

Hello:

As I drove onto the campus today at 7:15am, September 11th listening to KGO RADIO'S program about 9/11, I was already feeling pretty emotional. What added to me being more emotional? Seeing 10 or so parents and their children heading off to Candlestick Park to work at a 49ers game...this following a weekend of "almost-a-football-game" and a very productive - yet, long day - Saturday rehearsal. Several of those folks were here on Saturday working on uniforms...now they head off to work another full day...with the next day heading off to their jobs; including school (I believe school is my son and daughter's work). Wow!! What people are doing to help our children continue to strive to have the best opportunity to make music and memories is very touching. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL WHO ARE GOING WAY ABOVE AND BEYOND! We only have one chance to make such a difference in our children's high school experience. There is only one chance for our students to enjoy high school. So, whatever we can do to make that one chance full of 'life' - LET'S DO IT!!

THANK YOU to the parents/families who helped with the Galt/Dublin game. What a night!! Never seen weather like that in long time! I do believe WE made the correct choice in leaving. The game did not end until close to 11pm and with an 8am-4pm rehearsal the next day..our students needed the rest.

Students have now completed the first chapter of the journey - they are able to perform their field show from beginning to end. Yet.....the lines look a "little" curvy; the feet need to be with the beat; notes? we are dropping a few. So, now the hard work comes - "CLEANING" THE SHOW. We have two Saturday rehearsals and just three Monday night rehearsals - so basically five days until our first competition October 1st. The students really need to practice on their own. Whatever they can do - be it during lunch or before/after school (because they can't practice at home) needs to be done. The students are so close to being AMAZING...hard to fall short of being AMAZING. As far as the next Saturday rehearsals...PLEASE...PLEASE...make sure your students have had a good breakfast; bring water; wear 'light' clothes; have sunscreen/lip balm; have plenty of food. There were MANY MANY students who were not physically prepared for a full day of activities - which included an excellent 15 minute start of ZUMBA with one of our NEW BAND MOMS!! So, please do what we can to have are students physically ready for a full day. When they are all here, there are 104 students and each one of them needs to be prepared for a great day.

I encourage folks to attend the SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 FIRST EVER PLANNING MEETING FOR A HUGE FUNDRAISER: The Irish Guard Invitational Field Show. The meeting will be in the band room and begin promptly at 7pm. We need so much help in preparing to host close to 2,000 people!! Proceeds from this event will go to operating expenses (such as purchasing and repairing instruments; band is THANKFULLY getting larger, but the inventory is not keeping up with the GREAT GROWTH)...and will go to New York Trip as well (up to 60 band students/7 color guard students attending).

Thanks for all the work. It is very good to be part of the Dublin High School Music Department
Agape,
Mr. Everts