

Mustang Band Fanfare

Community
High School
District 98 -
South High School

January 2005



Mustangs charge London!



London Parade and Concert are a Huge Success

From the Director



Mustang Bands Invade London with Accolades

Congratulations and thanks to the 121 students, chaperones and guests who made this year's trip to London such a tremendous success. Directors have been receiving myriads of compliments on the groups performance, and they way they conducted themselves and represented our school and community with integrity and pride. The time, talent, character, and financial support of all 121 of these wonderful people are truly a blessing to our school and community.



In a letter from Powell Johan, the gentlemen everyone met last February at our first London meeting, he states "Your group was in a word, superb. Their performances were much appreciated by the audience and the staff of the Youth Music of the World, International. Please convey to them, their parents and friends how much they were admired."

The Directors rehearse with the students in London

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Roger Bramble, whom everyone met at the Village Hall last October writes "Eighteen years on since the first London New Years Day Parade, I am still astounded by the spirit and generosity of the visitors who flock to illumine the darkest day of our year. That they should then thank us for coming strikes me as near miraculous. We should be thanking you. I want to do that from the bottom of my heart, in the name of the citizens of London and of myself. Thank you so very very much."

These kind of compliments were sent directly to our administration and the leaders of our community as well. They thank you, and we as directors thank you for your dedication to this endeavor. Through activities like this, we are proud to say that the villages of Downers Grove, Darien, Woodridge, Westmont, and Bolingbrook have the finest citizens and represent the best of humanity and the arts. That this kind of group can perform and conduct themselves in such a creative and respectful manner is the greatest gift a band director could ever have the privilege of receiving.

~Craig Roselieb

***Coming soon – Spring Band Banquet – April 28th
Save the date – more info to come !***



A Note from the President...



Dear Mustang Band Family;

Happy New Year to all!

It's hard to believe after such a long preparation, but the London trip is now just a very fond memory to all who went. By all accounts the trip was an overwhelming success. The Symphonic and Jazz performances at the concert hall as well as the parade got very excellent reviews. Way to go Mustang Bands!! Thank you very much to the directors, chaperones and families that attended and those at home that helped with all the preparations and execution of this trip. If you haven't had a chance, take a look at the photos and video on our website – London (and our band) looks awesome! Thanks to Mike Legel for gathering all the photos/videos and putting them on the website and creating a DVD. It was really nice to see some pictures on our website before the travelers were home! I really appreciate everyone's time and talents in making this trip go so smoothly.



Rehearsal in London

The Jazz café was a big success thanks to the efforts of the students, directors and parents that put on this event. If you missed it, try to catch it next year, it's getting bigger and better as the years go by.

Watch our calendar and website for our upcoming Butter Braid sale. Welcome and thank you to Karen Medek, our chairperson for this fundraiser. If you have any questions, please email her at G-Butterbraids@MustangBandBoosters.com. Order forms will be available soon.

Our nominating committee has been selected and will be searching for new board and committee members. Please consider sharing your time and talents and join our group. We have so many opportunities, I'm sure we can find just the right spot for you. I would be happy to discuss the opportunities, please call me at 964-0238 or email me at

E-President@MustangBandBoosters.com.

You can also contact any member of the nominating committee;
Karen Mink, Joanne Djuric or Renata Alleluka.

Our next booster meeting will be held on Monday, February 7th at 7:30pm. The location at DGS to be determined. All are welcome, please join us!

Sincerely,
Sandy Liedtke



NIU Jazz Ensemble Concert – Why should you attend the NIU Jazz Ensemble Concert on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 7 pm in the South Auditorium? The answer is the same as if you were asked a similar question. Why would you attend the greatest experience of your life? That answer is 7 words: Because it will be absolutely unbelievably spectacular. Not only is the Ron Carter experience (ask any veteran of our Jazz Ensemble who has been with him in the last 2 or 3 years) something to remember, but also the guest artist, Donald Harrison is a product of the New Orleans jazz scene, and has been carving his own unique niche in the music business for the last 20 years (that is hard to do these days). Please visit this website <http://www.npr.org/programs/btaylor/pastprograms/dharrison.html> to find out why. Tickets are free to all jazz band members, and can be purchased from a jazz ensemble member for \$7 to adults, and \$5 to students, or at the door. The concert will also feature both jazz ensembles and jazz lab bands from DGS and DGN. Jazz is alive and right here in Downers Grove. Don't you dare miss it!!!

DePaul University Jazz Ensemble Concert – Why should you attend the DePaul University Jazz Ensemble Concert on Friday, February 18, 2005 at 7:30 pm in the South Auditorium? The answer is the same as if you were asked a similar question. Why would you attend the **next** greatest experience of your life? That answer is 7 words: Because it will be absolutely unbelievably spectacular. Not only is the Bob Lark experience (the current IMEA all-state honors jazz band director and last year's IMEA district 1 festival director) something to remember, but also the guest artist, Phil Woods is a living Saxophone legend. Please visit his website <http://www.philwoods.com/> to find out why. Tickets are free to all jazz band members, and can be purchased from a jazz ensemble member for \$8 to adults, and \$6 to students, or at the door. The concert will also feature an all-star jazz band from a few neighborhood high schools. Don't you dare miss it!!!

Incoming 8th Graders Welcome! – You will receive a copy of this newsletter at the open house and we hope you will enjoy reading about the activities our program has to offer. Please visit our booster website at www.mustangbandboosters.com to read past newsletters online. 8th graders have two important tasks to accomplish this winter. The first is to attend our Marching Band Registration Meeting on Monday, February 28th, 2005 at 7:30 pm in the South High Auditorium. Our open house is designed to give 8th graders and their families an overview of our entire program, but this meeting will delve into the details of what it is like to become a Marching Mustang, and what it will be like to travel with our band at band camp and to the BOA competition in Indianapolis next fall. The second is to prepare for your audition in March. One of our directors will visit your junior high to hear you play individually. This audition will help us determine your ability level as compared to students in the other schools, and make the appropriate adjustment to your band placement. Good Luck and please call or e-mail us with any questions.

2005-2006 Registration Has Begun

Every year it seems to come so early, but it is true. Recommendations for band placement in classes have already begun. There are several steps to the entire process that all students and parents should be aware of. Please read below:

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| January 10, 2005 | Upper classmen recommendations submitted to guidance office
These are just recommendations (auditions determine the final lists) |
| January 24, 2005 | Freshmen recommendations submitted to Guidance Office
These are just recommendations (auditions determine the final lists) |
| January 31, 2005 | Open House for O'Neill and Eisenhower Students
6:00 pm in Band Room for band students & parents – 7:00 pm in Auditorium for all new students and parents. Course recommendations will be handed out during this event |
| February 2, 2005 | Open House for Lakeview and Jefferson Students
6:00 pm in Band Room for band students & parents – 7:00 pm in Auditorium for all new students and parents. Course recommendations will be handed out during this event |
| February 5, 2005 | Registration begins at the Junior High Schools with Counselors |
| February 10, 2005 | 2005 Marching Mustang Leadership Tryouts – after school
All interested students see Mr. Hornish for an application and essay form |
| February 28, 2005 | Marching Mustangs Registration Meeting–7:30pm in Auditorium
All interested new and returning students and/or parents should attend
All intent forms and deposit will be due by March 15, 2005 |
| February 28 –
March 3, 2005 | Wind Ensemble/Wind Symphony Auditions-Part I (Scales and Solo)
All upper class students interested in enrolling in one of these two classes for the 2005-2006 school year must complete both parts of the audition to be considered |
| March 14-18, 2005 | Freshmen Auditions at each Junior High
Each student will be heard individually by one of our three directors. Enrollment in Concert Band I, Concert Band II, Symphonic Band, or possibly Wind Symphony will be determined by these auditions and your Junior High Band Director's recommendation. Enrollment in Wind Symphony for freshmen will also be considered if instrumentation requirements are not satisfied with upper class students. |
| March 15, 2005 | General Registration packets will be mailed out
All new and returning students will receive this registration packet in the mail.
All forms and voluntary Booster membership fee will be due by April 15, 2005 |
| April 18-22, 2005 | Wind Ensemble/Wind Symphony Auditions-Part II
(Etudes & Sight Reading) |
| April 25, 2005 | Final course Recommendation submitted to the Guidance Office |
| June 28, 2005 | 2005 Marching Mustang Season Begins (more details at Feb. 28 meeting) |
| Sept. 1-7, 2005 | Auditions for Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band
All interested students may enroll in Jazz Ensemble or Jazz Lab Band with their counselor. Registration will be finalized based on auditions during the first week of Classes. All students wishing to audition should attend class from 7:00 – 7:50 am, beginning Aug. 31 for upper classmen and Sept. 1 for freshmen |



Hang on sluethy, sluethy hang on!

Do you think Professor Plum used the wrench in the kitchen or are you inclined to go with Mrs. Peacock using the candlestick in the Library? If you're totally CLUEless about this puzzle you'll just have to catch the 2005 Indoor Percussion performance this season to solve the mystery.

This year's show will be a feast for musicians and mystery lovers alike. A company of 35 percussionists, actors and storytellers have been busily rehearsing this year's show "Clue" since December auditions and are now eagerly undergoing the rigors of rehearsals to present their end product. A preview of the show will be presented for the Freshman Open House for O'Neill and Eisenhower Middle School students Monday, Jan. 31st, in the Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Due to space limitations, however, the full choreographed production won't be seen until the first competition February 11th and 12th at the Winter Guard International Regional competition in Dayton, Ohio. The show will unfold again at the March 11th and 12th WGI Regional competition in Indianapolis and again at the April 21st combined IP and Jazz Bands show held at DGS. Another venue is still being sought to showcase the production as well.



Behind the scenes parents, including those of alumni, have been busily constructing revolving set pieces and sewing machines are speedily whipping out costumes to assist in the mystery's detection. "Clue" will be an eyeful complete with a gym floor tarp that will mimic the CLUE game playing board with butlers, maids and characters darting from kitchen to library to dining room. Adam Hill and Bart Bates have arranged the demanding score of "Strawberry Soup" by noted jazz artist Don Ellis for the show with help from so many IP Booster parents it's hard to keep track of the numbers involved. Chaperones and a few extra stagehands are still being sought. If interested, contact Doti Strening at dotdoti@comcast.net.

February is JAZZ month



The Jazz band season had a fantastic start with the Jazz Cafe on the 11th. Thanks to all the Jazz parents who volunteered their time and snacks for this event. I am in need of more volunteers for the two Jazz events at the school in February. February 3rd will be the NIU clinics during the day and a concert at night. I need one or two people to help with the dinner for the NIU band and the guest musicians at 4:30pm. I also need a few more people to help with ticket sales and refreshments. Help is also needed for the DePaul clinic/concert on February 18th. Please help to support Jazz Month by the gift of your time for these important events.

For further information or volunteer, consult the volunteer website or contact Kim Bokowski at 630-719-9550.

Band Fundraisers

Think Spring!!!



The holidays are over! It's time to start thinking about warm weather, sunny days and FLOWERS!

Our annual plant sale is right around the corner. Order forms will be available by the Freshman Open Houses in late January/early February. 35% of the sales on this fundraiser are split between the student accounts and the general fund.

TRANSLATION: *Students will receive \$17.50 in their student account for every \$100 in sales. For incoming freshmen, this is a perfect opportunity to start building their student account for future trips, lessons, and supplies.*

Don't let the weather outside fool you--spring is just around the corner. Orders and payment will be due near Spring Break with a delivery date of April 30th, just in time for Mother's Day (May 8th)! The Boosters will hold all checks until the due date, so don't put off submitting your orders until the last minute. You can pass out forms to friends, relatives, teachers and neighbors. Also, new this year, when you include your e-mail address on the order form, you'll receive an order confirmation from us, to assure your order was tallied correctly. Think Spring!!! Order forms coming soon.....the hanging baskets are absolutely gorgeous and the annuals always cream of the crop!



Its Butter Braid Time Again!



Need something to eat with your morning coffee or juice? Try tasty Butter Braids! These yummy frozen pastry dough loaves are available in 5 different tasty fillings. Just defrost overnight and bake for a wonderful accompaniment to your breakfast or brunch.

The Butter Braid sale is set to begin in February at the Concerts. Delivery will be March 12th in plenty of time for Spring Break. The profit from the sale of each Butter Braid is split 50/50 between your student's account and the Mustang Band Boosters general fund. Order forms and additional information will be coming in the next two weeks.

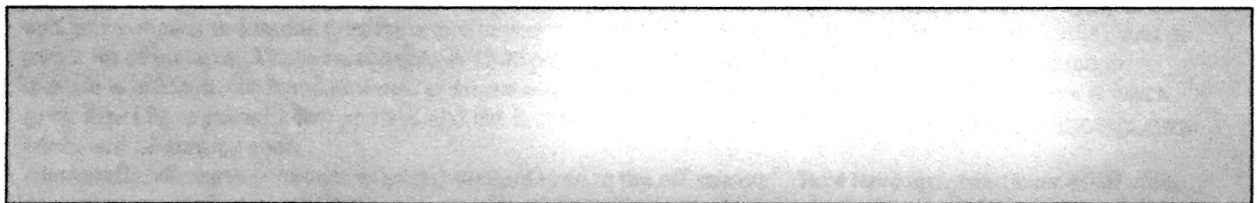
Band Fundraisers

Market Day News

We have been doing so well this year. We have made lots of profit to help our band students with their accounts. It is an easy way to get extra money for your son and daughter. Just place an order (and have your friends order) and at the end of the ordering process send a message to the chair with your child's name on the line. Then he or she will get at least 10% of your (or your friend's) order. Our next Market Day is February 12th. Order by noon on Wednesday, February 9th. We have had fantastic volunteer help for the sale. Come at 8 AM on Saturday and help unload and set up. Our volunteers get to fill their orders first!

Lou and Darlene Bedoe and I have seniors so we will need replacements. We'd love to be able to train our new replacements during the April Market Day. In order to help you decide if this is a job for you, I have included a job description. The job can be split between two people like we have done or it can be just one person. Besides the main task of organizing the June, July, and August Market Days (which are the sole responsibility of the band) and making sure everything goes smoothly the day of the sale (3 hours per month for 8 months per year), there are a few hours behind the scene. Once in a while, especially during the summer there are paper orders to input on the computer web site (just like the way we put our own orders in). Then there is the computer program that Lou uses to credit each students account. It is a very easy Excel type program that almost any one could learn quickly and it does not take a lot of time per month. So all in all, it is less than 10 hours per month that one would spend on Market Day as chairperson. Please contact Lou, Darlene, or I for more information.

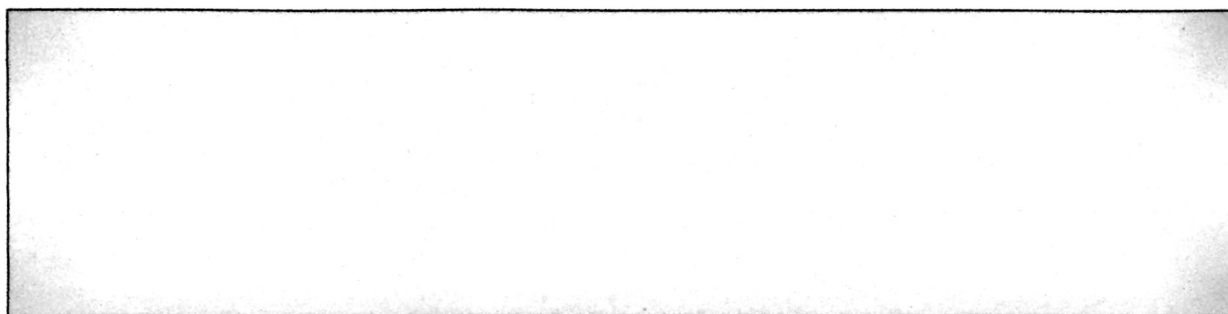
Sincerely, Kris Blackwell



Student Account Info

A student account is created for every band program student. It works like a piggy bank, in that each student can get money credit to the account, and can take money out of the account to pay for band related expenses. As a participating band program student, whenever you participate in many of the Mustang Band fundraisers, the amount that you earn (a percentage of the profit) is placed in your account. As you participate in more fundraisers, monies are added to your account.

For more information or to check your balance in your account, visit our website and look under the fundraising tab.



Video Report

All of the 2004 season videos have been delivered. Comments received from parents and students have been wonderful. If you would still like to have your own copy – ORDER ONE. Order forms are still available at www.mustangbandimages.com or www.mustangbandboosters.com.

The London video is being edited and will be available around the first of February. If your family has ordered one you will not be disappointed. If you have not ordered on – we would be happy to make one especially for you. The final version will include video of the London Parade, the Thanksgiving Day parades, the symphonic and jazz concerts in London (yes the entire concerts – including a great flag display from Eli and Lydia), and an awful lot of pictures. I have received over 1500 pictures from a variety of families and deciding which to include is difficult - so many pictures, great scenery, and kids and chaperones having fun. Looks like it was a great trip. I have posted a few pictures and the first song of the concert video on www.mustangbandimages.com. More will be coming soon.

MustangBandImages continues to attract visitors even in the off season. There have now been over 8000 video downloads and in excess of 100,000 pictures views. Visitors include not only the present Mustang Band members, distant relatives, and former band directors, but former band members as well.

We received an email from a band member from the late 1970s who was excited to see the band and thought the web site was “Wayyyyyy CoooooIIIIII” (those 70s people sure do say things in a unique way). She was in the band at the same time as one of our present band directors and promised to send along pictures from that era.

We are beginning a band video project. Craig has located VHS tapes of the band from the 1990s. As time permits these will be made into digital videos and posted on the web site. The goal is to preserve the performances digitally so future band generations can enjoy the older performances. Its great to see how bands have changed. This year's season collection includes a picture from a 1969-1970 marching band parade (not the marching mustangs) - too bad there was no video available.

Finally, last week's Jazz Café was taped and will be offered on DVD in the coming weeks. Over 3 hours of