



THE BUGLE

The Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCERS

April/May 2007

Director's Notes

The month of March brought many performances to our department. We put on a variety hour showcasing some of the ensembles we have at the high school to both feeder schools, Los Cerritos Middle School and Redwood Middle School.

The entire population of both middle schools enjoyed performances by the Stompin' Garbage Ensemble, AM Jazz Band, Jade and Emerald Winter Guards, Drum Line and the Wind Ensemble. It was a very spirited performance that moved along quite impressively. I am very proud of our students who worked and prepared so beautifully on those two days.

The equipment crew has been outstanding this past month with the many times that we have had to move equipment this month. Not only the competitions on the weekends, but the middle school assemblies, the spring concert, and ratings festival. Thanks so much!!!

The Drum Line and Winter Guards have been busy competing in Southern California and Las Vegas. They are working hard to finish their season strong. Please join them on April 25 at 7 PM in our gym to witness the last performances for these ensembles for this competitive winter season.

I would like to thank the Winter Guard students and the many TOHS supporters who came to the Westlake gym to cheer on the Drum Line on February 24th. We had half the gym filled with green and black supporting our students. That shows class and is a statement on how far our department has come since 2000. Thanks again.

The AM Jazz Band went to the Dos Pueblos High School Jazz Festival and took third place in the Advanced/Heavy Division. **Brian Casebolt** and **Kristie O'Quinn** were recognized as outstanding soloists. The AM Jazz Band has one more month to prepare for the Reno Jazz Festival which is held on the last weekend in April.

The PM Jazz Band has been rehearsing regularly and improving at every rehearsal. **Jeanine Delwarte** has done great things with these young jazz musicians. Please catch them as well as the AM Jazz Band and our special guests from the CSUN University on April 24th at 7:30 PM.

Congratulations to the Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble, as all three bands received SUPERIOR RATINGS at the SCSBOA Ratings Festival held on our campus on March 21st and 22nd. This is a testament that we are doing great things across the board with instrumental music. Thanks to all that volunteered and worked the festival. Special acknowledgement to **Mary Roberts** who was instrumental in organizing many of the facets of this festival. Thanks so much Mary!!!!

Please check our website for upcoming concerts and activities. We look forward to performing to full houses in the upcoming months as we celebrate our successes and the class of 2007.

President's Corner

Dorothy Hatfield and **Cheryl Pavell**

As we end this year of band activities, we would like to thank everyone that has volunteered. The work associated with supporting the band takes many hands and this year we have had so many of you step in and help - with anything and everything! Having a great booster support system is greatly appreciated and we want all of you to know that.

To all the students who have continued during this school year and have lasted to the bitter end – thank you. We know that you gave up many free time hours to put on the wonderful shows that we as parents enjoy. The field show this year was as spectacular as ever! And then those who continue a competitive season second semester - the winter drum line and color guard groups - you have continue to give wonderful shows and WOW the crowds where ever you go!

To all the students who held leadership positions and worked tirelessly for the group – thank you. You should be proud of your accomplishments.

Congratulations to all musical groups on your superior ratings at the recent SCSBOA festival that we hosted. You were wonderful! And the twenty minute piece by Wind Ensemble – breathtaking!

But don't hang up those volunteer shoes yet. We'll need you as we finish up the booster fundraising events (Conejo Valley Days Carnival), see our last concerts (All District Band Festival and Concert in the Park). And please remember that none of this could be done without the booster leadership. We are busy looking for next year's booster board, with some of the more challenging jobs still vacant. Do not shy away from this wonderful experience to make a difference in your student's band experience. They will remember this their whole life.

From Cheryl: As a parent of a Senior this year, and this being my last year in the band program, I want to thank all the music teachers my two students have had since the fourth grade on into middle school and continuing to high school. As a non-musically talented individual, it has been such a heart-warming experience to watch my children pick instruments and play. And to see them year after year perform on the football fields with shows that are always a joy to watch – words cannot express my pride.

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Winter Drumline

Traci Brown

Drum line season nears its completion with the Southern California Percussion Alliance Prelims on April 1st at Ayala High School at 1:24pm. This competition determines our standings at the Finals, which takes place at Moorpark High School on April 14th. The drum lines in our category perform after the 7:10 p.m. break and it is a great opportunity for people to see what fantastic competition we have in our group! The awards take place that evening at 9:45 p.m.

Our annual Family Night will showcase the Color Guard shows, as well as the Drumline show on Wednesday, April 25th from 7-10 p.m. This will be the last performance of our Flatline show. Please come out and support these groups!



Winter Guard

Michele Ackerman
Sherry St. Andrew

The season is well under way and we are having a great time with the Winter Guard. Both teams are making great improvements on the execution of their shows, and we are very excited as we head into the home stretch into championships!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our immense appreciation to the following individuals, who stepped in to help us in our time of need: **Arlene Mead, Lauren Piper and Teresa Dion**, the guards, staff, VPs and parents thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your help with painting and sewing our costumes and flags (even without personally having a child of yours in the color guard this year)!!! A special thank you also goes out from our hearts to **Jackie Cunningham** for her sewing talents, and all of her hard work on costumes and flags!

Championships will take place in Orange County the weekend of April 21-22. Please come on out and cheer on our teams!

Jazz Band

Dave Gulbransen

The AM Jazz Band is off to Reno the April 27-29th to participate in the Reno International Jazz Festival at UNR (University of Nevada Reno). We still need volunteers to help drive the band from TOHS to LAX and back on the 27th (at about 4:45 am) and 29th (late morning). If you are available to help drive please send an e-mail to Dave Gulbransen. The Jazz Band will perform in the PAC on April 25th before leaving for Reno.



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AdBook Coordinator Needed for Next Year

The AdBook is a yearly publication that is a moneymaker for the band as well as individual student savings accounts. In addition to advertisements, it contains memorabilia of the band's school year. We need someone who is knowledgeable about graphic design to coordinate the AdBook with the help of a committee. If you would like to learn more please e-mail **Sue Heraper**.



SCRIP

The purchase of scrip is the easiest way to help pay for band-related expenses. Students earn 50% of the profits for their ISSA accounts, and help the band at the same time.

We carry in-stock scrip for the following area merchants: *Whole Foods, Long's, Smart and Final, Taco Bell, Jamba Juice, Carl's Jr., Burger King, Baskin Robbins, TCBY, Wendy's, and Starbucks.*

Dena Watson takes care of in-stock scrip sales.

The scrip order form can be downloaded from the TOHS band website. Completed forms can either be dropped in the white box, where they are picked up on Wednesday afternoons, or call **Julie Solomon** directly. Orders will be processed on the 15th and the 30th of each month.

From the Band Council

Elizabeth Warren

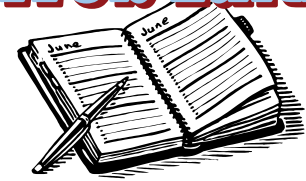
Happy almost end of the school year everyone! Wow is it really that close?

I don't know about everyone else, but I think it's been a while that ALL THREE of our concert bands got Superior ratings in the SCSBOA Ratings Festival?? I mean how amazing is that!? I think everyone is so proud of all of their children and friends. Not just in concert band, but in Drumline and Color Guard as well! I don't think many people appreciate or understand all the hard work and dedication they have. They have practices 'til goodness knows when, they work hard, and they hope for the best and it all pays off no matter what happens.

Now that we are just a few months away from summer, it's time to get ready for end of the year events like Conejo Valley Days Parade, All District Band Festival, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, and well the new marching band season and new field show! It isn't too early to start getting ready for next year. I hope everyone is just as excited as I am!

All ASB balances need to be paid in full. If you need to know your balance due, please ask your student to get another copy of the invoice that was mailed out last month.

Please Remit all payments to TOHS BAND – ASB. If there are any questions on the invoice you received, please contact Mary Anne Martone in the band office 495-7491 ext. 6002.



CALENDAR

Saturday, April 14

Drum Line Competition
SCPA Championships
9 AM—10PM
Moorpark High School

Thursday, April 19

Executive Board Meeting
6:30 PM
Booster Meeting
7:00 PM
Band Room

April 21-22

Winter Guard Competition
WGASC Championships
Orange County

Tuesday, April 24

Jazz Band Concert
7:30 PM
TOHS PAC

Wednesday, April 25

Winter Guard and
Drum Line
Parent Celebration
7:00 PM
TOHS gym

April 27-29

Reno Jazz Festival
University of Nevada, Reno
AM Jazz Band

Saturday, April 28

Royal Jazz Festival
PM Jazz Band
Royal High School

May 1-3

Marching Band Practice
3:00—4:30 PM

Saturday, May 5

Conejo Valley Days Parade
and
Performance at "The Lakes"

Thursday, May 10

Executive Board Meeting
6:30 PM
Booster Meeting
7:00 PM
Band Room

May 14-16

Color Guard Audition Clinic
3:30—6:30 PM
TOHS GAR

Thursday, May 17

Color Guard Auditions
3:30—8:00 PM
TOHS GAR

May 15 & 17, 22 & 24

Leadership Training
3:00—5:15 PM
TOHS Band Room

Saturday, May 19

10 AM—3 PM
Concert in the Park

Wednesday, May 23

All District Band Festival
7:30 PM
Civic Arts Plaza

Tuesday, May 29

Band Orientation for 2007-08
band members and parents
7-9 PM
TOHS PAC

Restaurant Night
all day Thursday, April 26th
Baja Fresh on Moorpark Road



They will donate 15%
of the first \$1000.
If we go over \$1000 they
will donate 20%
of the total.



The Conejo
Valley Days Parade is scheduled
for
Saturday, May 5.
Do you know where your
uniform--including the green

LANCER BAND
THOUSAND OAKS HIGH SCHOOL
2323 MOORPARK ROAD
THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360

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