



# THE BUGLE

**The Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCERS**

**May/June 2005**

## Director's Notes

I am happy to report the following successes of our program over the past several weeks.

As many of you know, our Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony received Superior Ratings at the SCSBOA Festival hosted right here at TOHS. The kids performed extremely well, and I was thrilled with what they did in the Sight Reading room. I made it a point to improve their sight-reading skills this year and the students really came through with their performance. The smiles on their faces, showing a true sense of accomplishment (from their SR performance), was really a special moment of the day.

The Jazz Bands, both AM and PM, performed a spectacular concert on April 19th. The students were relaxed, professional and sounded great. It was a special night for all of us. On top of our own performances, we were honored to have California State University Northridge A and B bands perform at the concert. They provided a polished performance that inspired the musicians in the audience to pursue excellence in Jazz.

The AM Jazz Band traveled to the Reno Jazz Festival, performing very early on the second day of competition. The band received one of only four Superior Ratings for the entire AA division. We were recognized at the showcase concert as we placed fourth in our class out of fourteen. We were all thrilled with our placement and even more satisfied with our performance. Five individuals from our band were recognized for outstanding performance as soloists. They are: **Brad Monteforte, Dustin Patenaude, Jimmy Willcox, Adam Crosse, and Kyle DeKreek.**

The Drum Line finished out their season with a fourth place in the Southern California Percussion Alliance Circuit, moving up from fifth place in prelims. They also traveled to Dayton, Ohio to compete at the WGI World Championships. I was happy to surprise them at the hotel and support them through their preparation and prelim performance. It was a great show and a great season. Unfortunately the judges did not see it that way and TOHS

did not make finals at the that competition. I was extremely proud of how the students reacted and how they found satisfaction in their own performance. They showed true teamwork and team spirit.

The Winter Guard performances grew steadily throughout the season. It was a great show — very entertaining and exciting to watch. The members improved their technique skills and really became comfortable performing in front of audiences. At their last show before the Southern California Championships, they placed first in their division as well as outscoring all the guards in both divisions. That was a special night and an even more special week leading up to the Championships. There was a real sense of pride on all their faces as they walked around the campus and they showed that they had a feeling that they could accomplish great things at their last show of the season. I am happy to report that they took fifth place at the SC Winter Guard Championships. That is such an accomplishment. They ranked up with the top groups in the activity. I am extremely proud of all of them.

Our year is not over. There is the Percussion Extravaganza Concerts, Leadership Training, Concert in the Park, Band Banquet, and Graduation. On top of that, we have Orientation Meetings, and Fund Raising Events scheduled as well.

Great thanks to the class of 2005. You were great and I can't believe that your time here at high school has come to an end. You really stepped up and helped lead this program over the past year. I really enjoyed your musicianship and your ability to have constant humor both in and out of rehearsal and performances. I wish you well with much success.

A special thank you to the parents of the class of 2005. Thanks for the support of your child and our program over the past four years.

We are now weeks away from our June Band Camp where we start over again with the hopes of a bigger and better season.

The best is yet to come . . .

**Mr. Martone**

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## President's Corner

By Betsy Connolly

Incredible as it seems, the school year is fast drawing to a close and we boosters are already preparing for the next season. I am proud of the many ways we have supported the band program this year and every year. It is no surprise to me that active high school music programs are disappearing across the state and the nation. Even if our funding was more generous, much of what we need from parents goes well beyond financial support and it just can't happen without dedicated parents who are willing and able to take an active part in their children's high school lives. Thank you to every volunteer who has helped to keep the program alive. The program would not exist without you.

This year, our daughter Kate is a graduating senior. Band has played a very important role in her high school life. I know that there are times when we parents struggle with the demands the program makes on our students and ourselves. The payoff comes in the lessons learned, the respect earned and in the many friendships and memories we share. Simply put, I love band. Fortunately, our son James is a freshman trumpet player so Patrick and I can look forward to three more wonderful years!

The final booster meeting includes elections of new officers. Please make every effort to attend. It will be held on May 17th in the Band Room. Our 2005-06 member orientation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We need your enthusiasm and support.

## Finance Committee Update

All outstanding balances are now overdue and must be paid immediately. Outstanding balances will be reported to the main office. Failure to pay these amounts will interfere with yearbook delivery, participation in graduation activities and receipt of the final report card. Payments should be mailed or placed in the White Box in the Band Room. If you have any questions concerning your bill, contact **Gail Williamson** immediately.

The 2005-2006 orientation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31. Returning member report time is 7:45 p.m. All students and at least one parent should plan to attend. We will be presenting a detailed report on band expenses for next year along with payment schedules and information.

An initial payment of \$400 is expected of all members on the first day of mini-band camp, Monday, June 20. The fees that are due to the district for uniforms and transportation will not be collected until the first day of August band camp (this is a change from prior years). The \$400 June payment is critical for management of Indianapolis cash flow. If you have any questions regarding your account or the payment schedule, please contact **Gail Williamson**.

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**TOHS Band Boosters**  
**2005 / 2006 Proposed Executive Board**  
**Presented at the April 20, 2005 General Booster Meeting**

Position	Proposed
1. President	Cheryl Pavell & Dorothy Hatfield
2. Vice President - Band	Betsy Connolly
3. Vice President - Color Guard	Lauren Piper & Michelle Ackerman
4. Vice President - Drumline	Tricia Webster
5. Vice President - Jazz Band	Julie Lindberg
6. Recording Secretary	Naomi Burns
7. Treasurer	Gail Williamson
8. Financial Secretary Member account ISSA accounts	Diane Folsom Sherry St. Andrew
9. Auditor	Keith Smith
10. Director of Membership	Nancy Skewes-Cox
11. Director of Ways and Means ISSA fundraising Band fundraising	Larisa Sassoon Stacey Gessert
12. Director of Equipment and Maintenance	Scott McPherson
13. Director of Uniforms	
14. Director of Food	Cindy Wagner
15. Director of Publicity	Polly Toohy

The Nominating Committee is still looking for someone to take on the Director of Uniforms board position for the 2005/2006 school year. Since new uniforms and accessories were purchased and inventoried in 2004, the Uniforms position will require far less time and effort in the coming year. The Director of Uniforms typically receives plenty of help as this position offers a great opportunity to work closely with our "band kids". Interested? Contact **Gari Ann Douglass**.

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## Passionate Plea for Help – Students Marching In Street Clothes!!

As of the moment that I am writing this article, we have NO ONE agreeing to be Director of Uniforms for next year.

I am certain that, because of the craziness of this past year with the new uniform pieces arriving each week, it may seem to many people that there is a HUGE long-term time commitment required of the uniform director.

IT'S NOT TRUE.

The majority of this job is done in the summer and there are two parts – alternate uniforms and marching uniforms. There are lots of people willing to help.

Diane Folsom, who did the alternate uniforms last year, is willing to be an alternate uniform team member again. She will do the tallying, ordering, etc. but she wants someone to work with that could pick up the items from the vendors (located in Oak Park and Simi Valley) and distribute them to the students.

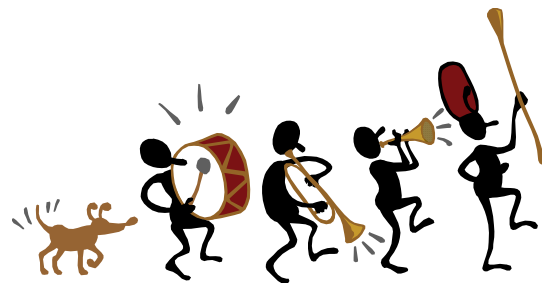
For marching uniforms, the job involves inventorying the pieces, sizing the kids, recording the assignments, ordering the shoes, and passing out the uniforms on Family night. At the first football game you supervise a team checking uniforms for fit and hem length. The uniform director is also responsible for pre-competition prep. It doesn't require you to go to each competition – although there will always be a spot for you when you are able to attend. It requires that you have a team that will help kids with fixing their hair and assist with uniform problems (missing items that need to be borrowed, broken zippers and such).

As Director, you would be a member of the executive board. Meetings are held on Wednesdays once a month. You would be free to divide your responsibilities with other helpers as you saw fit or you could share this job with another person. Please, if you are willing to help OR have questions about the job, I would LOVE to hear from you.

Please seriously consider this position. The band needs someone or the kids will be marching in street clothes!

**Dorothy Hatfield**

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## Jazz Band

The AM Jazz Band participated in the Reno Jazz Festival April 22 and 23. They had a great adventure and excellent placement in the final awards.

Our Jazz Band earned unanimous Superiors, earning a fourth place award out of fourteen bands! This was quite an achievement since they had an 8:30 a.m. time slot on Saturday. The adjudicators also awarded several of our soloists certificates of excellence for their competition performance.

The Jazz Band would like to thank their parents for all of their help and support. — **Mary Tessendorf**



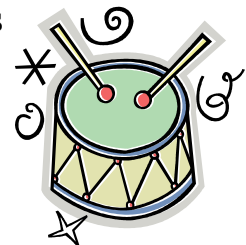
*Many thanks to the Ratings Festival parent and student volunteers. Our event was an overwhelming success due to your enthusiastic help and cooperation. — **Gari Ann Douglass***

## Drumline

It's hard to believe Drumline season is already over! I want to thank everyone that helped make this a great season; we couldn't have done it without you. Especially, **Randy Wagner** for organizing the building of the props and taking care of all the equipment, **Viviane Hilf** for all your work on the costumes, for chaperoning at every competition and being there for all the kids, **Nancy Skews-Cox** for arranging all the food and taking over the competition in Rancho Cucamonga, **Greg and Dorothy Hatfield** for helping with the costumes, equipment, food and chaperoning especially in Las Vegas and Dayton, **Nancy and Tim Bonds** for helping with equipment, chaperoning and taking over the Percussion Extravaganza and all the other parents that helped with costumes, props, equipment, chaperoning and baking. Thanks also to **Mary Roberts** for arranging all the bus transportation, truck rental, Las Vegas planning and all the office paperwork and forms and to Betsy for planning the budget and helping with lots of decisions. Thank you to **Marty and Mary Anne Martone** for all the little and big things you do for the program and for the kids.

Lastly, thanks go to the instructors **Matt, Steve, Lance and Michael** for all their long hours and dedication to the kids and for making this Drumline one of only twenty high schools in the nation to compete at this level.

**Tricia Webster**



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## Save That Date

Thursday, May 5  
All District Band Festival  
7:00 PM  
Civic Arts Plaza

Wednesday, May 11  
Executive Board Meeting  
7:30 PM  
TOHS Band Room

Saturday, May 14  
Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 AM—11:00 AM  
TOHS Cafeteria

Saturday, May 14  
Lancer Band Golf Tournament  
12:00 PM—6:00 PM  
Los Robles Golf Course

Tuesday, May 17  
Band Booster Meeting  
7:30 PM  
TOHS Band Room

Tuesday, May 31  
Band Orientation Meeting  
7:00—9:00 PM New Band Families  
7:45—9:00 PM Returning Band Families  
TOHS PAC

Wednesday, June 1  
Percussion Extravaganza  
7:00—9:00 PM  
TOHS PAC

Thursday, June 2  
Percussion Concert  
4:30—9:30 PM  
Burroughs High School

Saturday, June 4  
Concert in the Park

Friday, June 10  
Band Banquet  
6:00—10:00 PM  
Los Robles Banquet Room

## All District Band Festival

Our combined bands, along with all of our feeder schools, both elementary and middle, will participate in the All-District Band Festival at the Civic Arts Plaza on Thursday, May 5th. Students will rehearse at the plaza that afternoon after lunch. They will ride over on school buses, but you will need to pick them up at 4:45 PM for dinner and return them to the CAP at 7:00 PM in full concert attire. AM Jazz reports at 6:30. The Festival performance begins at 7:30 PM in the Kavli Theater. Admission and parking are free of charge.

### *Pancakes!*

The Lancer Band serves it's annual breakfast of pancakes, cooked by dedicated boosters, on Saturday May 14th. Pancakes will be served from 8:00 AM through 11:00 AM in the Thousand Oaks High School cafeteria. Come on in, support the band, and see how many pancakes you can eat!



## IMPORTANT MEETING

If you will be a new member of our band family next fall, or if you are a returning member, a mandatory end of the year band meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31. This is an important meeting where we will discuss plans for the summer and next year's fall marching season. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM for new band families, and all returning members must attend at 7:45 PM. The meeting will be held in the Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) and is scheduled to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Please note: previously posted as an optional meeting, this meeting is mandatory, and all new and returning students and a parent must attend.

## Graduation Reminder

Students in grades 9-11 will participate in the graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 16th. All instrumentalists are required to perform. They will need to be on campus from 4-8:30pm. Details will follow.

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## The Ultimate Preparation for Life

Our school has a wonderful band program and I am ecstatic to be a part of it. Being in the band is a rewarding and enriching experience. I have been able to make new friends and have become better friends with those with whom I have already been acquainted. Actually, I am able to hang out with my friends more on account of all the activities that the band takes part in.

It has also been a personally rewarding experience. Band has boosted my self-confidence because it has enabled me to do something I am good at and enjoy doing. The whole experience adds to the feeling of accomplishment, especially when we do well at competitions. Even more than the judges' reactions to our performance, our own feeling of accomplishment and the satisfying words of encouragement that our instructors give makes the hard work worthwhile. It has been a new experience, one which I am glad to have taken part in.

The heavy schedule which the band maintains has also helped my time-management skills. I have learned how to balance my time among school, band, and my other extra-curricular activities. These skills will definitely be of great benefit in the upcoming years through high school and beyond.

Band also never leaves me feeling bored. There is always some concert to go to (or perform in), a competition to go to, a car wash (a great opportunity to soak your friends), or a pancake breakfast (pasta dinner). Fun events to do with family and friends are always available and this only adds to the list of reasons why I love our band program.

All in all, band is a time-consuming experience, but one which is well worth the work and dedication. The time commitment doesn't matter because it's always fun and rewarding, especially when we do well!

### *Own the Lancer Band's Fall Season DVD!*

This DVD includes scores, placements, names of performers, videos from the fall season, plus the upcoming 2005 Band Banquet slide show.

Only \$10 cash or check. Make checks payable to TOHS Band ASB/Band Council.  
All proceeds will go to the TOHS Band Council.

Put orders with payment in the white box by May 27th.

Include order form below with payment

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

Class period: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Summer Music Ops for Younger Sibs!

Future TOHS Band members can take advantage of two summer music programs.

Young Musicians Band Camp is for musicians with a minimum of one-year experience who are entering grades 5th – 8th. This camp is offered by the Arts Council and taught by Joan Warsaw, coordinator of the Elementary Instrumental Music Program for the CVUSD. There are two sessions, 6/20-7/1 at 9:00-11:00 AM M-F and 8/22-8/31 from 9:00-11:30.(M-F & M-W) Info on line @ [www.hillcrestarts.com](http://www.hillcrestarts.com) or call 381-2747.

Conejo Valley Summer Music Camp is taught by Janine Delwarte. This camp is for musicians ages 11-15 that have been playing their instrument for more than one year. There are two two-week sessions. 7/5-7/15 9:30-12:30 M-F and 7/18-7/28 M-F Contact the arts council at the above listed numbers for details and registration.

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