



# THE BUGLE

**Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCER BAND  
November, 2004**

## Director's Notes

Congratulations on OUR accomplishments at the Bands of America Regional Championship in Las Vegas. We have a great organization, and the success of this event comes from many different partners.

THE STUDENTS: Over the past three weeks, the students have been strong and eager to learn the material that was thrown at them in huge chunks. I really appreciate all of their hard work and attention to detail during this period of time. It truly is amazing how much positive energy can be produced when all are focused on one thing. Our demand for excellence was met on a daily basis. THANK YOU!!!

THE BOOSTERS – Chaperones, Equipment Crew, Uniform, Food, Prepping, etc: Our organization is indeed a machine when it is at work and the volunteers are the oil which makes us run so smoothly. YOU do a great job and it does not go unnoticed. The staff, students, and I greatly appreciate your efforts.

THE STAFF: Thank you to all staff members, who have worked so hard on making the show specifics attainable for the students on such short notice. You all have done a great job and the students, parents, and I appreciate you.

It is amazing how much the band improved over one week's time. As in the title of a song, "WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES", the band really turned it on at Basic High School for rehearsal on Friday. We improved dramatically even though we had dealt with a week of rain and broken rehearsals.

I often talk about the feeling one has when we perform a great show. I am proud that the kids have finally felt that AND the way they responded to it. They performed even better Saturday night . . . they went for the feeling and GOT IT.

Fourth place at BOA! Such an incredible accomplishment. WE should ALL BE PROUD.

I AM PROUD OF ALL,  
ALL OF YOU!!!

Mr. Martone

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***What a fantastic weekend!***  
***Thank you to all the chaperones and support crew that helped our kids through this successful competition!***  
***Thank you to all the families that came and cheered for us up in the stands!***  
***4th Place - WOW! WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR BAND!***  
***Thank you! Thank you!***  
**Cheryl Pavell & Betsy Connolly**

## **President's Corner**

We got fourth! What a thrill it was for the Band members, chaperones and families in the stands. I was down at field level for the preliminary so it was hard for me to get a good feel for our performance. A glance over at Mary Anne Martone told me everything I needed to know. As the show began, she smiled. By the second movement, a big grin appeared and as the show closed she was hopping up and down and hugging people. I am always proud and awed by the skill and dedication of our students but I have to admit, a great score feels mighty fine. Fourth out of twenty-seven bands!

There is so much behind the scenes work that goes into an overnight competition. The Las Vegas trip was a big success on many fronts. Our luggage drop-off was the smoothest ever. The bus company was excellent – on time and courteous. Meals were great and our practice facility at Basic High School was first rate. Cheryl Pavell – VP, Dorothy Hatfield – Student Support, and Mary Roberts – Travel Planning, all played vital roles in the weekend's success. For our new chaperones this was a bit of a baptism by fire. You all worked hard and filled many roles when duty called. I hope that you are now fully recovered. Let's not forget our equipment crew led by Scott McPherson and Jim Pavell. It was a long drive, with lots of packing and unpacking, so I know you came back tired. At least you didn't have to limp home at 20MPH like last year!

We have about a month left to the season. Our final performance will be at the SCSBOA Championships in Long Beach. It is a Lancer tradition to hold a Senior Circle ceremony after the last field show competition of the season. Senior parents, you especially don't want to miss this so make plans now to attend on Saturday, December 4th.

**Betsy Connolly**

# ISSA



There are two wonderful fundraisers going on now to help students raise funds for their Individual Student Savings Accounts (ISSA). The first is our annual Holiday Wreath fundraiser. Students can sell beautiful holiday greenery, including wreaths, living trees, garland and swags. Half of the profit from each item sold goes directly into your ISSA! You can also send items away as gifts to family and friends out of town. Deadline for orders is November 5th! Orders will be available for pick up the week of December 6th. For questions call **Stacey Gessert** or **Polly Toohey**.

The other fundraiser in progress is Community Discount Cards. These cards are purchased and sold for \$10 each. For each card purchased you receive \$5 for your ISSA. The cards can be used continuously through August 30, 2005. Some of the discounts available are: Janss Car Wash, Papa Johns, Jamba Juice, McDonalds, Arbys and 21 other local businesses! If you would like to purchase one - or more - call **Mary Tessendorf**. Deadline for purchasing cards is November 10th.

**Stacey Gessert**  
Ways and Means - ISSA

## WAYS & MEANS

Our BIG event of the year is our Annual Dinner Dance. It will be held on Sunday, February 6. This is a fun evening with entertainment from our wonderful Jazz Band. We will have a silent auction with baskets and other items up for bid. There is also good food and dancing! The event will be held at the Los Robles Banquet Center at the Los Robles Golf Course.

You can help us by starting to save or collect items that can be used to make up the baskets at our Silent Auction. Any item you have that you think someone else may enjoy would be welcome! We have a creative group of parents that combines all of our donated items into wonderful "theme" baskets. Call us if you would like us to pick up something from you. We also need about one hundred empty baskets. If you have any to donate please call us or bring them to the next Booster Meeting.

Soon our committee will start meeting to make plans and collect donations. We need creative people to help decorate the banquet center and also to help us with the baskets. We also need parents that can help with donations. Last year we circulated around the community and received many generous donations. If you would like to help please call or e-mail one of us.

Thanks to everyone for their continuing support!

**Polly Toohey**  
**Sandee Tischler**



**BIG THANKS** go out to all the loyal food support volunteers and master bakers. These parents--over thirty of them!--have been sharing the load of feeding our kids before football games and at Saturday competitions. Sound easy? Try throwing a dinner party for two hundred once or twice a week--without a kitchen! But these parents do it--with smiles on their faces. Our students appreciate the good food and all the effort these volunteers put into this time consuming job. Thanks to them, one and all!

*Thanks*

Food Support would also like to thank **Carl's Jr** (Moorpark & Janss) for donating ice to the Band for every Football Game dinner & competition this year. We also thank the **Imperial Garden Restaurant** (Moorpark & Arboles) and **Pat & Oscars Restaurant** (Moorpark & Brazil) for providing delicious food to our students at very good discounts. Remember to thank them when you go to these restaurants for family dinner!

--**Cindy Wagner**, Director Food Support

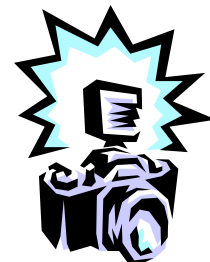
### **Finances**

If you are interested in receiving your Band Statement online please email **Mike Sandler** and let him know. If you have any questions regarding your statements, questions should be directed to Mike or to **Gail Williamson**.



### **Band Photographs**

Every year band students have the opportunity to purchase quality photos of themselves and the entire band. This year photos have been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 10, during after-school marching rehearsal. Students will be individually photographed in their uniform (if desired) and they will all be in the group photo. Students can also get "buddy" shots with friends. Order forms will come home soon.



## **CONCERT PERFORMANCE ATTIRE AND APPEARANCE**

Yes, it's time to start thinking about concert attire. Band musicians (*which include percussion members*) have a dress code for performances. Details about pricing and how to get the attire will be provided in a note brought home by the students in the next few weeks.

**All** boys will wear a white wing-collared, long sleeved tuxedo shirt, black studs and cuff links, black cummerbund, and a plain black bow tie. Black socks and black dress (or marching) shoes are required. NO VESTS are permitted. NO patterned ties or shirts are permitted either.

Boys in Wind Ensemble (3<sup>rd</sup> period) will wear a solid black, single-breasted tuxedo.

It is preferred that boys in Wind Symphony (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> period) also wear a solid black, single-breasted tuxedo, although a solid black suit is acceptable.

**Girls in all ensembles will wear a designated black dress for performance.**

(We have not yet confirmed that the dress worn last year is still available, but if it is not, the new dress will be similar.)

**The dress worn last year was a full-length dress, with a modest scoop neck and long sleeves.**

Girls will wear plain, black pumps. No sandals or flip-flops, backless shoes, strappy shoes, over-sized heels, platforms or ornamentation are allowed. Please keep heels to a maximum 2" for safety.

Appropriate undergarments should be worn. Thong underwear is NOT appropriate! You may feel more comfortable wearing a slip under the dress. Sheer or opaque nylons or tights or bare legs are acceptable. Black socks are not.

In the Jazz bands and percussion ensembles all members will wear black, **long sleeved** dress shirts, black slacks or pants (not jeans), black socks and black dress or marching shoes.

Sweaters, jackets, etc. are NOT to be worn during your ensemble's performance. Jewelry should be kept simple and at a minimum. All jewelry is subject to removal if it is deemed distracting. Band aids for non-medical needs are not permitted.

If you have any questions about this, please contact **Dorothy Hatfield**.



## "The Dream of Flight"

Our next competition performance will be at the  
21st Annual Big Orange Classic at  
Riverside Community College  
Wheelock Stadium  
Saturday, November 6th  
Performance at 9:30 PM  
Exhibition by RCC Marching Tigers at 9:45 PM  
Awards to follow the exhibition

## Save That Date

**Friday, November 5**  
**Band Night at TOHS**  
**6:00 PM-9:30 PM**

Members of the Middle School Band Program are invited to perform with the TOHS Lancer Band, performing spirit music during the game

**Saturday, November 6**  
**Band Competition**  
**Riverside Community College**

The Thousand Oaks High School Lancer Band will compete in the Western Bands Association Field Tournament.

**Wednesday, November 10**  
**Band Photographs**

**Wednesday, November 10**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**7:30 PM-9:30 PM**  
**TOHS Band Room**

**Saturday, November 13**  
**Band Competition**  
**Oxnard High School**

The Thousand Oaks High School Lancer Band will compete in the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association Competition

**Tuesday, November 16**  
**Booster Meeting**  
**7:30 PM-9:05 PM**  
**TOHS Band Room**

**November 19-21**  
**WBA Championships**  
**Concord, CA**

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Dear Band Family,

Thank you all for the many donations I received for the Marine unit stationed in Iraq. Through your generous donations the much needed items of body wash, wash clothes, snacks and other items were shipped off to them last week. It will take 2-3 weeks to arrive at the base camp. Sgt Finley will let me know when all 15 boxes have arrived. I am happy to say that over 600 pairs of black socks were sent to our soldiers! The "Socks for Soldiers" request worked!!!

A big thank you to **Lori Crosse** who personally donated 42 pairs of socks!

Thank you all for supporting our troops. I am sure they will appreciate everything, especially the cards and letters of love and concern that were included.

Sincerely,  
**Erin & Scott McPherson**

*Thanks a Bunch*

# More than Just Music

Anonymous

A few days ago I was asked to write an article about band: what I liked, what it meant to me, etc. After agreeing, I thought about what I should write and found that there were so many directions I could take. Band has meant so many things to me at many different times. I have been involved in music since I was a little boy, but have never been in a musical group like the one at Thousand Oaks High School.

When I first showed up in June for the first Band Camp of my life I was a little apprehensive. I only knew one person in the entire band and felt almost alone in a giant crowd of other musicians. However, by the end of the day I had made friends with the other freshman and the people in my section. Starting then, I began to realize band was more than just music. It was a family, a community for growth and friendship, and a place for friends to share an ambition. Throughout the years I've been in the band, I have played in all three band classes and jazz band, marched in more stadiums than I can count, performed on more stages than I can count, and have made more friends than I can count.

It doesn't surprise me that when I went back east to visit universities they always became more interested in me once they heard I was in band. It doesn't surprise me because the best people in the school wet their reeds and buzz their lips alongside me every day. To many of the other students at our school, band is just another one of those groups that does a nerdy thing, but they are more wrong than they could ever imagine. Band is not like the Descartes Club, it is not a gathering of drummers and winds that sit around for a lunch period and discuss dissident chord tones. Band is an association, a family. I have seen friends cry, seen them laugh, and celebrated with them when they passed the AP exam.

To me band can be different things at different times of the day. Around 9:00 it is a break from classes and a time to have fun. Around 12:00, it's a group of friends eating lunch and telling stories together. Around 3:00 it is a team of people trying to accomplish a goal and working hard for it. Sometimes it can mean different things, though. Band has always been dynamic. I have never had a sour moment because of band, but have had sad ones. Most often I can only think of happy events, though. Most of the memories of high school I take with me for the rest of my life will be of band.

To an outsider it is hard to explain. Band is a family, a class, and a sport. We get a grade on our report cards, a score at a competition, applause at a concert, but most importantly we get a family. I would be lying if I said most of my friends were not in band. We, the musicians of Thousand Oaks High School, play together on the same field and after dismissal go to the same parties. We are a unit brought together by music, but kept together by our friends and our second family.

Yes, band has interrupted much of my life, but I never will stop being apart of it. I don't want to loose that 75% of my life, it's too important. I love my family and there is much more to the band than just the music.

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