band Director Report T. Slabaugh

III. Student Report—Pep Band

IV. Treasurer Report D. Bhargava

V. Calendar Update

VI. Committee Reports

a. Disneyland Spring Trip

b. Coconut Grove

c. Adjudication Festival

d. Scholarship

e. Direct Donations Fund Drive

f. Newsletter

g. Publicity

h. Scrip

i. Others?

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business



### Raise Money for the Bands by Shopping!

SIGN UP FOR eSCRIP ONLINE and every time you shop at an approved retailer, a percentage goes automatically 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! Scrip questions? Email coordinators **Jennifer & Rick Tan**: [thetanfamily@msn.com](mailto:thetanfamily@msn.com).

### Do You Shop at Nugget or Food 4 Less?

Be sure to swipe your **Nugget** and **Food 4 Less** cards every time you shop! Our band program receives a percentage back on all purchases. Need a card? Email Rick and Jennifer Tan at [thetanfamily@msn.com](mailto:thetanfamily@msn.com) or find us at a Band Boosters meeting or concert. Already have a card from last year? Remember to re-register your Nugget and Food 4 Less cards each year.

**Nugget**  
MARKETS

**FOOD4LESS.**

### Direct Donation Fund Drive Continues

FUNDS FROM OUR DIRECT DONATIONS FUND help to pay for the purchase of new music and instruments, instrument repairs, festival fees, etc.

Donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to:

DHS Band Boosters

PO Box 73522

Davis CA 95617



### Make Money for the Bands with iGive.com!

GO TO: [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) TO AUTOMATICALLY MAKE MONEY FOR the band when you do your regular shopping online. iGive installs a button on your computer and automatically gives a % to the band boosters when you shop with a company who is linked to iGive. Let's all do this in time for holiday shopping! Our group is called "Davis Senior High School Band Boosters" when you register. Questions? Email SCRIP coordinators Jennifer & Rick at [thetanfamily@msn.com](mailto:thetanfamily@msn.com).





## An Evening at Coconut Grove, Coming March 9

COCONUT GROVE IS AN EVENING OF JAZZ MUSIC on **March 9** at 6pm in the multi-purpose room at Emerson Junior High School, 2121 Calaveras Ave. It is sponsored by the DHS Band Boosters in a setting reminiscent of a big-band-era jazz club. The music is provided by the DHS Jazz Band, the Harper Junior High Jazz Band, the DEH (DaVinci/Emerson/Holmes) Junior High Jazz Band, the J Street Jazz Cats, Sax by Popular Demand, and the Crazy Eights. The event is family-friendly evening of music, dinner, dessert, tropical mocktails, and a silent auction. While Coconut Grove is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year, with funds supporting the band trips and the band program, it is also a great opportunity for community outreach and a celebration of music in our community.

**Reservations** are required and reservation forms are available at <http://groups.dcn.org/dhsbandboosters/can-you-help-with-coconut-grove>.

**To get involved or have questions answered:** Please contact **Gurbinder Nijjar**, Coconut Grove Coordinator at [dhsbbcoconut@gmail.com](mailto:dhsbbcoconut@gmail.com), or **John and Sue Ebeler** at [dhsbbpresident@gmail.com](mailto:dhsbbpresident@gmail.com)

### Message from the Coconut Grove Silent Auction Coordinator

CONSIDER DONATING FOR THE SILENT AUCTION. Note that your donation will be tax-deductible. Given that the school district can barely fund more than a few pages of sheet music per student, the funds raised here are critical in supporting the band programs at DHS.

Popular auction items in previous years have been original artwork, restaurant dinners, cabin rentals, wine country tours, golf/tennis lessons, theme gift baskets, etc. If you have a skill, you could consider donating a few hours of teaching the skill. This is a wonderful opportunity for musicians to introduce themselves to potential students. If you know of a group of musicians who would be willing to donate some time playing for a private event, please urge them to donate their services. Nothing is too large or too small for consideration!

I hope to hear from *all* of you.

**Poornima Balasubramanyam**,  
*Coconut Grove Silent Auction Coordinator*  
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## Adjudication Festival, March 23

THIS YEAR'S ADJUDICATION FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, March 23 in the Brunelle Performing Arts Center. The format will be slightly different from past years with performances all day long. In addition, we'll have high school students helping to host the various junior high bands throughout the day. A full schedule of performances is listed below.

The adjudicators this year are **Art Holton**, Director of Bands, Delta College and **Meryl Wamhoff**, Dean of Arts and Communication, Delta College.

Throughout the day Jamba Juice will be selling smoothies and the Hot Dogger will be selling food and drinks.

Thanks to Amy Levin and Anula Danilowicz-Drown for their help planning this event. It should be a fantastic day of music!!

### Schedule of Performances

9:00am to 10:00am	Harper 7 <sup>th</sup> grade band
10:00am to 11:00am	DEH* 7 <sup>th</sup> grade band
11:00am to 12:00pm	DHS Concert Band
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00pm to 2:00pm	DHS Symphonic Band
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Harper 8/9 grade band
3:00pm to 4:00pm	DEH* 8/9 grade band

\*DEH=DaVinci/Emerson/Holmes

# Band Booster Minutes ~ February 6, 2013

THE MEETING WAS CALLED to order at 7:30pm.

**Minutes** – A motion for the approval of the minutes of the January 9 Booster meeting 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 March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Band Director's Report** – Mr. Tom Slabaugh gave the Director's Report. An updated calendar will be sent out. Tomorrow, Mr. Slabaugh and the eight NorCal honor band students leave for Arcata. The first rehearsal is tomorrow evening. They rehearse all day Saturday and perform in concert Saturday night. The Festivity of Bands is February 13 at the IPAB.

The Dave Brubeck Institute\* invited the Jazz Band to be one of a few high school jazz bands to perform Friday afternoon, March 22, at the French Quarter Street Faire (a New-Orleans inspired street fair), in front of the Bob Hope Theater located at 242 East Main Street in Stockton. Band members will get free tickets to see Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra at 8pm in the Bob Hope Theater.

The Adjudication Festival will be held at the IPAB one day—Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>—for the high school concert and symphonic bands as well as the Davis junior high schools. Woodland, West Sacramento, and Sacramento schools have been invited. Upcoming audition information for the high school jazz and symphonic bands is posted on the booster website.

\*More information about the 2013 Brubeck Festival can be found at their website: <http://www.pacific.edu/About-Pacific/Newsroom/2013/February-2013/Brubeck-Festival-2013-Lineup-Announced.html>.

**Pep Band Student Directors' Report** – Student Directors: Frenchy Hovagimian and Scott Yamamoto. Pep Band Coordinators: Janice and Paul Yamamoto. The Pep Band played at Break the Record night for the boys' basketball team. The principal, Dr. Jacquelyn Moore, sent a thank you note to the student directors. The Lacrosse team would like pep band to play at two or more games.

**Treasurer's Report** – Deepali Bhargava provided the Treasurer's Report for review at the meeting.

• Savings.....	\$15,768 (no change*)
• Checking .....	\$51,918 *
– General Fund.....	\$29,437
– Music Fund.....	\$909
– Scholarship Fund .....	\$1,925
– IPAB Fund.....	\$3,130



– Fundraising/Trip Accounts.....	\$16,355
– Uncleared balance .....	\$162

\*The savings fund is maintained at this balance to have funds available in the case of emergencies. The checking account starts each school year with a balance of about \$15,000, then increases as we deposit all the funds raised during the year. The checking account balance typically gets quite large just before we start writing checks related to trip expenses, then it drops rapidly. Our goal is to again have a year-end checking account balance of at least \$15,000.

January Income .....	\$2,052
– Direct Donations .....	\$0
– Play-a-Thon Donations.....	\$1,700
– Concert Door Donations .....	\$0
– Concert Food Donations .....	\$0
– Scrip .....	\$10
– Disneyland Trip .....	\$25
– DVD/CD Sales.....	\$225
– Music Festival, Honor Bands .....	\$90

January Expenses.....	\$10,598
– Administrative (copying, etc.) .....	\$273
– Disneyland Trip .....	\$10,000
– Music Festival, Honor Bands, etc. ....	\$325

## Calendar Updates

- Feb. 6, Pep Band, Basketball, North Gym, 6:15pm
- Feb. 8, Pep Band, Basketball, South Gym, 6:15pm
- Feb. 13, Festivity of Bands Concert, IPAB, 7:30pm
- Call times TBA
- Mar. 6, Band Boosters, PA3, 7:30pm
- Check on-line for updates, [dhsbandboosters.com](http://dhsbandboosters.com)

## Committee Reports and Volunteer Opportunities

**Play-a-Thon** – Thank you to committee members Sheila Allen, Mei Yan Lin, Niki Reina-Guerra, and Luci Schmidl and to student planners Eli Smith and Avi Steele for making this event possible. Lots of fun was had by all! Former students of Mr. Slabaugh served as guest directors. Mr. Slabaugh finished the event with a creative shave. Participants raised ~\$2,000 (\$1,700 cash). Photos are in the newsletter.

**Disneyland Spring Trip, April 11–15** – John Kraft, Otto Raabe, and Katie Horn are coordinating the trip committee and are looking for a chaperone coordinator. An email reminder went out for installment contributions. The total cost is estimated at \$60,000. A few requests for scholarships have been received.

**Coconut Grove (March 9)** – Chair: Gurbinder Nijjar. Silent auction donations are requested as well as donations of twinkle lights. Reservation forms have been sent out and are available on the website.

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## Band Booster Minutes ~ February 6, 2013 (Cont.)

*Adjudication Festival (March 23)* – Co-chairs: Amy Levin and Anula Danilowicz-Drown. In the past, the high school has hosted an adjudicator. Inviting the junior highs and other schools is new this year. The goal is to cover the cost of adjudicators, which will save DHS a couple hundred dollars over past years. One adjudicator has accepted. We are looking into having local businesses provide food for sale during the day. Jamba Juice will sell smoothies. If we want to buy pizzas, we will need a parent volunteer and a Yolo County Health Department permit. It will be easier to work with food service businesses with their own permits.

*Scholarship Fund* – Julie Hochman provided an update. She found good teachers and matched them up with the student award recipients. She will talk with the junior high band booster presidents to coordinate for next year.

**Old Business** – Discussion continued on the poster.

The shelves are being installed and the ladder has been purchased. The Davis Schools Orchestral Music Association (DSOMA) will reimburse half the cost of the ladder to the Band Boosters.

The IPAB stage manager is concerned about accommodating guests during the larger concerts, such as the Christmas concert and Senior concert. It is necessary to keep the aisles clear to comply with the fire code. Various options will be

proposed that involve issuing one ticket per seat.

A Lamppost Pizza fundraiser is coming up on February 26. Watch for a list-serve notice.

Discussion continued on how to best insure the instruments purchased by the Boosters. DSOMA is working with the school district to put an agreement in writing. Sue and John will stay apprised of progress and bring options to the Boosters for consideration. One idea suggested is to consider a \$1 lease of the instruments by the district so they have responsibility for the insurance. An annual renewal period would keep the lines of communication open and the needs of both parties under consideration.

It was suggested that the Jazz Band will need an acoustic check or some rehearsal time for the Spring concert at the Veteran's Memorial Theater.

A suggestion was made to consider piloting web-based forms, to reduce time for managing sign-ups and contributions.

Our next Booster meeting is March 6 at 7:30pm in the Band Room.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, **Renée Lawver De Angelis**  
– Band Boosters Secretary

# Leadership — 2012-2013

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Play-a-Thon Coordinator	Available position	
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Road Crew Leaders	Scott Yamamoto	
	Frenchy Hovagimian	
	Avi Steele	
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