



THE BUGLE

The Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCERS

June 2007

Director's Notes

As I sit here contemplating the year in its entirety, I can't believe how it has gone by so quickly. I have been here at Thousand Oaks High School for seven years and this has been the fastest the school year has gone by. I tribute that to the level of cooperation and success that we have experienced from the students, staff and boosters.

We were fortunate to have started the year with such a great product... The Blueprint. It is one of my favorite shows of my career. Unique musically and visually and it has such a great message of what we can build in our own lives. I am very proud that we were able to work on that message using John Wooden's Pyramid of Success. It will be hard to top that, but we are all up for the challenge.

After a few years of having a Brass Class and Woodwind Class, I was a little hesitant to try the three separate bands again, but was so pleased at the outcome immediately. Great Musicianship was apparent in all three bands from the beginning and I believe that we have created many more musical leaders from this format. I am also happy that the number of percussion students allowed for a new perspective of having all of them spread into the three concert bands. This allowed all percussionists to get experience in a real life setting and created many more performance opportunities for each member. The total number of students will dictate if we can continue this new strategy.

As I look back at the year and the direction my teaching has taken over the years, I am so proud of the opportunities we have created to mold our students into fine young adults, using musical and visual performance to teach CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, TEAM WORK, etc. I am confident that our members will be successful in life using the skills and life lessons presented and maintained by our department.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members, staff, and boosters who helped make this year so special. There are so many great individuals, too many to name but all who I recognize are significant to the department. I thank each and everyone of you. We have some boosters who have been in the trenches for the department for a great number of years, and this will be an emotional last month as we ready for their departure. I cannot help to think back on all of the years of building, planning, fundraising and organizing that you have put in to help this program. Thank you!!!

It feels that in a blink of the eye the rotation of a class of students completes its cycle and we say good luck and farewell to another senior class. I would like to thank them for their dedication to the department and more importantly its members. The senior class has been a caring group of students who have musically and emotionally grown over their four years. They will be greatly missed and as we look to their future we wish them great success and good fortune. Please keep in touch with us.

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With all of that said, and as hard as it may be, we now turn the book back to chapter one to get ready for another year. We have had our leadership seminar with the greatest number of students attending. I am proud that so many want the knowledge and have offered themselves to serve for the betterment of the band program.

The field show — Time, Imagine the Possibilities — will be a great continuation of the kind of show that Blueprint was. It will have a great message and I am confident that the staff and I will put together a great production.

The boosters are planning on working here at school on June 2 at 8:30 AM for the day, organizing and cleaning all of our storage areas so that we can streamline our inventory and procedures to make our program even more efficient. I hope that you can join us on that day.

We have the Band Banquet for members and families on June 9th and Band Camp is coming up on June 18th and 19th. And of course graduation on June 14th.

Monday, May 14, we had a great opportunity to hear from Gary Locke, Band Director of Riverside Community College and Bob Bone, owner and president of Youth Music of the World. They told us why Thousand Oaks was selected to participate in the first Rome New Year's Day Celebration and gave many details on this wonderful performance trip opportunity. It is not too late to join us. Please visit our website for more information. You won't want to miss it!



Thanks again for such a great year and let's do it again!!!

Mr. Martone

President's Corner

Dorothy Hatfield and Cheryl Pavell

June already? Hard to believe. Seems like it was just yesterday that we were building props, making flags and costumes. So many great times, so many fabulous memories. We are very thankful to all the many volunteers who have help make those memories with us while we did all our traveling, cooked, fed, hauled, built, sewed, cheered, supported, etc..... Where would our band be without all of you boosters?!

As we get ready for the orientation meeting on the 29th, a sadness descends as we think about the senior students and parents that won't be with us – and then a sense of pride as we think about the possibilities for all those people. Our hearts will travel with you wherever life takes you – think of us fondly, and visit when you can!

Welcome to the incoming freshman (and other new students) and families. We hope you find band to be an awesome experience for all of you. Parents, the students need you to become involved for the program to be successful. You will not regret the decision!

So as we take time to reflect on the past, we look forward to the future. And wish the incoming board luck on all they do. We hope that success and friendship will be abounding!

We'll leave you with these words to ponder:

"I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known."

~Author Unknown

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Winter Drumline

Traci Brown

The Drumline season officially ended the night of our Family Celebration. The students had one of the best performances of the season that evening, and the gym was packed with fans!

I would like to take a minute to thank again all of the people that cooked, served, drove, chaperoned, built, sewed, cleaned up and lent their moral support. It was a fun and easy season, thanks to all of you! We will miss our seniors: **Sarah Current, Phil Gessert, Jenni Rutledge, Daniel Smith and Mark Wagner.** Good luck in all you do! And thanks again to **Lance Delgado, Gabe Deluk, Lauren Kosty and Mike Freed.** You are awesome instructors!



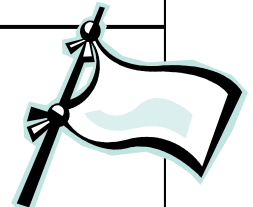
From the Band Council

Elizabeth Warren

Wow.. it is the end of the school year already. It is so crazy how fast time flies by in a blink of an eye. I think everyone in our department has done an amazing job this year. Everyone has worked hard and it has all paid off. Now is the time to celebrate! The banquet is coming up where we can celebrate the end of the year together. Make sure to come!

The band council would like to thank everyone that helped out this year. All the boosters who gave countless hours of help, all the parents who were always willing to give a hand whenever they could or help was needed. It isn't easy being a band parent and I think all of you should be congratulated and thanked. So thank you, each and everyone of you, for everything. Band would be nothing without all of your help. =)

Sure it's the end of the school year and this year's band year, but now is time for a new rotation of band! Summer is almost here which means marching season! Find your sunscreen, hat, and comfortable shoes before you forget and you are burned the first day of band camp.



Color Guard

Michele Ackerman

Color Guard has had auditions for next year and it looks like there are some great new students joining in. Next year should be great!

As outgoing vice president, I would like to thank all the parents who helped and supported the girls over the past two years. They made my job easy and I appreciate all the help! To all the girls - I will miss you - you are a fabulous group!! You are just wonderful! It has been great fun! Best of luck in the future!

and from **Sherry St. Andrew and Denise Vivero**
2007/2008 Co-Vice Presidents, Color Guard

It's hard to believe this year is coming to an end. Already, we are beginning to plan for the 2007-2008 season and would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to participate in the upcoming year's events. We look forward to working closely with all of the parents and students to make next year even better.

We feel privileged and excited to take on this responsibility, as well as a little apprehensive. As our band and color guard continue to grow we find ourselves needing more help than ever to continue to provide our students with the support and resources they need to make the most of this experience. We assure you that committing some of your time to being a part of their success is an investment that will be rewarded both immediately and on a long term basis. Your help is both needed and wanted.

The booster organization is like the roots of a tree. You don't really see it and it is easy to forget it is there, but it provides background support and resources that are necessary to be successful. The staff is like the trunk, supporting, feeding and strengthening the beautiful foliage that are our students. We have a strong trunk and our foliage is awesome, but we must strengthen and expand our root system to provide a healthy treetop that can reach ever skyward.

Soon there will be props to build, costumes to sew, food to prepare, communications to pass on and many more activities that go into supporting our students' band/color guard experience. Our students, whether they are freshman or seniors need our help. They spend many hours rehearsing, conditioning and preparing so that they can be the best they are able to be. For a little while, we can still be part of that. Please accept our invitation to be involved to whatever level you are willing and/or able. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Looking forward to next year ...

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Jazz Band

Dave Gulbransen

TOHS AM Jazz Band Goes to Reno

During a rousing night of smooth jazz music at the PAC, the AM Jazz band performed its final tune up performance before traveling to Reno, Nevada to perform at the Reno International Jazz Festival at the University of Nevada, Reno campus. The send off concert on April 24 also featured an excellent performance by the PM Jazz Band many of whom were performing in their first jazz concert. Under the direction of Janine Delwarte, the band rose to the challenge with several members playing on unfamiliar instruments.

The AM Jazz band performed their festival music selections to the delight of the crowd on hand at the PAC. The concert was closed out with a rousing performance by the A and B Jazz Bands from California State University Northridge under the direction of Gary Pratt and Matt Harris. This concert represented a homecoming by TOHS band alumni Adam Cross. The CSUN B Jazz Band also performed at the Reno Jazz Festival. The CSUN A band is bound for a tour of Europe this summer.

The AM Jazz band lived up to its name by meeting at TOHS at 4:30 a.m. for the drive to LAX to catch a 7 a.m. flight to Reno on Friday, April 27. The band attended performances at the Jazz festival and rehearsed for its Saturday performance at the Circus Circus hotel in Reno where the band stayed. On Saturday the band performed an outstanding concert set and received an Excellent rating, finishing seventh out of the sixteen AA bands performing at the festival. The band performed four numbers: "Why Musicians Can't Dance", "I Should Have Known", "We'll be Right Back", and "Black Orpheus."



2007 AM Jazz Band

Back row: Nathan Pederson, James Connolly, David Gulbransen, Jonathan Haydt, Daniel Smith, Alex Lenoir

Middle row: Mr. Martone, Kyle De Kreek, Chris Lamoreaux, Brian Casebolt, Kenny De Kreek, Will Lindauer, Joey Martone,

Front Row: Natalie Sklobovskaya, Abby Sassoon, Kristie O'Quinn, Steve Reichert, Nick De Boisblanc, Alex Da Silva

Good Luck in all you do to our seniors:

Megan Ackerman, Brian Belleville, Michelle Brand, Ashley Burns, Sarah Current, Kyle De Kreek, Ashley Evans, Philip Gessert, Sean Greene, David Gulbransen, Tanessa Iannolo, William Lindauer, Gillian Mellon, Kristie O'Quinn, Ian Ormiston, Jasmin Parson, David Pavell, Steve Reichert, Morgan Reisman, David Roberts, Olivia Ruhland, Jenni Rutledge, Swagat Sahu, Natalie Sklobovskaya, Daniel Smith, Heather von Biela, Mark Wagner, Jillian Watson
Remember: Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life. (Berthold Auerbach)

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End-of-the-Year Finances

TOHS BAND-ASB PAYMENTS NEED TO BE MADE IN FULL BY JUNE 1ST. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE BANQUET TICKETS OR RECEIVE THEIR YEARBOOKS WITHOUT DEBTS BEING CLEARED. THE LIST OF NAMES THAT STILL HAVE A BALANCE DUE ARE POSTED ON THE BOARD IN THE BAND ROOM.



ALSO, IF YOUR STUDENT IS CURRENTLY USING A SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENT WITH ACCESSORIES, PLEASE CHECK THAT THE INSTRUMENT IS IN PLAYING CONDITION WITHOUT REPAIRS NEEDED. YOUR STUDENT WILL BE TURNING IN THE SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS ON GRADUATION NIGHT AND YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY REPAIRS. YOU WILL ALSO BE CHARGED FOR THE REPLACINGMENT OF ANY MISSING OR DAMAGED ACCESSORIES (example: mouthpieces, bits, necks, mallets).

ALL STUDENTS THAT WERE ISSUED A SCHOOL OWNED TUNER MUST TURN RETURN THE TUNER OR BUY A KORG REPLACEMENT TUNER AND TURN IT IN TO MRS. MARTONE IN THE OFFICE.

CHECKS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 4. ASB PAYMENTS AFTER JUNE 4 WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY CASH OR MONEY ORDER. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE PLACED IN THE WHITE BOX IN THE BAND ROOM.



SCRIP

A fundraiser where you don't have to sell anything.

Remember that half of the % discount goes into your student's ISSA account. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers a wide variety of scrip to fit every family's regular household purchases, including groceries, clothing, gifts, gasoline, even travel plans. We cannot possibly include every retailer on our order form. so please the website at www.glscrip.com. They also offer discount specials throughout the year. The Father's Day specials are available from May 19 – June 15.

Please check the website www.tohsband.org for our recently updated order form. Download and complete your order form, drop it in the white box along with your check in an envelope marked "Scrip Order". Any scrip available from Great Lakes Scrip Center can be added to your Band Booster order form.

If you have any questions, please contact **Cindy Fullerton** via the band office at (805) 495-7491.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 30
Percussion Extravaganza Concert
 4:00 PM-9:00 PM
 TOHS Performing Arts Center
 TOHS Percussion Student Concert.

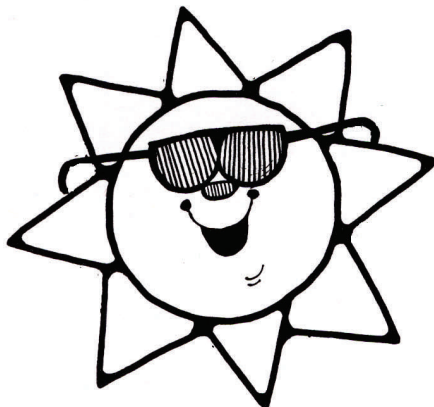
Thursday, May 31
Percussion Extravaganza Concert
 4:00 PM-9:00 PM
 John Burroughs High School
 TOHS Percussion Students will travel to
 JBHS in the Valley to perform at their
 percussion concert.

Wednesday, June 6
**Percussion Placement Auditions
 for Fall**
 2:00 PM-6:00 PM
 TOHS Band Room
 Percussion Students audition for placement in
 the TOHS 07 Marching Band

Saturday, June 9
Band Banquet
 6:00 PM-10:00 PM
 TOHS
 The end of the year awards program
 for our department.

Thursday, June 14
Graduation
 5:30 PM-8:00 PM
 TOHS

Monday, June 18
and Tuesday, June 19
Band Camp
 TOHS



BINGO

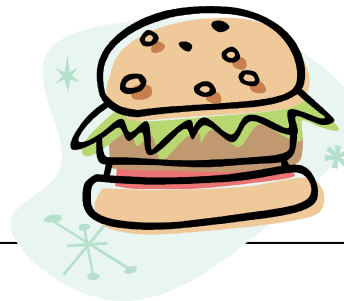
*Join us for our annual Bingo
 summer fundraiser.*

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24		16		09		10	25
02	14	17	28		32	05	
	23		06	36		07	33

When: During band camp in August
 Where: TOHS Cafeteria
 Who: All band families and friends
 What: Bingo, Prizes, Raffles, Food and LOTS of fun

How can I help?: Please call **Dave** or **Naomi Burns** via the band office at (805) 495-7491 if you can help set up, clean up, or help at the concession stand. This is a fun night and an easy way to meet other band families.

We are accepting donations throughout the summer for our raffles and prizes. If you have any friends in the business community that would like to make a donation or any unused items you may have been given, we will be happy to accept them.



Our last restaurant fundraiser
 of the school year
Wednesday, June 6
Carl's Jr. on Moorpark
 (near CVS Pharmacy).

It's good for lunch and dinner
 (until 9:00 pm).

We earn a 25% profit,
 and we can use scrip!

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