

Agape/Hello:

Written February 3, 2012 just prior to BATTLE OF THE BANDS...

FEBRUARY 13, 2012 BAND BOOSTERS MEETING

Again, this DIRECTOR'S NOTES is from me...so I am writing this in order to stay connected with you all...First the meetings are still having between 20-30 parents/legal guardians. So there is great turnout for the meetings!! I am very happy for the attendance.

OUR STUDENTS/YOUR CHILDREN continue to need your support! We have three Senior Parents graduating the BOARD/OFFICERS. We are looking for parents/legal guardians to continue the legacy of this music program by being officers. Beyond NEW YORK, we have big things planned that need to have 360-DEGREE LEADERSHIP (John C. Maxwell). (If you are interested in a Board Position, connect with myself or Mrs. Kenney) I would love our students to be in new uniforms (six month order time; \$90,000 for 150+ uniforms) for the 2012-13 school year. I would love our students to be able to play on instruments. Currently, our inventory is NOT KEEPING UP WITH THE GROWTH of the band!! For the 2013 SPRING Semester - a weekend trip to show new uniforms. For the 2014 Spring Semester, A TRIP THAT INVOLVES FLYING ON AN AIRPLANE (hopefully more details at the end of this school year and based on how the NEW YORK TRIP GOES). All these things need \$\$\$ and physical support. As I experience my son's senior year and seeing my daughter's high school experience half-way completed, I am now living what my past supportive/active band/guard parents have experienced the previous 22 years of my career. FINISH STRONG. We need to make these final four years of our children's lives (by high school: 'young adults') special!! Band & Color Guard are activities that can add to the special times that high school offers. PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETINGS AND FINISH STRONG. Thank you.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Thank you very much to all the parents/families/friends for donations and for their support. This event is very special because of the idea that the band/guard is supporting MUSIC. We are providing a musical experience that is something accessible to many students.

Since this is written prior to the event, I am hoping that it will be another success. (We still need help with security this evening, if you can help, please contact Mrs. Godwin).

AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL.

Performance clothes is what the students wore for their December 12, 2011 Monday concert. They are to be at Amador Valley High School with their instrument and music by 7:25am. Warm up time is scheduled to begin in small gym at 7:30am with their performance to follow at 8am. Combo performs at 9:30am; their warm-up 9:05am. Following the performances, I will be leaving to join my family's annual reunion in Carmel. Beginning at 10:30am, students will be on their own. I strongly suggest you come out to see/hear these fine musicians pay AND ACCOMPANY YOUR STUDENT TO THE VARIOUS CLINICS the festival is going to offer in the afternoon. Yes...there is a charge to attend festival. It is a fundraiser for AVHS BAND PROGRAM. Please make arrangements for picking up your student.

CHABOT JAZZ FESTIVAL

Finally we are going!! For three years prior, their jazz band director has asked us to attend; yet, it is in the beginning of Winter Percussion/Guard season. However, we need to support our local schools and our JAZZ BAND. Hence the Friday night WINTERPERCUSSION/GUARD show!! **Details about this MARCH 3, 2012 festival** will be with your son/daughter the week of the event. Plan for the entire day to be busy (performances/clinics).

FEBRUARY 6; 13; 27, 2012

Monday night rehearsals (FOR BAND; guard schedule WILL NOT CHANGE) will be for the students going to New York. To think we only have three FULL Monday night rehearsals dedicated for New York...shows that each rehearsal is crucial. **Rehearsals will be extended to 7pm-9pm.** NO REHEARSAL ON FEB. 20.

MARCH 5, 12, 2012

Monday night rehearsals will be FOR ALL BAND AND GUARD. Guard's first part of the rehearsal will be with the band 7pm-7:45pm. From 7pm-8pm will be rehearsing for the MARCH 17, 2012 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE. 8pm-9pm will be for the NEW YORK

TRIP. Beginning **Monday Night MARCH 26th we will return to 7pm-8:30pm for all band students.**

FEBRUARY 25, 2012

FALLON MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTERPERCUSSION & GUARD COMPETITION (TBA)... We are going to need parents/friends of the 3rd Period class to help move equipment. We will load equipment Friday February 24 after school. Fallon Middle School is also asking the Dublin High School Band/Guard parents to please help them with the day's activities. **More information about that at the FEBRUARY 13, 2012 6:30PM Boosters Meeting in the Choir Room.**

WINTERPERCUSSION & GUARD

February 23, 2012 rehearsal we NEED to have the parents/family members attend that rehearsal to learn how to move equipment on and off the gym floor. Rehearsal will begin at 6:30pm. We would like the HELP to be there at 7:30pm.

We need to have a driver to pull the trailer for these dates (driver doesn't need to be there to load trailer; YET IT IS NICE TO HAVE PARENTS THERE TO HELP LOAD TRAILER): Mrs. Kenney is coordinating pulling the trailer(s), please contact her if you are interested/available.

- 1). FEBRUARY 25TH - FALLON MIDDLE SCHOOL; LOAD FEBRUARY 24TH AFTER SCHOOL;
- 2.) MARCH 2 (FRIDAY) - WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL (SANTA CLARA); LOAD TRAILER SAME DAY AT 10AM;
- 3). MARCH 10TH - VALLEJO HIGH SCHOOL; LOAD TRAILER MARCH 9TH AFTER SCHOOL;
- 4). MARCH 24TH - FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL; LOAD TRAILER SAME DAY IN THE MORNING;
- 5). MARCH 31ST - LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL (STOCKTON); LOAD TRAILER AFTER SCHOOL MARCH 30TH.

We are looking for \$250 donation per student. For what?! Each drumhead (two drumheads per drum - except tenors) have not been changed for over seven years. Needless-to-say the state of the current drumheads hurts our students' performances. Each drumhead costs \$30-\$40 and we need as many as 30 drumheads.

There are other expenses, such as mallets (\$20-\$40 a pair). We would like to get new drums and cymbals. Dublin High School has not purchased new drums/cymbals in over 10 years! We would like to have a performance set of drums with the current set of drums being practice set. Instructors. Like all the athletic teams having assistant coaches, many bands have instructors. We would like to pay our instructors a competitive salary that is being offered to other local instructors. So, if each student was able... WAS ABLE ... to donate \$250 (tax deductible) our students would have over \$15,000 annually to support their efforts to perform at a high level. As far as guard is concerned: equipment, new floor, uniforms, PAYING INSTRUCTORS (Mrs. Everts would love to have instructors - instructors cost money).

BAND CAMP

FIRST - I AM THRILLED THAT I AM RECEIVING ALL SORTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT BAND CAMP!!!! Thank you... Yet, I do not have the answer to "WHEN IS IT?" Why? Because I am at the MERCY of the school calendar. I will tell you that BAND CAMP will be always a week long (Monday-Friday) and it will be two weeks prior to school opening AND IT WILL NEVER BE IN JULY (unless we start school the first week of August). Prior to band camp will be a three-day leadership seminar with the BAND COUNCIL. When planning family trips, August seems to be the time to get back into the swing of the things for school.

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Any questions/comments/concerns/compliments, I can be reached at band2gether@comcast.net ; or evertspaul@dublinusd.org type DPRIDE in subject area; or 209-642-2651. I guarantee that there will be a message returned and when we talk - dialogue. Thank you for all you are doing to keep music alive at Dublin High School.

Agape,
Mr. Paul Everts