

# THE BUGLE

**The Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCER BAND**

**March 2004**

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTES...**

Dear Parents,

For the past two months, we have been trying to update the Private Instructor Contact list from a very old and outdated file. We have asked the band members who they are currently taking lessons from and have posted the list in *The Bugle* and Band Room. We have also sent letters and made phone calls to verify that the instructors are still available. Although we have not received all of our surveys back, we are hoping that we can continually update this information. I encourage all students to take private lessons. It is a vital part of each individual student's education to get one on one instruction. While a student can improve in a performance class, having a personal coach, on a weekly basis, will only enhance the performance of each and every student.

In January, I presented the possibility of having students take lesson from an instructor in a practice room, "pulling" the student from the band class. I have sent a questionnaire around the room in each class and only had a few students show an interest. This option would save time for the student and family as the student will be pulled out of the band class for instruction from a private teacher. No more after school lessons, unless you wish to continue with a particular instructor. Students can use the money in their ISSA to get reimbursed for money spent on a lesson. Two or three boxes of candy sold a week could cover the cost of a lesson. More information will be available in the near future.

If you are interested in this proposal, please come to the Booster Meeting this month to hear more information. While we are still waiting to hear from instructors who may be available to come in, we can generate the clientele interest to get this project up and running.

Don't miss the three instrumental performances coming up over the next three weeks:

March 13 – Birthday Parade Gig

March 31 – SCSBOA Festival hosted by TOHS

19 Performing Ensembles – See the line-up on our Website.

April 1 – Spring Concert in the TOHS PAC

The Winter Guard and Drum Line are up and running. I am proud of all of the participating students and their instructors. The shows are great . . . keep working hard, it will all be over in the next 60 days.

The Jazz Bands, note both am and pm, will compete on Saturday, April 3, in the Fullerton College Jazz Festival. Students need to be available all day with no conflicts.



## President's Corner

I have been spending some time recently on the recruitment of freshman members for the 2004-2005 season. Talking about registration for fall classes has made me realize how soon we will be into the next season. The Boosters have a few events left to pull off, followed by a burst of planning for upcoming year. The Nominating Committee is searching for members willing to step up to chair various events. If you are willing to serve, and have not been contacted, call Shari Smith or submit your name at the Booster meeting next week. The Band is a big ship. Booster parents fill a vital role in the successful operation of that ship.

I would like to say "Thank You" to Erin McPherson and Nancy Skewes-Cox for their work on behalf of the Winter Guard and Spring Drumline. While pursuing their passion, these hard working students are increasing their skill. Come fall, the entire Band benefits from their improvement as both Color Guard and Percussion are evaluated in the fall field show format. I know that we all wish them the greatest success in their competitions.

I hope to see everyone at next week's Booster meeting, Tuesday March 16.

Betsy

A few weeks ago, at the beginning of the winter guard season Erin McPherson organized a work day for preparing props and backdrops. Arlene Mead (our resident artist who designed and supervised the painting of most of the props for the fall field show) was one of the volunteers, here is a letter she wrote to the Color Guard staff after the big day.



*Dear Color Guard staff,*

*Last Saturday morning I arrived at school to prepare for a work party to paint back drops for Color Guard. I was hoping that enough people would come to help that we would be finished by mid afternoon. Little did I know that in just a few hours they would all be completed!*

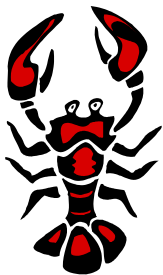
*Nearly all the guard and at least ten parents showed up with paint brushes in hand and a "Let's get it done!" attitude.*

*Everyone did a terrific job listening and following directions. The girls can be so proud that, not only did they participate in the prop painting, but the work looks fantastic! By noon, all of the "oceans" were painted and the girls moved on to helping with the Drumline back drops.*

*Instead of coming home tired, I came home elated and proud of this great group of people.*

*All I can say is THANK YOU!!! We can all be very proud of these girls and their parents. Let's be sure that they know it!*

*Sincerely,  
Arlene Mead*



Please keep these words in mind when Erin calls. She is still in need of help for the remaining Color Guard events. As Arlene said, service to the girls and fellow parents can be a really rewarding experience for everyone.

Thanks go out also to **Dorothy Hatfield** who has been working tirelessly to create an ocean of lobsters and a microcosm of insects for the Color Guard and Drumline. The costumes are great and we don't know what we would have done without your creativity and your sewing machine. Thanks a million!!!



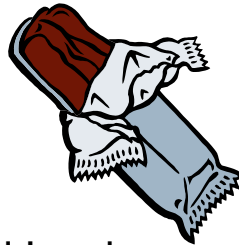
## ADBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED...

Please make sure your student (or you) stop by the Band Room asap to pick up your copies of the AdBook. They should be delivered to all the vendors with a thank you participation certificate. If you did not place or sell an ad this year you may purchase an AdBook for \$5. We will no longer distribute them for free, the cost is too great to have them go unused.

Thanks again go to Tricia Webster and Penny Hunter for their outstanding and tireless work on getting this produced!!

## CANDY SALES CONTINUE

Students continue to take advantage of the candy sale opportunities to supplement their



ISSAs. The latest top sellers are Trevor Davis and Ivanka Stipicevic. Remember

there are three types of candy combos to sell, each box costs \$22 and students make a \$10 profit on each box.

## Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee is still seeking candidates for the 2004-05 Executive Board. They are also looking for people willing to fill chairmanship positions. By now you should have been contacted by a member of the committee to see where you might be willing to serve next year. If you have not yet been contacted and know that there is an area you are interested in helping with please contact Shari Smith. She will be able to give you details about all the positions that are open. If everyone would make a commitment, big or small, to helping in one area next year we would be off to a fantastic start. Thanks to all those who have already said yes, we appreciate your willingness to help.

## Attention ALL Seniors

Please don't forget to let us know your post graduation plans. Also let us know of any other scholarships or special recognitions your students receive.

## Happy Birthday Private Party



*Just a reminder, the Band has been invited to play at a surprise birthday party for a mystery donor/honoree on Saturday, March 13. All students are expected to participate in this event. We will be receiving a \$500 donation for our efforts. Any questions should be directed to Betsy Connolly or Cheryl Pavell.*

# WISH LIST ITEMS WILL HELP ROUND OUT THE PROGRAM

Mr. Martone and the staff have compiled a *Wish List* of items we could use to make our program better and more complete. Often people ask what our specific needs are and how they could help or donate to the program or toward these needs. This is a fantastic way to impact the program long-term. If you are interested in making a donation of one of the items on the list please contact Mr. Martone. He'll be more than happy to give you all the details!

## Percussion

New Battery Drums-Indoor Pearl Set Full set: 6 snares, 4 quads, 6 basses  
4 Mallet Kats  
New Auxiliary Equipment for Pit  
1 Vibraphone—Adams with Marching Frame  
1 Marimba—Adams 4.5 Octave with Marching Frame  
1 Set Concert toms—Pearls—6 Drums with stands and hardware  
1 Tam-Tam—Paiste (Very Large)  
1 Roland Sampler  
1 Trapkat or Kat  
Marching Cymbals



## Field

2 Extra Large Podiums delivered 8/11/03  
Field Striper Machine  
12 Cases White Upside Down Paint  
2 Cases All Colors Upside Down Paint  
200 Field Flags (each color)  
8 Various Colors  
Complete set of Cones for 2 fields—  
Big Cones 10's, Small Cones 5's  
New Generator  
Halogen Lights  
New Dr. Beat (88)  
New Lone Ranger  
New Steel Tower with Steps  
New Sound System for Field Season

## Color Guard

Sound System Equipment for Indoor Guard  
Use in the GAR  
Sound System Equipment for Outdoor  
Guard Use  
Equipment Storage in the GAR (Cage Area)

## Band Room

Secure Instrument Storage Lockers  
\$20000  
Security System  
Uniform Storage System/Uniform Cases  
Shako Cases  
DVD/VHS Player  
More Room/ New Room

## Funding

Unlimited Scholarship Money  
Dollars for awarding scholarships to students in need  
Corporate Funding for budgetary needs

## Vehicles

18' Box Truck  
Instrument Semi 24' Prop Truck  
Uniform Vehicle

## Instrument Repair

Donations can be made directly to *Nick Rail Music*  
for Thousand Oaks High School  
\$10,000 Needed for Current Total Repairs

## Instruments

Silver Marching Horns—Trumpets, B $\flat$  Bugles, Altos-  
Fluge Horns/Mellophones, fren Horn, Baritones-Big  
Bore, Euphoniums

## Garage

Hand Tools  
Power Tools  
Air Compressor  
Power Paint Sprayer

## Office

Paper Supply  
Pencils  
Notebooks  
General Office Supplies  
Postage

# Dinner Dance Nets Over \$11,000

Thanks to the hard work of Sandee Tischler and Polly Toohey and their crew the dinner dance was a rousing success this year. Everyone loved the venue and the baskets were better than ever. There were so many that we needed to keep bringing in extra tables for them all. Thank you to everyone who made the 2004 Dinner Dance and Silent Auction a success! Thanks to the efforts of many families, community members and students we raised over \$11,000 for our band program!

The highlight of the evening was the performance of our fantastic Jazz Band Students. They were directed by Mr. Martone and accompanied by soloists Erin McPherson and Mary Ann Martone so beautifully!

Special thanks to the members of our planning committee: Betsy Connolly, Gari Ann Douglass, Cheryl Pavell, Shari Smith. Thank you also to all of our committee members:

**Publicity**-Mary Anne Martone, Shari Smith and June Feldman; **Donations**- Desiree Patenaude and Cheryl Pavell; **Basket Helpers** -Cheryl Pavell, Peggy Fenger, Mandy Parsons, Betsy Connolly, Gari Ann Douglass, Melody Fouse, Dorothy Hatfield, Penny Hunter, Rosemary Miner, Mary Tessoroff and Barbie O'Quinn; **Decorations**-Mandy Parson, Patti Fonvergne; **Auctioneer** -Kenn Phillips and **Program**-Betsy Connolly.

**Thank you to all the wonderful families who donated items, time and money to the Silent Auction!**

Anne & Stephen Scheck, Arlene & Craig Mead, Barbie & Jim O'Quinn,  
Betsy & Patrick Connolly, Caroline & Phil Cleaver, Cathy & Thomas Phillip  
Carol & Bob Powell, Cheryl & Jim Pavell, Cindy & Randy Wagner, Connie & John Vinson, Desiree & Philip  
Patenaude, Diana & Tim Bernstein, Donna & Jack Chiurazzi, Dorothy & Greg Hatfield, Erin & Scott McPherson, Gail  
& Chris Williamson, Gari Ann & Bruce Douglass, Kathy & Jon Belleville,  
Kellee & Mark Lindauer, Lori & Sheldon Minor, Lynne & Kenn Phillips,  
Mandy & Goody Parsons, Marilyn & Bill Cole, Mary & Jerry Tessoroff,  
Mary & Vince Roberts, Marty and Mary Ann Martone, Melody & Scott Fouse, Peggy & Steve Fenger, Penny & Bill  
Hunter, Polly & Mark Toohey, Sandee & Joe Tischler, Shari & Keith Smith, Theresa & Mark Ruhland  
Le Rendez-Vous Restaurant

**And finally a very special thank you to the following Community Sponsors who donated items for our Silent Auction.**

24 Hour Fitness  
Amecis  
Arlene Mead- hand painted finishes  
Balloon Design by Jeanne  
Cabrillo Theatre  
Charmed I'm Sure  
Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf  
The Coffee Stop at The Oaks Mall  
Conejo Players  
Conejo Valley Adult Education  
Conejo Valley Veterinary Hospital  
Dick Duerrstein  
Elkins Ranch Golf Course  
Flowers by Barbara  
Gardenique Etc.  
Gold Store  
Got Mugs??  
Hart's Jewelers  
IL Accessories

Katrina's Wraps  
Le Rendez-Vous Restaurant  
Let's Get Cooking  
Las Posas Country Club  
McPherson Plumbing  
Mystic Visions  
Native Visions  
Oakbrook Florist  
Paramount Pictures  
Pet Pantry  
Roger Steman  
Young Realtors  
Ronco Inventions, Inc.  
Rustic Canyon Golf Club  
Seasons/Royalty Shoppe  
The Secret Drawer Collectables  
Tierra Rejada Golf Course  
True Yoga  
Tux and Tales  
Utopia  
Westlake Golf Course  
Young Realtors

## Remaining Shows for Drumline and Color Guard

The **Drumline** is traveling to Las Vegas this weekend to compete in the 2004 WGI Regionals. They will be competing against other high schools from across the western United States. They travel to San Diego April 15-18 to participate in the WGI World championships. They will be competing with approximately 7,000 other students from around the country.

The **Color Guard** will also be traveling to Las Vegas and San Diego and will be competing in the same events that the Drumline is participating in. The WGASC Championships will be held in San Diego April 24 and 25.

The last performance of the year for the Drumline and Color Guard will be on Wednesday, April 28 in the TOHS gym. Start time is 7:30, free to the public. So if you have not yet seen their shows mark your calendars now, you won't want to miss these creative and innovative shows.

## Save That Date

**Saturday, March 13**  
Birthday Parade

**Tuesday, March 16**  
Booster Meeting  
7:30pm — Band Room

Cisco's Restaurant Night

**Saturday, March 20**  
Drum Line at Ayala

**Saturday March 27**  
Color Guard Camp

**Wednesday, March 31**  
SCSBOA Ratings Festival  
TOHS PAC, 8am — 7pm

**Thursday, April 1**  
Spring concert  
7:30pm TOHS PAC

**Saturday, April 3**  
Color Guard at Huntington Beach



## Wish List Items Received

*A big thank you goes to the **Scheck Family** for their donation of four new walkie talkies for use by our staff when they are on the field. Thanks again for your generous donation.*

*Look over the list on the previous page and see if there is anything your family (or several families) would like to donate to the program. Remember items given to the program are tax deductible.*

## Conejo Valley Days is Just Around the Corner

Mark your calendars now for the Conejo Valley Days Parade. It will take place on Saturday, April 24. Have your students check their uniforms now so that if they are missing any pieces or parts they can let Mrs. Hatfield know. (She found some missing pieces after marching season.) Uniforms will be collected for the year after the parade.

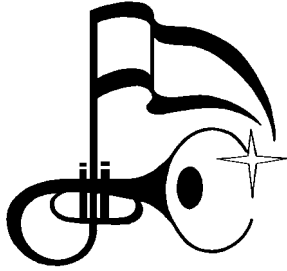
Penny Hunter will be chairing the churros booth this year. Please be prepared to say yes when she calls and asks for your help. Parent volunteers are needed to man the booth during the carnival that runs from April 28 until May 2.

## Ratings Festival to Take Place March 31

Gari Ann Douglass is putting together the parent volunteers to host this year's Ratings Festival. This is an all day event running from 8am until 7pm. Nineteen ensemble groups, both junior and senior high, from Conejo Valley and LA area schools will attend. The event takes place in the Performing Arts Center and is free to the public. If anyone is interested in helping out that day, please contact the Band Office or Gari Ann Douglass.

# Lancer Band and Color Guard

Thousand Oaks High School



**Thousand Oaks High School Lancer Band**  
Golf Tournament  
Los Robles Golf Course  
Thousand Oaks, CA

**Saturday – May 22, 2004**

Tee Times Begin at Noon

Easy to Register...please complete this form and mail to TOHS Band at the address below

Participant's Name	Address	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

\$300.00 per Foursome\*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$75 per Individual Golfer\*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*(Fee includes green fee, cart, lunch)

\$100.00 per Hole Sponsor      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline Date May 7, 2004**

Please make checks payable to:  
TOHS Band  
2323 N. Moorpark Rd.  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

MC/Visa/Discover also accepted. Please call the TOHS Band office at (805) 379-0437 for more information.

Under the IRS Guidelines \$20.00 of the cost of each golfer is tax deductible. Hole Sponsorship is completely tax deductible.

**Prizes  
Will Be Awarded**

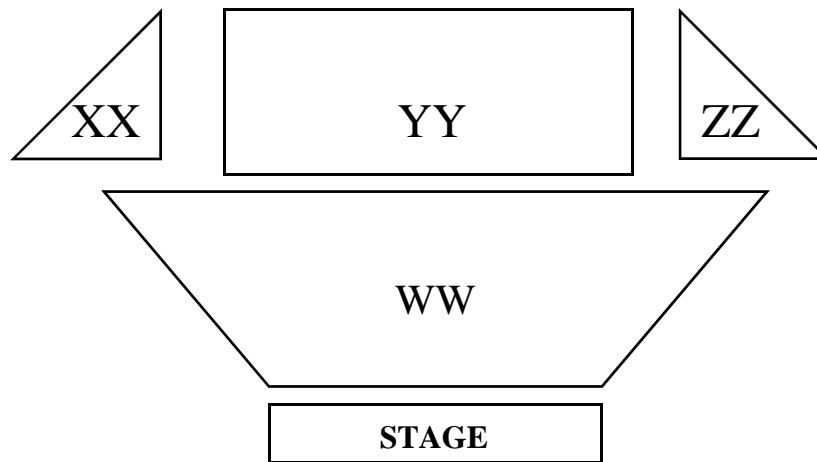
1st/2nd/3rd  
Longest Drive  
Closest to the Pin

**Anthony Martone, Jr., Director, 2323 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320, (805) 379-0437**

**“Don't Fret!”**

## **Reserve your Spring Concert Tickets in Advance**

Tickets for the Spring Concert on Thursday, April 1 are on sale NOW. You can pre-order reserved seats again this year. Cost for reserved seats is \$8/ticket. General admission is \$8 at the door. Reserved seats will be available in all areas of the Performing Arts Center. Fill out the form below to order your tickets. Completed order forms with a check made payable to TOHS Band Boosters should be placed in the White Box in the Band Room no later than 3pm on Friday, March 26.



**Reserved seats will be sold until Friday, March 27**

**Place order form and payment in Band Room White Box Checks payable to TOHS Band Boosters  
Your tickets will be waiting for you in the lobby. Your seats will be marked *RESERVED*.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Tickets Ordered** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ticket Price \$8** **Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**My seating preference is:**

**Section: (circle one) WW XX YY ZZ**

**Zone: (circle one) Center Aisle**

**If you use a colored pen to mark your "perfect" seat on the chart above. We will make every effort to accommodate your preference.**

Reserved seats are \$8 There are no senior or student discounts. This is an important fund raiser for our band and we appreciate your financial support. Tickets at the door are \$8.00