

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I'm back...

It's been a while for some DIRECTOR'S NOTES... so we go...

What a wonderful Fall Semester it has been. Hard to believe there are 89 (give or take) days left of school!! We ended very strong with two nights of OUTSTANDING CONCERTS in December. I appreciate all the work the parents did in getting the concert dresses and tuxedos prepared for the concerts. On that note... we did have some gentlemen either lose or misplace their ties and cummerbunds and did not match the rest of the band. I have confidence that each tuxedo had a tie and cummerbund placed in the garment bag. Please make sure this problem is solved before the next time we wear the concert ATTIRE which will be MARCH 8TH at the district concert.

WINTERGUARD AND PERCUSSION

We are in FULL SWING with these two ensembles!! We would love to have more support in feeding the students at these next two Saturday rehearsals. If you are interested in helping your child and the other students have a nice lunch, please contact Mrs. Godwin at godwinfamily@comcast.net. Thank you to the families and who did bring and help prepare lunch this past Saturday. There are some important dates and times that can be located at www.dhsirishguard.org. I strongly suggest you visit that website. WE ALSO NEED A LOT OF HELP THE DAYS OF COMPETITIONS WITH MOVING EQUIPMENT. Please join us on Feb 23 to rehearse moving the equipment. Please mark your calendar!

SECOND SPAGHETTI FEED

January 25th is our second spaghetti feed. If you are interested in helping with that please contact Mrs. Pitts at judyditts@rocketmail.com I know Mrs. Pitts would love to have some help with that fundraiser.

FMS/WMS/DHS FAMILY NIGHT

January 27th FRIDAY NIGHT 7PM AT FALLON GYM. All three schools winterpercussion ensembles and FMS/DHS winterguards will

be performing that evening. This is open up to all the families and friends of all the students performing. Great opportunity for our community to come together. We will be needing cookies and punch for afterwards. Look for more information about COOKIES AND PUNCH. We will also need help driving equipment to and from that event. I will plan on being at the high school at 4:30pm. We would like the equipment to be at Fallon Middle School by 6pm ready to go.

GAELS ROCK: BATTLE OF THE BANDS II

February 4th we will be hosting our second annual GAELS ROCK: BATTLE OF THE BANDS II. We will need help (from both band/guard and their parents) during the day to set-up gym; selling tickets; selling food; security (parents making sure students are behaving); and of course CLEAN-UP. Last year this event raised close to \$3,000!! It is a wonderful event for our students!! If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. Everts evertspaul@dublinusd.org REMEMBER TO TYPE dpride IN SUBJECT AREA!!

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Hard to believe there are less than 70 days until we leave. We have 77 students going!! There will be an informational parent meeting on February 28. We really need you to attend that meeting. This trip is a tremendous event for us and we want the parents/families to feel confident/comfortable about their child's once in a lifetime experience. The schedule will be posted later in the week. WE NEED YOUR STUDENT TO PRACTICE!! The other ensembles participating in this event are AMAZING. We can be, too. However, we can be amazing when the students work at being amazing. So, they have been asked to practice at least AT LEAST 75 minutes PER WEEK - in addition to their class time!! Sometimes we forget that homework for band is ... PRACTICE. Playing tests will begin FEBRUARY 1, 2012 and students will have more than one chance to pass their playing tests. YES...THEY HAVE TO PASS THEIR PLAYING TEST - that was part of the agreement signed. They will be tested on ONE of the three pieces we are performing: FESTIVA JUBILOSO by DAVID HOLSINGER. A recording of this piece is available on i-tunes; Irish Guard Facebook page; www.jwpepper.com. They can practice along with the recording!!

We need photos from all of our events, please contact Alison Mink, our webmaster to get them to her, so we can share them on our website. Alison can be reached at alimink@comcast.net

We have set up a shutterfly page for everyone to be able to sign up for all the upcoming events including, the Spaghetti Feed, the St. Patrick's Day Beer Booths and the Jazzin' for a Cure committee. If you have any questions or help with the signups then you can contact Mrs. Godwin at godwinfamily@comcast.net

Well, that is enough for now. Look for another DIRECTOR'S NOTES coming your way in about two - three weeks...IF NOT SOONER (smile). As always, comments, concerns and yes...even compliments...are welcomed. evertspaul@dublinusd.org TYPE dpride IN SUBJECT AREA; band2gether@comcast.net; and my cell phone 209-642-2651.

AGAPE,
MR. EVERTS