



# THE BUGLE

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

**March 2006**

## Director's Notes

Hello all,

We have a busy month ahead. Our Winter Guard competed for the first time on February 25th. We all look forward to their performance season and wish them well. The Drum Line also performed on February 25th for the second time this season. Best wishes to them as well.

The PM Jazz Band has begun with two weeks under our belt. We look forward to a great semester, as they sound great already. The AM Jazz Band had a great performance at the Dinner Dance. I am very proud on the maturity of the group and their musical skills. The AM Jazz Band will perform on March 4th in a Jazz Festival in Santa Barbara.

We are scheduled to perform two Middle School Assemblies in the Month of March — March 2nd at Los Cerritos and March 16th at Redwood. Performing groups will be AM Jazz, Wind Ensemble, Winter Guard and Drum Line. This is our version of the Lawrence Welk Hour. We will be performing for the entire student body and showing them a sample of what our department has to offer. This is a great recruitment tool and we get a chance to announce a new member orientation which will be held in the band room on Thursday, March 9th at 7:30. This meeting is designed to help new member fill out their schedules and give an overview on our department to the incoming parents. Please encourage any possible new member to join us on the 9th.

The Wind Symphony period 4 and period 5 classes will be rehearsing together on the following days:

Tuesday, March 14 from 7 - 9 PM (This is Future Freshman Night. Parking will be difficult, but we will get good work done and it will be a great recruitment tool for student's walking by the band room!)  
Friday, March 17 during periods 4/5 (Students will use green excusal slips so they can rehearse for a 2 hour time period).

Monday, March 20 from 7 - 9 PM.

The Spring Concert is set for the first day of spring, Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 PM. Performing groups will be the Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble. We follow up a great concert by hosting the SCSBOA Ratings Festival. The Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble will perform again late in the afternoon/early evening for a panel of adjudicators. Students will also be working the event during the day. Green slips will once again be used for our volunteer workers. We will be hosting more than 18 bands from Southern

If any family has a few duplicate tools laying around, we could really use them. We are putting together four tool boxes that can be used on and off site. We need them to keep us up and rolling. And as always, please check out the private music teacher's list. It is the best way to help your child excel in our program.

See you at the concert . . .

Mr. Martone

## President's Corner

**Dorothy Hatfield and Cheryl Pavell**

March already? Incredible!! Didn't we just put away the Christmas stuff? (And my tree really did go in the trash in January!)

The Dinner Dance and Silent Auction in February was fabulous. The Jazz Band entertained splendidly. Much thanks to **Stacey Gessert** and **Larisa Sassoon** for all their hard work organizing, staffing the event, **Betsy Connolly** for the program; **Dave and Naomi Burns** for scouting locations, and the host of volunteers who put together baskets, decorated, cleaned up, attended, partied and bought! Fun was had by all!

We have so much information that needs to be distributed to you – so grab a cup of coffee and get ready for a long dialogue.

First – it's time to start the planning for next year. If your student is NOT continuing in band next year (and not graduating!) please let Mr. Martone know now. We will be going to the middle schools this month to perform and talk with students there, as well as meeting with them at future freshman night on March 14 and our 8th grade informational meeting on March 9.

Second, some of our band members are the musicians for the school musical "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" being held in the PAC March 1,2,3,4,9,10, and 11 at 7:30 p.m. Let's show support for them and our drama group.

Next, the Winter Guard and Drumline seasons have begun. They have worked hard to produce awesome shows (congratulations to the guard for placing first in their first competition!) Check the website for their schedule and try to attend at least one of their performances. They deserve the support of the entire band. If you don't want to travel, drumline is at Westlake High School on April 1st. Let's get a big crowd to cheer them on!

Then the California High School Exit Exams are held March 21 (English) and March 22 (Math). This is for sophomores (and any juniors who did not pass or take it last year).

Also on March 21 is our spring concert. The SCSBOA Ratings Festival is on March 22. Our bands play at the end of the day. More details on this will be sent sooner to the dates.

April brings spring break – and it's early this year (April 10 to 14).

In early May is practice for Conejo Valley Days Parade – and our churro/pretzel booth at the carnival. We will need around 75 people over the Wednesday to Sunday time frame to work the booth. If you can help, look for the sign-up sheets at the concert or contact Cheryl Pavell.

And May 9th is the all District Band Festival

One last "heads up" – the freshman will be taking their fitness test in May. Here are two websites you can go to to get the details.

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[http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/PhysFitness/gls\\_pft\\_tasks.asp#](http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/PhysFitness/gls_pft_tasks.asp#)

\* <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/>

So, if your student has been taking it easy since marching season, you may want to get them up and moving. One of the tests is a mile run!

Most of these dates are on the calendar on our website ([www.tohsband.org](http://www.tohsband.org)). But we felt we needed to highlight some of them and to get you to put them on your calendars now.

Keep reading the rest of the Bugle for more great information! And keep volunteering – there is so much to get done! Most of all – keep supporting and cheering on these awesome performers!

## WAYS & MEANS

Many thanks to all the people who helped with the Dinner Dance! It was a huge effort, and our band families came through to create a successful fundraiser. Thank you to all the people who donated items for the baskets, assembled and wrapped the baskets, and transported them to the Renaissance, and helped to set up the room. Many thanks also to **Lauren Piper** and **Frances Fleming** on the festive decorations. Thank you to **Bill Ackerman** who did a great job as our auctioneer. The Jazz Band sounded fantastic as well. How lucky we are to be entertained by this fantastic group of talented musicians!!

Looking towards the spring, we have a couple of fundraisers to look forward to. Conejo Valley Days will be in early May. We will need many people to work in our churro booth at the midway. The shifts are three hours long and lots of fun! You get to see all your friends!!

We will also have our annual Pancake Breakfast near Mother's Day in May. We will need volunteers to help set up, cook, serve and clean up. Think of how you would like to help and be ready to volunteer when we call!!

Again, many thanks to all on the Dinner Dance committee and to all who helped in one capacity or another!!



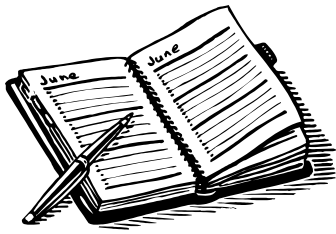
Happy fundraising! **Stacey Gessert** and **Larisa Sassoon**

## VP Band Report

by **Betsy Connolly**

March is new member recruitment month. Our Wind Ensemble, AM Jazz Band, Winter Guard and Spring Drumline will be performing at both Los Cerritos and Redwood Middle Schools. This is a great opportunity for potential new band members to see what the program is about. We will be hosting our 8<sup>th</sup> grade information night at TOHS in the Band Room on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage anyone you know with an 8<sup>th</sup> grader to consider band, even if they are not currently enrolled in the middle school program. Our current members and boosters are the best recruiters!

Our Spring Concert will be Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and the SCSBOA Ratings Festival is the next day. Don't miss this great chance to hear our students play some really advanced music. If you are available during the day on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> volunteer to help with the Ratings Festival. It is a great day of service to the music community.



## Save That Date

**Thursday, March 2**  
**Los Cerritos Assembly**

**Saturday, March 4**  
**Jazz Band**  
**Dos Pueblos Jazz Festival**

**Saturday, March 4**  
**Winter Guard Competition**  
**Huntington Beach High School**

**Wednesday, March 8**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**7:00 PM**  
**TOHS Band Room**

**Thursday, March 9**  
**8th Grade Parent Meeting**  
**7:30—9:00 PM**  
**TOHS Band Room**

**March 14**  
**Future Freshman Night**  
**TOHS**

**Tuesday, March 14**  
**Wind Symphony Practice**  
**7:00 — 9:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 16**  
**Redwood Assembly**

**Monday, March 20**  
**Wind Symphony Practice**  
**7:00 — 9:00 PM**

**Tuesday, March 21**  
**Spring Concert**  
**7:30—9:30 PM**  
**TOHS PAC**

**Wednesday, March 22**  
**SCSBOA Ratings Festival**  
**Wind Symphony reports at 4:15 PM]**  
**And performs at 5:15 PM**  
**Wind Ensemble reports at 5:45 PM and**  
**plays at 6:45 PM**

## Drumline

The 2006 Spring Drum Line show takes place underwater in an aquarium. After the fish are removed from the tank, so the water can be changed, the "plants" inside the aquarium come to life. As the water is drained, the "plants" react dramatically and humorously to the sudden change of their environment. They enjoy the feeling of "air" tremendously, but soon miss the safe feeling of the water. When the clean water is added to the aquarium, the music transitions from a beautiful "water ballad" to a driving and exciting finish.

We have competitions coming up on March 25 and April 1st. We will be performing at approximately 8 PM both shows. You are welcome to attend. Thanks for your support!



**Saturday, March 25**  
**Drum Line Competition**  
**SF Valley**

**Saturday, March 25**  
**Winter Guard Competition**  
**Costa Mesa**

**Saturday, April 1**  
**Drum Line Competition**  
**Westlake HS**

**Saturday, April 1**  
**Winter Guard Competition**  
**Glendora**

**The deadline for articles for the**  
**April Bugle is March 23.**

## WINTER GUARD

Our 2006 season is off to an awesome start! The Winter Guard competed in their first competition Saturday, February 25 at Mayfair High School. We won FIRST PLACE in the Intermediate A Blue Division with a score of 64 points! The kids had fun and looked great. We had a wonderful crew supporting the guard: **Barry Meizel, Tara Meizel, Arlene Mead, Sue Vigneux, Sherry St. Andrew, and Mikal Musselman.** And, of course, we have a great equipment crew--**Will and Jasmin.**

Competition number two is Saturday, March 4, at Huntington Beach High School. The third competition is Saturday, March 25, in Costa Mesa. We would love to see some smiling faces at any or all of these performances.

Special thanks to our seamstresses: **Stacy Steinberg, Dorothy Hatfield, Luci Zazueta, and Arlene Mead.**

We have two extra beaded curtains for sale. Both curtains have an 8-Ball image in black/white beads and are about 36" wide. They are \$10 each. Please call Lauren Piper if you interested at 241-3266.

**Lauren Piper and Michele Ackerman**  
Color Guard VP's

Received by e-mail February 7, 2006

I just wanted to take a moment to inform you that last Saturday, many of the Color Guard members showed up to paint the floor for this year's show. I had in mind a process to accomplish this task, but I must admit that I was not sure that it would work with a bunch of teenagers. I wasn't even sure it would work with a bunch of adults! They far exceeded my expectations. The students listened and executed the plan extremely well.

Many were there to paint and quite a few stayed all day until the floor was dry, swept with baby powder, folded and put away.

Special thanks goes to Will Lindauer for all his help, both with the painting and the getting ready to paint. He is always eager to do whatever needs to be done.

Please pass on my thanks to all who helped and be proud of this team, as I am! They should mostly be very proud of themselves.

Most sincerely,  
Arlene Mead

## The Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has been meeting during the past month. They have had a good response so far to their requests to members to serve on the executive board next year. There are a few positions that still need to be filled. however. If you would like to know more about what's available and how you can help, call the nominating committee chairman, **Gail Williamson**. The other members of the nominating committee are: **Mikal Musselman, Traci Brown, Lauren Piper, Dave Burns, Julie Solomon, Arlene Mead and Tami Casebolt.**

Feel free to talk with them as well about how you can serve in this fantastic organization. We are also looking for class representatives and chairmen for various event that occur throughout the year: churros booth, dinner dance, pasta dinner, pancake breakfast, to name a few. If you or a group of your friends think you would be able to chair an event, let one of us know. The more the merrier!

## Finances



There is a list of student names posted on the band room door that show if their student still owes money to TOHS band or ASB for: CAR WASH OBLIGATION, 1ST SEMESTER SCHOOL INSTRUMENT USE, 2ND SEMESTER SCHOOL INSTRUMENT USE and ANY NICK RAIL INSTRUMENT SEMESTER CLEANING/REPAIR INVOICES.

All this money due is past due at this time. Place money in the white box. If you have any questions, you can contact Mary Ann Martone at 495-7491 ext. 6002.

Congratulations to the following members of the band who were named National Merit Finalists:

**Steven Sun and Frank Zhang**

**LANCER BAND**  
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