



THE BUGLE

The Newsletter of the Thousand Oaks High School LANCER BAND

November 2008

Director's Notes

From the Director...

Marching Band Hello Everyone!!! I can't express in written words the joy that I am having with this year's production of "I Promise." The students, staff, and I have been working hard on perfecting our performance and it shows. It was great making finals at the BOA Las Vegas Regional and we anticipate a strong ending to our season in November. We are all SO PROUD!!!

Student Assessment I would like to update you on the student driven assessment that we have implemented for this year. All Band Students (Wind Musicians, Percussionist and Color Guard Members) are increasing their musical vocabulary by performing technical skills that they use on a regular basis. So far, we have seen an increase with individual production in every class. It is a great way to monitor students' individual needs while improving the group as a whole.

Lessons Once again, the best opportunity for individual improvement that can be given to a student is through private lessons. While I understand that we are in difficult financial times, and with the expense of band costs, this is not always possible, but I do know a regular schedule for lessons is not required by all private teachers. Please check the list posting in the band room for contact information.

Honor Band Opportunities Honor Band auditions are coming up soon. Please go to the following web sites for more information: <http://www.cbda.org> for All State Band Information; <http://www.scsboa.org> for All Southern Honor Band; <http://www.vchb.org> for Ventura County Honor Band, both Jazz and Concert.

Concert Band Schedule for Period 8 8th period marching band class will continue up to the Holiday Concert which is on Tuesday, December 18th. Modifications will be made to the schedule which will be posted in upcoming weeks to further clarify. That posting will be made on the week of Nov. 17th.

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Winter Drum Line The Winter Drum Line is an optional performance ensemble, which competes and performs during the second semester. It is open for enrollment from all band students and there is an informational meeting scheduled for Monday, November 17 at 7:00 PM in the Band Room. Additional information can be found on our website and packets are available in the band room. There is an expense to this program and a set calendar of events, both rehearsals and performances. If you are interested, you and your parent need to come to the meeting.

Macy's Day Performance & Fundraiser The Lancer Marching Band will be performing for the Grand Re-Opening of Macy's at the Oaks Mall on November 22 in the morning. Full instructions will be given to the students prior to the event and all students will meet at a specific location in the mall parking lot to form up the band.

We will meet at 9:00 AM and begin marching to our performance destination at 9:35. This performance will be in full uniform and we will perform at four locations in the mall.

There is a great opportunity to raise funds for each student's individual account with performance as \$10 coupons for a purchase of \$25 can be purchased from our band students. The total profit from each sale will be credited to the individual student. Information has gone home and additional order forms were attached with that information. Please look to our website for additional information.

Jazz Concert Please join us on December 11 for our Jazz Concert. The AM Jazz Band is doing an awesome job and I would like for all of you to come and hear their performance. The concert starts at 7:30 and is free. Please come and enjoy.

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Caroling Fundraiser The Lancer Band Program will be conducting its annual holiday fundraiser on December 5 and 12 from 6 to 9 PM. All members are expected to participate in both nights. The members make up small performance groups and go door to door performing carols for the holiday season while collecting donations. It is a great fundraiser for our program and we need parent participation as well so the students can be driven to specific areas of town. Please contact the boosters if you are willing and able to drive. Insurance clearance must be completed for parents to drive.

Class of 2009 I would like to thank the members of the senior class for working so hard and for being great role models this year. We all appreciate your time and expertise in making the Lancer Band a successful organization. While this is not the end of the year it is a chapter coming to a close as we get ready for the last Marching Band performance. I just wanted to take the time to tell you how proud I am of you and how happy I am that you decided to be in the band program.

Boosters I would also like to thank all of our active boosters who provide so much for the program. Your countless hours of volunteerism do not go unappreciated. Thanks so much for making our band such a great organization. We could not do it without your help. Thanks so much!!!

Staff Lastly, I would like to thank the staff for all of their expertise and thank them for their dedication for creating opportunities for success for our students. We have new additions to our staff this year and I am so happy with our collective approach to positively motivating the students to perform beyond the student's expectations.

Although my entry for this Bugle is rather long, I am hopeful that you will enjoy another publication that I put into this newsletter. It is a great story that sums up the feeling from a parent's perspective. Please enjoy From The Bleacher...

I hope to see you in the stands at our last performances of the season. Please wear your green and enjoy all the hard work and cooperation that our students show in the production of "I Promise".

Mr. Martone

Editor's note: Read the latest and archived issues of **The Bugle** online at <http://www.tohsband.org/pages/home/bugle.htm>

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President's Corner

Greetings Lancer Band Families! It is so hard to believe that we are looking at the finish line of this Fall Marching Season! Our trip to Las Vegas was such a fantastic time. Making it to finals and then placing seventh was a great experience for all the students. Many thanks to the parents who gave themselves over to the Band for that weekend. You are awesome!! As you can see from Mr. Martone's message, we have a lot coming up in the next month or two!

Much support will be needed from the Boosters, so if you haven't had an opportunity to volunteer yet PLEASE don't wait to be asked! Jump right in!
The more the merrier!

Thanks for being a part of the Lancer Band Family,

Traci
Band Booster President

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HOT OFF THE PRESS: THE TOHS BAND ROSTER IS HERE!

Any questions...please contact Directors of Membership at membership@tohsband.org

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Treasurer News

Statements were recently mailed, emailed, or both to any family whose band booster account is not paid in full. As you know, all band booster expenses and fees should now be paid unless you have previously set up a payment plan. If you haven't paid your student's account in full, please contact Val Martin, Treasurer (treasurer@tohsband.org) or Kay Tallman, Financial Secretary (financial@tohsband.org) to advise us of when you are going to make your payment so we don't need to make the "dreaded" phone call that you don't want to receive and, quite honestly, we really don't want to make!

Thank you.

Kay Tallman, Financial Secretary

Val Martin, Treasurer



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SCRIP on Sale...shop with Scrip

Earn money for your child's Individual Student Savings Account (ISSA) by buying scrip or gift cards from either Cindy Fullerton or Kay Tallman. It works like this:

You buy the scrip or gifts cards from the band boosters at face value. The boosters pay a discounted amount. Half of that discount goes into your child's ISSA and the other half goes to the boosters. The boosters use their half to pay all the expenses (mostly shipping costs) of the scrip program.

For example, Von's discounts its cards 4%. You buy a \$100 Von's card from either Cindy or Kay and you pay \$100 for it. You spend it at Von's for \$100 so it has cost you nothing. The boosters pay \$96 for it. The band makes \$2 and your child makes \$2. Some vendors discount their cards by considerably more than 4%.

Scrip and gift cards are basically the same thing. Scrip is paper certificates of a specified value that you spend with the vendor like money. The only vendor who still uses them is Taco Bell. All the others use gift cards. These are the size of credit cards and come with predetermined balances on them that you use for payment to that vendor until you use the whole balance.

Cindy handles "Pre-Ordered gift cards" and she has available to her a very large number of participating vendors - restaurants, stores, gas stations, hotels. You place your order with her by noon on Tuesday and she will have your order for you that Friday afternoon. Please be prepared to pay for your order at the time of delivery. You can check out the vendors who participate and the percentage of their discount by going to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/>. You can reach Cindy via the band office or check your roster for a phone number. She will be happy to answer any questions or help you with the process.

Kay handles "On-Hand gift cards" that she keeps in stock. The number and denominations of vendors available from her are: Albertson's (\$25/\$100), Barnes & Noble (\$10), Baskin Robbins (\$2), California Pizza Kitchen (\$10), Claim Jumper (\$25), Carl's Jr. (\$10), Jamba Juice (\$10), Long's Drug Store (\$10/\$25), Smart & Final (\$25/\$100), Starbucks (\$25), Taco Bell (\$5), Von's (\$25/\$100) and Whole Foods (\$50). You can reach Kay at via the band office or financial@tohsband.org. She is also outside of bandland after practice on Monday's, Wednesday's and, if there's not a football game, Friday's. She also has the scrip box with her most of the time, so if you need something, call her.

Taco Bell and Whole Foods are available only from Kay.

For those of you that shop at Ralph's, please be sure you have updated your card to their new program. For those of you that use eScrip, please be sure your enrollment is current. If you have any questions, please contact me at treasurer@tohsband.org.

Thank you
Val Martin, Treasurer

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Food Court

Fed Students are Happy Students!



Join the team that feeds the band throughout the field season. It's a big job, but it's easy with enough volunteers.

The students practice up until performance time. Feeding them is absolutely necessary to the band's success. The work is easy and enjoyable. Great way to be involved and get to know the kids and other parents. New parents are welcome!

Contact:

Julie Solomon and Brenda Priske to volunteer or learn more.

food@tohsband.org

Good to know

During the performance season, the **Band Hotline** will answer many of your questions. We try to keep it updated with the week's particulars.

When we are on the road, the hotline provides updated information on competition results and return times for those left behind.

Before you head over to the high school for a midnight pickup, call the hotline, that way you won't have to sleep in your car for two hours!



The hotline number is 805-267-4806 (It is listed at the top of the roster).

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Restaurant Night

Thank you to all of the Band friends and families that ate at Claim Jumper during the month of October. The Band really appreciates it.

Our November fundraiser is a double-whammy. First have lunch or dinner at California Pizza Kitchen at The Lakes on Wednesday, November 12th. CPK will donate 20% of purchases to the Band. CPK will also give the band credit for take-out orders. You can pay for your orders with scrip/gift cards which can either be ordered through Cindy Fullerton or purchased directly from Kay Tallman. Flyers are required and will be available on the website and in the Band room.

Next, after eating at CPK, stroll over to Ben & Jerry's for some ice cream and they will also donate 20% of any purchases to our kids. (No flyer is necessary; just say you're from the Lancer Band.) You can even pre-order holiday ice cream cakes on that day and the Band will get credit.

In December, please stop by Imperial Garden Chinese restaurant on December 1st and/or 2nd (dine in or take out) for some great Chinese food. Then, on January 14th, we will be dining at Bandits' BBQ between 5pm and 9pm. Bandits' will donate up to 25% of purchases to the Band. The more we spend the higher percentage Bandits will donate.

Please mark these important dates in your calendars. Invite your friends and family and have a great time dining out while supporting our kids.

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Save the date

Saturday, February 7th
7:00 p.m.

Casino Night & Silent Auction

Parents and students welcome
(freshman & above)

Moorpark Country Club
11800 Championship Drive
Moorpark, CA 93021



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NOTES FROM THE GUARD

News from the Guard:

We had a very successful "Sewing Party" on 9/13! We had 20 Volunteers over the course of the day that cut out flag pieces and some that sewed them together. Before we left we actually had 3 completed flags and many that were underway. Since then our talented sewing volunteers have completed many of the flags that are going to be used for our performances and are working hard to provide these colorful pieces of our bands show. Thank you very much...everyone who participated in this effort. They looked great on the field on Saturday!

Uniforms came in and were fitted to the girls. We are very lucky to have the assistance of Lauren Piper for our alterations and Erin Boskovich who has agreed to help with our hemming needs. The \$10 hemming fee, by the way, goes directly to our Band Booster Account though earned by the handiwork of sewers like Erin and Lauren! There are others as well that have provided our band organization with their time and effort this year in so many areas, from feeding our hungry kids at football games to coordinating fundraisers and scrip sales that provide us with opportunities to pay for our band fees. Please remember to Lend-A-Hand to Band. If you have not already contacted me by email regarding chaperone opportunities there is still time to volunteer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the stands as we begin our March into a Successful Band Season.

Denise Vivero
Color Guard VP
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Calendar Events

November-December 2008*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10	11 <u>Veterans Day *</u> No School	12	13 6:30-7:30pm Executive Board Meeting 7:30-9:00pm General Booster Meeting	14	15 Marching Band Field Show at Tesoro HS
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Marching Band Field Show at Moorpark HS 9:00-10:30am Marching Band to open T.O. Macy's
23	24	25	26 Pupil Free Day	26 <u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	28 School Holiday	29
30	12/1	12/2	12/3 7:30am-12:30pm Minimum School Day	12/4	12/5 6:00-9:00pm Caroling Event	12/6 SAT Test
12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11 7:30-9:30pm Jazz Concert	12/12 6:00-9:00pm Caroling Event	12/13 ACT Test
12/14	12/15	12/16 7:30-9:30pm Concert	12/17	12/18 <u>Natl Regifting Day</u>	12/19	12/20 Winter Break

- Please look for details/updates online <http://www.tohsband.org> and/or refer to your emails.

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To the LANCER BAND FAMILY

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