



THE BUGLE

The Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCERS

January/February 2005



Director's Notes

Happy New Year Everyone!!! I hope that you enjoyed family and some time off from your daily school routine.

Now that we are back at school, we are up and running for the next round of musical preparation and performance. Students should be getting ready for their placement auditions. The Drum Line and Winter Guard are preparing for the upcoming Camp weekend. Students will sign up soon for the PM Jazz Band. Music is being tested in all ensemble classes for the upcoming festivals, concerts and performances and we are returning to the basics to further the education of all students.

Thank you to the parents who have already met in preparation for the events of the second semester. And thanks to all who made the Holiday Concerts a success.

Performance for ensembles in our department will begin in February with the exception of the AM Jazz performing at the Reagan Library on the 21st.

Please support and come and enjoy the Dinner Dance and Silent Auction. It is a great way to finish up Super Bowl Sunday; thank goodness we get the game early! (HAHAHA) Please bring friends of yours as the evening is enjoyable and we would love to expand our current community of supporters.

We all look forward to the unveiling of our new web site. I would like to thank alumni parent and band supporter Steve Friedman for all of his help and effort in this process.

I ask that you check out the Calendar and remind yourself of the all of the performances for the second semester, including a new date for the All District Band Festival, hosted by Thousand Oaks High School. Details will follow on the site shortly.

Once again, Happy New Year to you all,
Mr. Martone

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PAYMENT REMINDER

Attention all parents who chaperoned either one or both of our overnight trips this fall. Some of you still have not paid your bills. The charge was \$160 per person. Your checks should be submitted to the White Box in the Band Room ASAP. If you have any questions regarding your outstanding balance, please contact Gail Williamson via the band office at 379-0437. For the most part everyone has done an excellent job this year keeping their account current. Your timely payments are much appreciated!!

President's Corner

By Betsy Connolly

Welcome back! It's hard to believe that a little more than a month ago, we were still marching! How lucky we were where weather was concerned. That luck has now officially run out. My backyard is a swamp! Although I know we all needed a break from the heavy demands of marching season, I really miss seeing everyone. Don't worry! June will be here before you know it!

Even though we won't be seeing each other quite so often, Band is definitely not over. Our Dinner Dance and Auction takes place on Sunday, February 6th. This is a wonderful event and one of our biggest fundraisers. You can help to make it a success by attending and by donating or arranging for merchants to donate auction items. Check elsewhere in the Bugle for more information. I am delighted to tell you that our new web page is ready for launching. Alumni Steve Friedman has put many hours into its creation and it is going to be a terrific communication tool. Thanks, Steve!

A great deal of hard work has taken place during the first half of the Band year. Thank you to everyone who supported the Band by doing a job, big or small. You should all be proud. We had lots of fun and there is still more left to do!

Thanks in advance for your help,
Betsy

Drumline

TOHS Drumline is hard at work on their new 2005 show titled "Palindrome". The twenty-three members will be practicing every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in preparation for numerous Southern California shows, and for the WGI Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

This year the Drumline will be performing at the following competitions:
February 12 : Riverside, Valley View HS
February 26- Placentia, Valencia HS
March 19 - Las Vegas
March 26 -Westlake Village, Westlake HS
April 9 - Rancho Cucamonga, Los Osos HS
April 13-16 -Dayton, Ohio

Note that the Drumline will be competing at Westlake High School on March 26th. This is a great opportunity to see the show locally.

Drumline parents, please volunteer to help with constructing props and costumes, moving equipment, chaperoning, and serving food. The program cannot succeed without parent participation. Don't assume "someone else will do it!" If there is a particular area that you can help with, please contact:

Equipment & Props:

Randy Wagner

Costumes: Vivian Hilf

Chaperones: Tricia Webster

Food: Nancy Skewes-Cox



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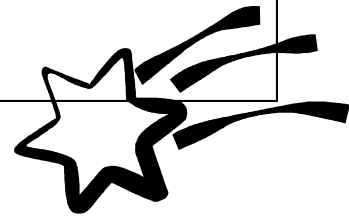
Our Annual Auction and Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, February 6th at the Los Robles Banquet Center. This is a fun evening that you won't want to miss! You should have received your invitation in the mail – please return your reservation forms by January 28th.

All friends and families are invited! There will be a silent auction with beautiful baskets for sale. There will also be a live auction with other exciting items. The students in the A.M. Jazz Band will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

We also ask families to help us by donating items for the silent auction. Some families create their own "theme" baskets – other families donate items we combine with other items to create baskets. These may be items you received but haven't found a home for, or items you purchased but haven't found a person to give them to. You can also ask the stores you shop in for donations or gift certificates. You can bring items to the Booster Meeting on Tuesday, January 18th.

If you have any questions please call
Polly Toohey or Sandee Tischler.

Thank you for supporting this event – all the proceeds will directly benefit your students!



The Thousand Oaks High School Band Boosters Present

STARLIGHT

**OUR ANNUAL AUCTION AND
DINNER DANCE**

**Sunday, February 6th, 2005
5:30-9:30**

**Los Robles Greens Banquet Center
299 South Moorpark Road**

**TICKETS \$45.00 PER PERSON
\$320.00 FOR A TABLE OF 8**

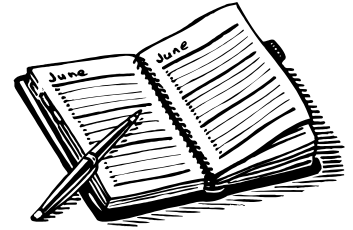
**DINNER, DANCING
SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS**

**Music provided by the
Thousand Oaks High School
A.M. Jazz Band**



All proceeds from this event benefit the TOHS Band Program

Save That Date



Tuesday, January 18
Booster Meeting
7:30—9:00 PM
TOHS Band Room

Friday, January 21
AM Jazz Band
6:00—8:00 PM
Reagan Library

Sunday, February 6
Dinner Dance and Silent Auction
5:30—9:30 PM
Los Robles Greens Banquet Center

Wednesday, February 9
Executive Board Meeting
7:30—9:40 PM
TOHS Band Room

Saturday, February 12
Drumline WGI Tournament
Riverside Community College

Tuesday, February 15
Band Booster Meeting
7:30—9:00 PM
TOHS Band Room

Friday, February 25
Ventura County Honor Band Concert
7:00—8:30 PM
Buena High School, Ventura

Saturday, February 26
Color Guard WGASC Tournament
Westlake High School

A Family In Band

Band is great because it is like a family. We see each other almost daily. I never realized how close we are until the last day of marching rehearsal. I know both of the students chosen to participate in the “Every 15 Minutes” program really well. The Thursday before the last rehearsal, it had been announced to the school that one of the people I know best had “died” in a car crash.

Even though I knew it wasn't real, it felt like it was. The people that participated in this program were taken out of class and were not allowed to talk to anybody for a day and a half. They went to class in make-up like they were walking dead. It was eerie. When the people who participated came back on Friday afternoon, there was an overwhelming joy in the band. It was almost as if the band had lost part of itself for a day and now that they were back, the band was whole again. When they came back, many people were extremely moved by the speeches they gave at the mock funeral. Most people didn't really know what to do so they just ran up to our “departed” and gave them a huge hug.

This program was an instrument that showed me how close our band program really is. Sure, not everyone in the band is friends, but that is why we are a family; we don't always get along to do things together. The thing is, though, that out of all my extra curricular activities, (yes, it is possible to do something else besides band) I have no doubt in my mind that the relationships formed while in this program are the strongest ones that will last a lifetime. Everyone in the band has someone to hang out with; everyone has someone that they can vent to when the drill is horrible and they didn't get the solo they wanted. Someone will always be there for them when they need a shoulder to cry on.

I am very thankful for all of my friends in this program. I know that out of the people I plan to keep in touch with after I graduate, most of them are in band. My closest friends are in band, and I cannot imagine my life without them.

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