



THE BUGLE

The Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCERS

April 2005

Director's Notes

The month of March is "Music in our Schools Month." This is really true for us, as we completed a successful tour of our feeder middle schools, Redwood and Los Cerritos. Performing ensembles were the Wind Symphony, AM Jazz Band, Winter Guard and Drum Line. It was a spectacular show and very well received. Invitations to return were issued immediately from both administrations.

Upon the completion of these events, we had an information meeting for the incoming ninth graders. Both meetings were extremely successful as well. Thanks to **Betsy, Cheryl**, and especially **Mandy Parson** who is this year's membership chairperson. I would like to thank all the chaperones who traveled with us to the schools. This is the first year that we have taken this tour and I am confident that the program will benefit with an increase in new members for the coming years.

The PM Jazz Band had their first performance as the Class of 2009 entered the gym for Future Freshman Night. So, with all five ensembles performing for our new Lancers, we certainly fulfilled the requirement for Music in OUR School!!!! GREAT JOB DONE BY ALL.

The Winter Guard placed first in their division at the competition on March 12th and just returned from Las Vegas with a second place trophy. Their show is spectacular. You can catch it back at TOHS on April 29th. You won't want to miss it!

The Drum Line competed in the WGI Regional in Las Vegas and placed third in the finals, moving from their fourth place prelims performance. Congratulations to them as well.

Please continue to check the Web Site, tohsband.org, for upcoming events and our calendar.

This has been a busy month. Enjoy Spring Break and check out the Color Guard and Drum Line performances over the break.

Mr. Martone

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President's Corner

By Betsy Connolly

Thank you to all of the Boosters who volunteered for the Spring Concert and the SCSBOA Ratings Festival. Special thanks go to event coordinators **Gari Ann Douglass** and **Cheryl Pavell**.

The Boosters are gearing up for our remaining duties. April has us planning for Conejo Valley Days. We will be running the Churro Booth from April 27th through May 1st. Working in the booth is lots of fun (really). **Sandee Tischler** is your contact for booth sign-ups. Let her know when you are available to volunteer.

We will also be helping with parade coordination. The parade is on Saturday, April 30th. We will be collecting the uniforms later that morning, so **Dorothy Hatfield** will be asking for help with that as well.

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work developing a slate of officers for next year's executive board. Please be generous with your time when these dedicated volunteers call you. The Band Program depends on parent volunteers. Leadership positions are an essential duty. It won't work without our support.

Volunteers Needed

The Nominating Committee is actively working to identify band parents willing to serve in executive board positions for the 2005/2006 school year.

In addition, the committee is recruiting individuals to chair several of our important standalone fundraisers/activities, such as: Pasta Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, Field Show Tournament, Dinner Dance & Live/Silent Auction, Ratings Festival, Conejo valley Days and many more.

Please contact NomCom Chair Gari Ann Douglass with any questions and/or to express your interest in taking on a board role or activity chair.

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WAYS & MEANS

This year we will be continuing the tradition of our Churro and Pretzel Booth at the Conejo Valley Days Festival. The event runs from April 27th to May 1st. We need volunteers to staff our booth. This is a really fun event! No experience is necessary - we will train you! Please let us know if you can help by calling **Sandee** or **Polly**.



Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 14th. Mark your calendars! Students will be receiving tickets for the event in the upcoming weeks. This is our final fundraiser of the year and a fun event for all your friends and family. We also need pancake and sausage turners. If you would like to help give Sandee or Polly a call!

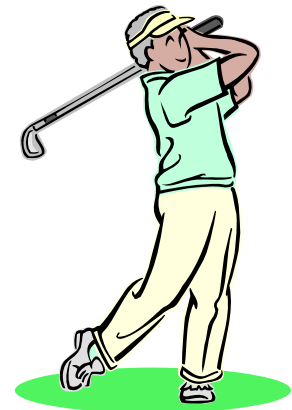


Second Annual Golf Tournament - May 14, 2005

The Thousand Oak Lancer Band is hosting it's second annual golf tournament on Saturday, May 14, 2005.

Tournament Information:

- Location: Los Robles Golf Course
- Tee Time: Tee times begin at noon
- Cost: \$85 per person, \$340 per foursome
- Registration deadline: May 1, 2005. Registration forms are now available online <http://www.tohsband.org>



We have limited exclusive advertising opportunities. You can sponsor a hole for \$100!

This fund raiser supports the TOHS Lancer Band, and a portion of your golfing fee, \$20, is tax deductible under IRS guidelines. Hole sponsorship is fully tax deductible. Your support of this fine program is greatly appreciated.

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Save That Date

Saturday, April 2
Color Guard-WGASC
Arcadia HS in Arcadia

Saturday, April 9
Color Guard-WGASC
Ramona HS in Riverside

Saturday, April 9
Drumline - SPCA
Los Osos HS in Chino Hills

Wednesday, April 13
Executive Board Meeting
7:30 PM-9:30 PM
TOHS Band Room

April 14-April 17
Drumline-WGI Championships
Dayton, Ohio

Saturday, April 16
Color Guard-WGASC Championships
Huntington Beach HS in Huntington Beach

Wednesday, April 20
Booster Meeting
7:30 PM-9:05 PM
TOHS Band Room

April 21-April 23
AM Jazz Band-Reno Jazz Festival
The University of Nevada, Reno

April 27-May 1
Conejo Valley Days Fair
The TOHS Lancer Band Boosters run a booth
for this charitable fundraiser event.

Friday, April 29
Color Guard / Drumline Celebration
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
TOHS Gym

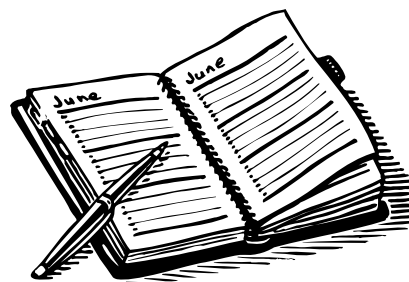
Saturday, April 30
CVD Parade
Thousand Oaks

Jazz Band

The AM and PM Jazz Bands will be featured in a concert on April 19th in the TOHS Performing Arts Center. Two jazz ensembles for CSU, Northridge will also perform. Tickets cost \$5.00 at the door. The concert begins at 7PM. This is the final performance before both our jazz bands travel to the Reno Jazz Festival.

AM Jazz Band Students:
Please remember that your performance attire is ALL BLACK — black long sleeve shirt, pants, sock and shoes, no white T-shirts. If you wear a belt it must be black!

Also, final Reno payments are now overdue!



The deadline for the May issue of the Bugle is April 21.
E-mail articles to **Sue Heraper**

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FINANCES

Everyone should have received a financial statement around March 15. Thank you to everyone who has paid their account in full. It is much appreciated. All accounts need to be brought up to date now.

DRUMLINE AND WINTER GUARD:

Tickets and hotel reservations have been made for your Spring trips, and we need your payments to cover those expenditures. We will be making another deposit this month for our trip to Bands of America in Indianapolis next fall, which means we will be running on a tight budget for the next few months. If you are not currently able to fulfill your financial obligation, please contact **Gail Williamson** to discuss payment arrangements. All questions regarding statements and your accounts should be directed to her. The Band Office does not handle financial questions and arrangements.

One additional reminder, all seniors must clear their account before participating in senior activities.

FIRST 2005-2006 PAYMENT OF \$400 DUE JUNE 20TH!

Projections for the 2005-2006 Band season are beginning to firm up. We will be flying to Indianapolis to compete in the Bands Of America Grand Nationals held from November 9th – 12th. The WBA finals are scheduled to be held in Long Beach. The BOA is planning a Southern California regional this fall. Eliminating additional overnights will help us control expenses for the season.

At present, the cost projection for next year is \$1300 per member. Final figures will be available at the end of May during our orientation meetings. Because we are already making huge payments toward airfare and hotel expenses in Indianapolis, the first payment due from all members will be larger than last year. All new and returning members will owe \$400 on the first day of the Mini Band Camp, June 20. Although we encourage monthly payments, the next required payment will be on the first day of August Band Camp, August 15. This payment will include the \$173 due to the District and an additional \$300 due to the Boosters. The final payment, expected to be \$600, will be due on September 30. Members struggling to make payments should discuss a personal payment plan with a member of the financial committee.

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