



THE BUGLE

The Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCERS

March 2005

Director's Notes

What a Dance!!!! We had a great time on Super Bowl Sunday at the Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction. The AM Jazz Band members did a stellar job performing that night and I heard nothing but compliments from all who attended.

I would like to thank **Polly Toohey** and **Sandee Tischler** for all of their great organization in pulling this event together. I would also like to thank all who contributed to the efforts of this event.

The performance activities of the department are now picking up and I ask that you all take a look at the calendar on our web site so that there will be no surprises of upcoming events.

We will be taking a showcase of talent, including Wind Ensemble, AM Jazz, Drum Line, Color Guard, to the middle schools in the upcoming weeks to perform for the student body. It is important that the students are up in their class work so they do not fall behind by these performances. Student will be out for the mornings classes on two consecutive Thursdays, March 3 and March 10.

Keep up the good work everyone and good luck in the upcoming performances.

Mr. Martone

PAYMENT REMINDER

A reminder to all Drumline and Winter Guard Students that all fees are now due.

The second semester instrument/equipment payment is also due:

\$50 for brass, woodwind, and percussion
\$15 for all Color Guard members



We have a long list of students who still owe \$100 for the ASB carwash.

Bills have been sent out. These ASB items need to be paid. A list of debts will be turned into the activities office and it will affect students receiving yearbooks, and seniors will be denied privileges on tickets and also it may affect graduation. Please take care of this before the school office

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President's Corner

By Betsy Connolly

Hello, fellow Band Families. Incredibly, we are already more than halfway through the month of February. How did that happen? Last month my backyard was a swamp as I wrote to you and again, this time, it is a swamp. Thank goodness we don't march in February!

I would like to begin by thanking **Polly Toohey** and **Sandee Tischler** for making the Dinner Dance and Auction such a big success. They really did a great job and it was a delightful and profitable evening. Now, with that accomplished, the Boosters are looking forward to a number of important spring activities. **Gari Ann Douglass** has agreed to chair our nominating committee for next year's executive board. Members stepped up to serve on the committee at the last Booster Meeting. I know this isn't the time of year when the volunteering urge is strongest but if Band is important to your child, we need your help. If you are willing to serve in a leadership capacity, please contact Gari Ann. If the committee contacts you, don't make them work too hard before you say "YES." We are now planning our new member recruitment drive. **Mandy Parson** is contacting eighth grade parents and inviting them to information meetings. This year, those meetings will be held in our band room, rather than at the two middle schools. Parents and students can attend on March 3rd or March 10th. So spread the word. You may know families whose kids dropped Band during middle school. We want them back! You know how great Band is, so let them know that there is a place for them with us.

The TOHSBAND.ORG website is getting better and better. Those of you who haven't had a look really should. The Band calendar is a terrific planning tool and we are working to get useful forms and information posted regularly. For a little walk on the far side, check out the bulletin board and read the conversations our kids are having. Next month we have a SCSBOA Ratings festival as well as our own Concerts. Spring Break is right around the corner, so hang in there!

Volunteers Needed by Gari Ann Douglass

We need parent volunteer help at the Ratings Festival we will host in the PAC on Wednesday, March 23. I understand that we have twenty ensembles participating in the event, so we will need to get started early and work late. I will need helpers from 7am to 9pm, working 2-3 hour blocks if possible. There are several different "jobs". In a perfect world I would have 8 parent volunteers for each 2-3 hour "shift". Also, I could use some help in picking up music stands from the middle schools on Tuesday, March 22, and returning the stands to the middle schools on Thursday, March 24. This is a project that "takes a village"!

WAYS & MEANS



The Annual Silent Auction and Dinner Dance was held on Sunday, February 6. The evening went well.

Music was provided by the AM Jazz students under the direction of Mr. Martone. **Mary Anne Martone** and **Erin McPherson** shared their beautiful voices by accompanying the band throughout the evening. Thank you to all these talented individuals!

We had over 140 baskets and gift certificates for sale throughout the evening. Donations were provided by our wonderful families and community sponsors.

A list of band family sponsors can be found in the newsletter. Thank you to each and every one of you! Special thanks to the **Belville** family for donating the use of their home in Mammoth for one week! Please thank our community sponsors by supporting their businesses; a list of those sponsors is also included in the newsletter.

We would also like to thank the special and creative ladies who helped us design all the baskets. Thanks goes to: **Mary Tessendorf, Terri Eng, Mandy Parson, Barbie O'Quinn, Rosemary Miner, Gari Ann Douglass, Penny Hunter, Lauren Piper, Michelle Forest** and **Cheryl Pavell**. They worked for two long days creating wonderful, creative and profitable baskets!

Thank you also to **Lauren Piper** who designed all the beautiful decorations on the tables and to **Betsy Connelly** for all her guidance in the planning of the event and for creating the programs (or the second year!).

Alumni band parent **Kenn Phillips** was our auctioneer for the evening. He has done this for us for the past several years and helps to make our live auction a success - thank you!! Thanks also to **Bill Ackerman** for serving as our MC for the evening!

The event raised almost \$11,000 for our students! Thank you to everyone!!

Our next major event will be the *Conejo Valley Days Churro and Pretzel booth*. This is a festive fundraising event for the whole community. Look for sign-up sheets at the next Booster meeting in March.



The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 14th. This is a delicious and fun way to end the year - look for details in the upcoming months.

Polly Toohey and **Sandee Tischler**

The deadline for the April issue of the Bugle is March 17.
E-mail articles to Sue Heraper at sueheraper@hotmail.com.

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Save That Date

Thursday, March 3
Redwood Assembly
9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Redwood Middle School
The Lancer Band will provide ensembles to perform for the Redwood Middle School Assembly.

Saturday, March 5
Drumline - WGI
Fresno
The TOHS Drum Line will compete in the WGI Tournament in Fresno.

Wednesday, March 9
Executive Board Meeting
7:30 PM-9:30 PM
TOHS Band Room

Thursday, March 10
Los Cerritos Assembly
9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Los Cerritos Middle School
The Lancer Band will provide ensembles to perform for the Los Cerritos Middle School Assembly.

Saturday, March 12
Color Guard - WGASC
Covina
The TOHS Color Guard will compete in the WGASC Tournament at Northview High School in Covina.

Tuesday, March 15
Booster Meeting
7:30 PM-9:05 PM
TOHS Band Room
The General Membership of the Boosters meeting once a month for valuable information and financial and participation planning of booster and band events.

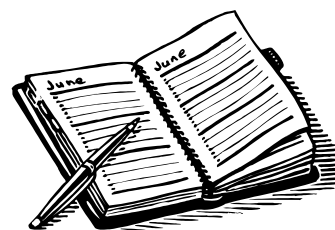
Friday, March 18—Sunday, March 20
Drumline - WGI Competition
Las Vegas, NV
The Drum Line will compete in the Winter Guard International Regional Championship in Las Vegas.

Friday, March 18—Sunday, March 20
Color Guard - WGASC
Las Vegas, NV
The TOHS Color Guard will compete in the Winter Guard Association of Southern California competition in Las Vegas.

Tuesday, March 22
Spring Concert
7:30 PM-9:30 PM
TOHS Performing Arts Center
The TOHS Instrumental Music Department will host their Spring Concert.
Jazz and Concert Bands will be featured.

Wednesday, March 23
SCSBOA Ratings Festival
TOHS
The TOHS Instrumental Music Department will host the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association Ratings Festival on our campus.
This will be a full day event.

Saturday, March 26
Drumline - SPCA
Westlake Village
The Drum Line will compete in a Southern California Percussion Alliance Competition at Westlake High School.



Drumline

Spring Drumline had their first performance in Riverside. Thank you to all the parents who helped out and all who came to see the show. They will be traveling to Las Vegas on March 18th and will be at Westlake High School on March 26th. This is a great opportunity to see the Drumline at a local show. They will be performing at 6:44 pm. in the Westlake High School Gym. Hope to see you there.

— Tricia Webster

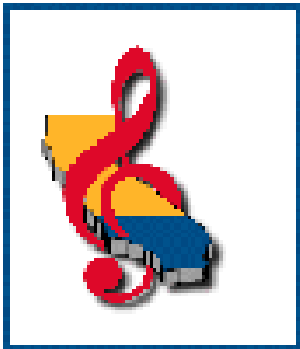
Old Uniforms for Sale!

Now that we have our new uniforms, the old uniform jackets and shakos (with plume) are available for sale.

For only \$15 you get a jacket, two shakos (one of each kind) and a plume.

There is no discount if you only want a portion of this package.

If interested, sign up in the band room or contact **Dorothy Hatfield** .



SCSBOA Ratings Festival, March 23, 2005

The Thousand Oak Lancer Band is happy to host another SCSBOA Rating Festival. More than 20 bands and orchestras, representing ten schools, will perform in Thousand Oaks High School's Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Wednesday, March 23.

Concert Uniforms

Please be sure that you have everything you need for concert March 22 and SCSBOA adjudications for March 23.

This includes all pieces to tuxedos (including black buttons) and closed shoes for the girls.

The Truth of the Matter

When I was asked to write this, I spent the majority of the day trying to remember what the other entries like this in the Bugle told about, and I found that, for the most part, they both talked about the friendships that we create by being in the program. Although it is true that those people in band are those closest to me in all respects (after all, my locker is under a drum major's, beside a drummer's, and down the way from some saxophonist's), the program offers more to students and parents than these other stories have said.

With the Lancer Band, I've found that I don't have the worries and struggles of many people in school — although schoolwork is tough and teenage life tends to be stressful, I know that I can always resort to my "happy place" in that wonderful little corner of the M-wing of TOHS that we affectionately call "Bandland". In a sense, the "band life", that is, the life of a band geek like myself, offers a refuge from the travails of high school. It offers me a structure and constant goals to work for. As I write this, I am reminded of the TV commercials that warn parents to make sure that their children are not bored, because boredom and idleness can lead to drug use, which in turn leads to hate and the Dark Side. In my high school experience, I cannot think of a time where I was tempted to venture into the realms of alcoholism and violence, due mainly, I believe, to the structure that band gives to me.

Besides that system, I find that I enjoy the band lifestyle for the competition. Even though competition can be found in many aspects of high school life (sports, academia and theatre, for instance), I believe that band, through its senses of teamwork, commitment, fun, and friendship, gives the greatest thrill. When the band wins, you win, and when the band loses, you do as well — that's part of the fun of it all.

In the program, you share your experiences, all of the trials and tribulations that life might throw at you, with this great organization, this team, this family. The instructors, all of whom I enjoy talking to and spending time with, have become mentors to me in my time at TOHS, and there is no doubt in my mind that their teachings and guidance, whether it be in the realms of leadership, musicality, or human relationships, will stick with me long into my life — perhaps until I am in their position. If that is my destiny, then so be it.

If I could give a new generation the experiences and lessons that they have given to me, I would be greatly blessed! I know that I have rambled in these last paragraphs, and I apologize — what you are reading are my thoughts on the program, and were I given the time and the paper, there is no doubt in my mind that I could write copies upon copies in the Bugle on the experiences I have received and the gratitude that I feel towards this program for offering me so much. It is truly a gift to be a part of the Lancer Band.

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