

Mustang Band **Fanfare**

Community
High School
District 98 -
South High School



November, 2007

**FROM BAND CAMP TO
GRAND CHAMPIONS!**

**Congratulations to the
Marching Mustangs on a
Season *Fantastique!***



President's Letter

Hello Band Families!

Congratulations to the Marching Mustangs on a great competition season! And with the close of the marching season, the concert and jazz seasons is now underway with concerts beginning November 12. The band just plays on!



On behalf of all the parents, students and staff, I would like to extend thanks to the Music Bowl Committee and the many volunteers who helped make this such a special event. I would like to especially thank Allelujka and Lynn Filla-Clark, the Bowl co-chairs, for their tireless efforts to bring together such a huge event. They, and their committee spent months making plans, contacting vendors, sponsors and participants, and meeting with school officials, the band directors, and volunteers. For those of you who may have experienced the Bowl for the first time, we invite you to join a Bowl committee to help plan this very special event for next year. Please contact any member of the Music Bowl Committee or the Band Booster Board for more information.

This month at the concerts, we will have cheesecake samples from our annual cheesecake sale which kicks off Monday, November 12. Please see the article on the cheesecakes and be sure to stop by the table and sample all the delicious varieties!

The Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA), our sister organization, is sponsoring their annual Poinsettia Sale. FOFA provides financial support to the Fine Arts Department at DGS, including the band. They provide scholarships and help with the acquisition of new instruments and equipment. Please see the order form in this issue of the Fanfare. Thank you for your support of FOFA.

Be sure to watch the Booster website and Blackboard for information about the band and notices from the directors. This issue of the Fanfare has the scoop on what is happening and about upcoming events. There's a lot going on with all the bands that you won't want to miss!

Sincerely,

Marla Hoffmeyer, President
Mustang Band Boosters



Directors' Corner

This month's "Directors' Corner" features a letter from guest writer and Marching Mustang alum Brian Saunders:

Craig and Ron,

I thought I would take a moment to congratulate the members of the marching band and the staff for their strong showing and placement into finals competition this weekend. I was able to catch the preliminary performance via the online broadcast and am impressed with how the band has evolved and continues to change.



A lot of the kids in the band right now might not fully understand how important this is because they lack the perspective of what things used to be like and how many students have worked hard in the past so that they might have the chance to succeed at such a high level today. I remember as clearly as if it were yesterday coming into the program as a freshman in

2001 when the band was beginning to redefine itself with new uniforms and new goals and ideals. If you can also remember, the "New Look, New Era, and New Dynasty" got off to a smashing start when we debuted the uniforms at the first football game of the season. They were rained on and more than half of the plumes were destroyed.

I remember the band getting better each of my four years. There were times when reaching the finals at any competition seemed so close you could taste it, and there were times when it seemed so far away that it made you wonder if any of the work was worth it. Though I will always count the times I had in marching band as some of the best I've had in my entire life, seeing the band succeed out there today and take that first huge step into finals competition validates the four years that I spent there in a way I never could have imagined. This proves to me that all the tough times we went through in competitions and out on the practice field were worth it, and I couldn't be more proud to have had a hand in laying some of that groundwork, even if it was just a small part of it.

Another season is coming to a close, and it dawned on me that after this class graduates there will no longer be any student in the band program who I know personally from those high school days. It's a little sad realizing this, but it throws into light a message that I really only now understand after graduating and leaving the marching mustangs. When you do something, do it all the way. Do it for yourself, sure, but work hard and give your all to every person around you as well. Work hard for each other, and especially to the seniors, savor this last chance to band together (bad pun?) and create as a group what you are incapable of making alone. Being in marching band goes beyond the individual, so when you're out on the field at BOA and at practice before that, remember to savor the moment and work hard together, because it validates everything we did in the past before you arrived, and it also sets the table for the bands that will follow 5-10 years from now. You have to believe in what you're doing as a life shaping event, because it truly is. I've been in college for 3 years now and I know new people, but people like Mike Knepper, Jeff Johnson and Jordan Anderson, man, we're friends for life and that's not going to change. It is in this way that your hard work never truly loses meaning, even when it comes time to leave the place you now call home. I didn't realize this when I was in marching band, but I do now.

That went on a little longer than expected, but it's just a collection of things that went through my head when I heard the good news today. If you want to pass that along to the band members that would be great. I do feel like it's an important lesson. Motivational material maybe? I don't know if that beats Ryan Bennett's famous 2003 speech on "potential" but I tried my best.

Once again guys, congratulations on the continued success of the band, and you have my best wishes for the upcoming events at BOA and the continued success of the band program.

Regards,

Brian Saunders
Saxophone Section Leader 2003 & 2004

Marching Mustang Season Ends with a Flourish

Congratulations to our Marching Mustangs on an outstanding season. From Grand Champions at Morton to finals in Minneapolis, 3rd place at Wheaton North to two caption awards for best winds, the season has been the most successful in recent history. The last time the Mustangs made it into finals was 1993 and before that, 1977.

This was a group effort from students, staff and section leaders as well. Our heartfelt thanks go to the parents who made this season so incredible including our guard and uniform moms, Music Bowl chairs and volunteers, chaperones and pit crews for games and contests and the myriad of others involved in our program.

Soon, we will begin planning for the 2008 season. Leader interviews and drum major auditions will take place in January. The staff will soon be meeting for a season wrap-up and start to draw up preliminary plans for our next season. In the meantime, you can relive those memories with the band website videos.

If you would still like to purchase Youth in Music patches or videos, they are still available. Visit their site at www.youthinmusic.org

Wind Ensemble Students Honored

Congratulations to senior Lauren Barounis (flute) and Kevin Larson (bassoon) on their acceptance in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra. Senior mark Medek (trumpet) was also accepted into the Chicago Youth Concert Orchestra. These students will have the opportunity to perform in Orchestra Hall (now Symphony Center) and to work with members of the Chicago Symphony. Congratulations to these fine students and this prestigious honor.

Concert Season Begins

With the marching season successfully completed, our students and families can now turn their attention to our upcoming band concerts in November and December. We began on Monday, November 12, with a combined concert of our Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic Band from Eisenhower Junior High, and the Wind Ensemble from Lakeview Junior High. We were especially excited to share the stage with these two fine middle school bands and their directors, and we look forward to next year when we can feature the bands from O'Neill and Jefferson as well.

On Thursday, November 15, we will feature our Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony in concert. These three groups as well as the Wind Ensemble have been working hard a variety of band music that began with rehearsals in early September. The music of world renowned band composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Percy Grainger, Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughn Williams, Kenneth Alford, Henry Fillmore, and Samuel Barber will be featured as well as the music of newer band composers such as Robert W. Smith, Darren Jenkins, Adam Gorb, Stephen Bryant, and guest composer and conductor Don Owens from Northwestern University. We will also welcome our student teacher, Mark Kahovec from North Central College to the stage to conduct Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony on November 15.

The DGS Fine Arts will then present its annual Holiday Concert and Winter Art show on Thursday, December 13, 2007. This performance is an audience member favorite as it features the combined Wind Ensemble/Wind Symphony, the District 99 Orchestra, and the Combined DGS Choirs. Combined bands will perform a work that is not-yet published titled CELEBRATION FANFARE - a piece that evokes the sounds of Aaron Copland and John Williams in one nifty opener. The bands will conclude with the emotional and rousing standard from the band repertoire RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS MUSIC by Alfred Reed. Per tradition, the evening will conclude with a combined rendition of the HALLELUJAH CHORUS. Admission is free and the performance begins at 7:00 PM in the DGS gymnasium.

Germany Update

We are pleased to accept the intent forms and deposits of 35 band students from South High School and 44 students from North High School as they will join to form a District 99 Honors band for our upcoming trip to Europe including the village, musikschule, and surrounding area of Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany, and also the cities of Prague, Berlin and Dresden. Information about the trip can be found on the district blog site for the band trip at <http://d99honorsband.blogspot.com/> The group will begin rehearsals for the trip in May and will travel from June 7 - June 20, 2008.

Youth Jazz Ensemble of DuPage Accepts 3 DGS Jazz Students

Congratulations to Lauren Wood (Bari Sax), Matt Kowalski (Trombone) and Darren Horvath (Alto Sax) for winning seats in the Youth Jazz Ensemble of DuPage. The band has a regular series of concerts through out the Chicagoland and will have the opportunity to perform with some of the top names in the jazz world. Concert schedule information is available at www.yjed.com

Craig Roselieb and Ron Hornish



Jazz Opportunities

We encourage all of you (yes, even you non-jazz students and parents) to attend our inaugural Fall Jazz Concert on Thursday, November 29, 2007. Featured will be Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Ensemble and our renowned Jazz Ensemble. The concert begins at 7:00 PM and is free!

Another jazz opportunity on our horizon is the Jazz Cafe on January 15, 2008. Last year, we created our first "other-centered" fund raiser and generated, combined with DGN, more the \$2,500 towards malaria bed nets to be distributed in Africa.

This year our goal is to gather enough instruments to fill an entire band! We are going to collect instruments (and money to get them in great playing condition) and donate them to schools in New Orleans. Jazz Lab Band will take all these instruments to the Frank Mantooth New Trier Jazz Festival and the NT Festival will donate the instruments. We are thinking that we can raise, between DGS and our four sender schools, enough instruments for an entire concert band (9 clarinets, 9 trumpets, 4 horns, 6 trombones, etc). Our first donation is a cornet – Marcus Vanderjack acquired it at a flea market – talked the price down \$15 after the seller heard about the cause!

So here is what we need you all to start doing: search your attics, your basements, your friends' attics and basements, and start to collect these instruments. Very soon we'll put out an "all call" for these instruments so we can begin to gather them and get them in good playing condition.

If you don't have spare instruments in your house, you can also participate by making a donation. American Music has agreed to repair the instruments at a highly reduced rate, so your money will go towards making certain each instrument is in great playing shape.

Thanks in advance for considering how you can participate in this project. We are quite blessed here in DuPage County for a myriad a reasons – sharing our musical instruments with the ravaged schools in New Orleans will make an amazing difference in the lives of many student musicians!

Thanks – if you have any questions about this project or about jazz at DGS, contact Glenn Williams at gwilliams@csd99.org.



Stuff Those Stockings

Parents, for those of you looking for some great stocking stuffers, here are some ideas that will help your son or daughter's music education:

- A tuner
- A metronome
- A tuner/metronome combination
- A box of reeds
- A new mouthpiece (especially for saxophones and clarinets)
- Some new yarn, rubber mallets
- Staccato timpani sticks
- A pitch pipe (for percussionists)
- A Bottle of valve oil

Did you know that many of these items are available in the DGS bookstore. They can also be purchased at Quinlan and Fabish (Burr Ridge), Music and Arts Center (Itasca) or PM Music (Naperville). Stock a stuffing and help your kids play better and the bands sound even better.



**WE DID IT!!! THE 6TH ANNUAL
MARCHING MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL IS
OVER AND DONE -- AND SO WELL DONE!!**



October 6, 2007 is now history for everyone and a date we will not soon forget. The weather cooperated so well it felt like summer. We are still tabulating charges and don't have a final figure for what this year's Bowl will be contributing to the school music program, so hold tight for that bit of news. The efforts, thoughtfulness, cooperation and enthusiasm from everyone was something noticed by everyone in attendance at our Music Bowl. I want to share some of those comments which were collected on our surveys.

From the participating bands:

Your volunteers were very well prepared and organized.
Thank you for having us. You make us feel so welcome, it's nice to be treated so kindly.
Bus parking seemed efficient from where we were located and easy to get out.
Overall a very nice show and well put together!!!
We really enjoyed the contest. Please send an email when you know your date for next year and application info is online.
The contest had a very good judging panel.
The volunteers were very friendly.
As always...this is one of the best contests, and you do a GREAT job! Keep it up and we will see you next year!
Your parent volunteers were incredible and the whole thing was exceptionally run. We got great feedback from the judges and our kids had a blast....Thanks again for all and I'm looking forward to bringing our band back next year!
The communication was truly outstanding. The contest had a really nice flow and feel. Really appreciated the helpful attitude and all the water. Keep the friendly, helpful staff in place.
Thanks again for providing such a great experience for our kids.

From the judges:

Great food...Great weather...very efficient operation from beginning to end.
I really enjoy the efficiency of your contest – and the food – thanks for hosting. You do a great service for the bands.
Very hospitable crew from the kids to the parents. Enjoyed judging the show.
Everything ran on schedule.
Fabulous parent/staff support.
Began, ran and finished on time with efficiency.
Care and greeting at the gates and the meals and snacks offered before and during the contest.
The pleasant folks, directors, students and parents.

And the comment we plan to incorporate in our promotional materials next year: *I have no constructive thoughts on improvement as this contest functions as well or better than the rest of the contests held in Illinois.*

And that says it all. Thank you to everyone for all the hours of time and especially to this year's Music Bowl Committee: Lynn Filla-Clark, Brian Vanderjack, Bart Casper, Tracy Danko, Bernie Reusz, Jill Pruet, Monika Cunningham, Jerry Carpenter, Dave Hansen, Linda Williams, Karen Miller, Mary Van Asselt, Tina Jones, Karen Rooney, Alice Luetger and Mike Legel. You made working on this event very easy for me during a particularly stressful time of my life. I will be forever grateful.

Renata Allelujka

2007 Music Bowl Competition Chair

MUSIC BOWL VOLUNTEERS

I could go on forever with words of gratitude (and you know I could!) but, for a change, let me have someone else do the talking. Following are a few excerpts from Music Bowl surveys we received from school staff as well as parents.

"Just a note to tell you how well your competition was run on Saturday. Parking maps helped a ton and the parking volunteers were clear and friendly. Entering was a joy---NO bossy band parents snapping at guests with rules and protocol, just friendly people all wishing us a nice time.... The biggest thing that stood out was the friendliness of your volunteers. What a refreshing change!!!!"

Alan B. Shepard HS band parent

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What 3 things did you appreciate about the way our contest is organized?

Fabulous parent/staff support

Parent helpers

The volunteers were very friendly

Your volunteers were very well prepared and organized.

So now, to all my wonderful volunteers....what more can I say except



andSEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR?????

Alice Luetger

Social Committee

This is a reflection of the Marching Band season. The social committee had their work cut out for them this year. We had 6 dinners to serve at band camp. Then we fed the Marching Mustangs before the Homecoming game. Finally, we had a pizza dinner before the long trip to Minnesota. We also fed our favorite band on the road at Morton, ISU, YIM, and lastly BOA. The Social Committee couldn't feed the Marching Mustangs alone, we needed everyone's help. Diane and I truly appreciated all of the help that was given during the season. Our biggest THANK YOU goes to Karen Miller. Even though she wasn't a Social chair person this year, she was at almost every meal we served. Karen was very helpful throughout the marching season. Thank you for all you have done this year, Karen.

Diane Kowalski and Tracy Danko

Volunteers

"Mustang volunteers work so their kids may play."

With the Bands of America competition over and the Fall banquet complete we close this chapter on the 2007 Marching Mustang season. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to help in any event this season. Even though Marching Band season is over we have plenty of opportunities for upcoming concerts as well as the Midwest Music Festival and Illinois State University Concert Band Competition in 2008.

Please check our website at www.mustangbandboosters.com for more information on these upcoming activities. You can contact either Alice Luetger (968-1148) or Michael Hutton (910-5278) with questions or to reserve your space at any of these events. Thank you for always giving of yourselves!

Mike Hutton and Alice Luetger



2007 Season Video – Coming Soon to a DVD Player Near You

The Marching Mustangs have closed another season and the season video is being prepared. Those who attended the banquet were able to see a sampling of what will be on this year's disk. Performances include band camp, the competitions, and a couple of practices. We were unable to tape in Minnesota and BOA, so a slideshow of pictures from the competition will be included.

Once again, video and pictures will be included on a second disk. This disk features items too good to miss that would not fit on the main disk. Order forms were available at the banquet and are also available on the www.mustangbandimages.com website. The disks should be delivered or available for pick-up shortly before Christmas – hopefully not Christmas Eve like last year.....

All of this entertainment for only \$20 must not be missed. In addition, for another \$20 you can enjoy the entire Music Bowl.

Did you order a Music Bowl Package and are still waiting or worried about paying more than the special Marching Mustang price? The Music Bowl videos should be delivered near Thanksgiving. If you have ordered one and paid full price, let me know when you order the season video and you will receive the season video for only \$5.00.

As always, all profits from the videos go to the Mustang Band Boosters. We are reimbursed only for the cost of supplies. If you have questions, let me know at mlegal@ameritech.net.

Submitted by Mike Legal

Fall Banquet

We want to thank everyone for coming to the Fall Banquet. We hope you all enjoyed spending time together and celebrating the accomplishments of the marching season as a marching family. It was so nice of the Samel's to recognize members of our band family for their generosity of either spirit or funds. The entertainment provided by Mike Legel's season video, the Color Guard Awards, the Drum Majors Mock Awards and Senior Slide Show were terrific.

We would also like to thank those who helped out at the last minute to get things ready: Kevin Savage, Jennie Dust, Kevin Larson, Stephen and Kaity Stanger.

Your Fall Banquet Chairpersons,
Debbie Larson and Dan and Debbie Stanger



Fundraising!!



Jewel-Osco SHOP & SHARE

2007 JEWEL-OSCO SHOP & SHARE FUNDRAISER

With party planning and holiday meal planning, this season give us more opportunities to receive 7% of yours sales for the Mustang Band Boosters. In September, 35 families participated in the Shop & Share. Let's make this final Shop & Share for the school year an even bigger and better success! Remember, all you need is a slip signed and turned in with your grocery shopping at any Jewel on one or more of the following dates (Monday through Wednesday):

Holiday Shopping December 17, 18, 19, 2007

Shop & Share slips are also available at www.mustangbandboosters.com. Copy and distribute to your relatives, friends and neighbors. (Just don't distribute in the vicinity of Jewel-Osco.) You may shop at any Jewel-Osco you prefer. Thanks for your support! Remember, there's no limit on our potential profits!

Mustang Band Boosters

Many thanks to the families of the following Mustang Band students who have paid their 2007-2008 Mustang Band Boosters Membership Fees:

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| Natalie Ackerman | Alex Hansen | David Luetger | Kevin Savage |
| David Alter | Ted Hays | Doug Masek | Sean Seelander |
| Kristen Bair | Jeff Hoffmeyer | Lydia Matthews | Suzanne Segredo |
| Lauren Barounis | Darren Horvath | Daniel McNulty | Cassie Snyder |
| Julie Bell | Jackie Hundseder | Mark Medek | Ben Sorce |
| Elliot Bild | Patrick Hunt | Ryan Mihalko | Callie Sorce |
| Greg Biss | Katie Hutton | Tyler Miller | Stephanie Spooner |
| Sam Bottorff | Katie Jalette | Andrew Morales | Katie Spriet |
| Melissa Britt | Danny Jama | Carmen Mugnolo | Kurt Spriet |
| Matthew Bury | Joseph Johnson | Samantha Mugnolo | Kaitlyn Stanger |
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| Caitlyn Foley | Kevin Kral | Tom Reusz | |
| Alex Gilio | Andy Krecek | Jascha Reyes | |
| Matt Greg | Katie Legel | Kristin Rooney | |
| Matt Griffin | Gunnar Linden | Shannon Rooney | |

Your contributions help pay for expenses that are incurred by all of our students enrolled in the band program. These include equipment purchases and repairs, judges' fees, achievement awards, postage, and concert beverages.

If you have not yet paid your 2007-2008 Mustang Band Boosters membership fees and would like to do so, please place a check in the amount of \$50 made payable to Mustang Band Boosters in the band mailbox. Our students and Mustang Band Boosters really appreciate your support!

Ann Del Bene