

Hello Booster Families,

I hope you are enjoying your holiday weekend!

#### Band Boosters Meetings

Thank you so much for the great attendance at the February meeting. We had around 30 parents there!! Outstanding. We really need to continue the great momentum we are currently enjoying. Hope to see 30-40 Parents at the March boosters meeting. Please visit our website [www.dhsirishguard.org](http://www.dhsirishguard.org)

#### BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Thank you to all the parents who helped that night. We collected \$2,155 that night. PLEASE KNOW THAT IS GROSS...we still had outstanding reimbursements. However, with that being said, GREAT JOB!!

#### CAMPANA JAZZ FESTIVAL (Amador Valley High School)

On February 11th, the DHS Jazz Band & Combo made their annual 'contribution' to the AVHS music department. Really pleased with how well the jazz band performed!! Only four Seniors in the 23 member ensemble! Jazz Combo - which is ENTIRELY STUDENT-LED - received a sixth place out of eight. Super happy with how they performed. Keep it up Gentlemen. The jazz band: THIRD PLACE OUT OF 10 and the Trumpet Section received a "Outstanding Section" in the Division. So, very good day for the jazz program!!

#### NEW YORK TRIP

Well, reality is beginning to settle in with us - including 2.0 GPA & GOOD BEHAVIOR. The day following my 31 day notice to the teachers, I received four names of students (expect to receive more :( who are currently receiving poor grades. Again, a 2.0 gpa and no more than one failing grade out of all the classes each student is taking is a school policy. A playing test is my policy (which was 'ok' and definitely could have been better). So, please, know there is no refund available. We can not afford to lose money on this trip. My advice is to consistently & CONSTANTLY check INFINITE CAMPUS and/or your "children's" teachers. To be able to enjoy future trips, we need to do a good job with this trip. And...the students are responsible to know their teachers' expectations and standards for the four days they are going to miss. The plane trip will be a good time to do homework.

On a FANTASTIC note Dr. Robert Halseth will be giving our Carnegie Hall Band a clinic on Monday February 27, 2012 from 7pm-9pm. I have attached a link to his biography. Dr. Halseth has known me since he was the band director at U.O.P. (1986). He was Mrs. Everts's trombone teacher at U.O.P. He is one of the FINEST conductors in our state!! This clinic is going to be a very important moment in the development of our band program. February 27, 2012 is our final TWO HOUR Monday night Rehearsal prior to our CARNEGIE HALL performance. We have not had one Monday night rehearsal where all 70 of the Carnegie Hall Band students have attended...that is a shame. However, this is not a night to miss. I strongly believe in knowing who my son/daughter's teachers bring in to work with them. ENJOY ...  
<http://www.csus.edu/music/faculty/halseth.html>

February 25, 2012 - FALLON MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTERPERCUSSION / GUARD competition

Thank you VERY MUCH to all the DHS PARENTS/FAMILIES/STUDENTS who are helping the FMS Band Department in sponsoring this event!! Very nice of you. There will be an agenda/itinerary week of each event. Thank you to the parents who are pulling the trailer to all the events.

WINTERPERCUSSION / GUARD competitions' needs

Thank you to the WINTERPERCUSSION parents/families who will be with us February 23rd THURSDAY NIGHT at 7:30pm at DHS learning how to help the students at the events.

We need help on the following dates with the trailer loading: February 25th 10:30am (ish); March 2nd 10am (going to leave at 2pm to get to WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL); March 9th AFTER SCHOOL; March 24th in the morning prior to FOOTHILL competition; March 30th AFTER SCHOOL.

We need help on the following dates with moving equipment and with driving students to and from all these events: FEBRUARY 25TH FALLON MIDDLE SCHOOL; MARCH 2ND (Friday) WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL (Santa Clara); MARCH 10TH - VALLEJO HIGH SCHOOL; MARCH 24TH - FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL; MARCH 31ST - LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL (Stockton).

March 1st - JAZZ BAND PERFORMS AT 8TH GRADE NIGHT

MARCH 3rd - Jazz Band Performs at Chabot College Jazz Festival (TBA)

March 8th - DUSD CONCERT at DHS "OLD" GYM (students are to be there at 6:00pm and the concert is scheduled to start at 7pm). The format of the concert will return to the "traditional" way. We expect 600-800 students performing.

#### CODA

There are close to 90 eighth graders total in the two middle school bands!! With all the wonderful offerings at the two middle schools, this is A FANTASTIC number. We will begin to look forward to encouraging those students to be a part of our band program AND COLOR GUARD PROGRAM (we want to see that program continue to FLOURISH). Congratulations to Mr. Bertelson & Mr. Carpenter for their work.

If you have any comments/questions/concerns and yes ... compliments ... please feel free to contact me: [band2gether@comcast.net](mailto:band2gether@comcast.net); [evertspaul@dublinusd.org](mailto:evertspaul@dublinusd.org) (type DPRIDE in subject area); or my cell phone 209-642-2651.

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