



# A Parents' Guide to DHS Music Programs



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# #communications

## **Don't miss a beat.**

Recommended for students and parents alike!



### **Join our Mailing List**

Students and parents receive email news, schedule updates, and important notices from Mr. Everts, Ms. Lopiano, and the Music Boosters. Click the link on the home page to sign up.



### **Subscribe to the Calendars**

Always have the most up-to-date schedule info for performances, events, rehearsals and more. The link to subscribe is on our website.



private

### **Facebook!**

#### **Private Closed Group: Dublin High School Irish Guard**

Tailored for students and parents for internal communications. Students can share band ideas, key parent volunteers will post reminders like wearing black socks, volunteer sign-ups reminders, and to pick up fundraiser products. Posts are not viewable outside the group, even when shared.



public

#### **Public Site: Dublin High School Music Boosters**

Viewable by and tailored for the general public, family and friends. Please share!



choir



choir

#### **Dublin Choir** Facebook & Twitter

Viewable by and tailored for the students, family, friends and the general public. Please share!



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Find more information on our programs, fundraising, and make donations online.



### **Volunteers and food/item donations**

When we need volunteers and donations, we will send out a link for a specific event and the items we need. These will range from working shifts at events to food and water donations. (formerly VolunteerSpot)



now - mid-November

# #fall marching season

typical competition Saturdays: 11am - 11pm

**It takes 40+ parents and \$5,000 to get 150 students, two equipment trucks, uniforms, instruments, props and a golf cart to a competition site.**

**Each Time. Multiply for 5 Competitions.**

Then add instructors, show design, props, costumes, music...

**Season Grand Total: \$80,000**



## Parents are needed:

### Prop Crew

- Design and build props.
- Assemble and disassemble props at competition site.
- Deliver props to show field (golf cart with mini trailer takes some of the load).

### Pit Crew

- Deliver to and set up large instruments and amps on show field.

### Grub Club

- Prepare and/or donate potluck style dishes & snacks to feed hungry students and volunteers.

### Uniforms

- Straighten hats & hems, and keep uniforms organized.

### Equipment truck drivers

- Load/unload uniforms, props, and instruments at DHS and competition sites.

## Funding is needed to:

- Hire instructors/coaches for marching, colorguard, and percussion.
- Purchase field show music and design.
- Charter buses for student transportation.
- Rent equipment trucks.
- Purchase show costumes and props for Colorguard.
- Buy supplies to build props.
- Pay entry fees to competitions.



# #funding

## Operating Costs

### By Category (Band/Choir combined)

- 32% Music instruction
- 20% Field Show, Winter Guard show, Winter Percussion, Choir show design and props
- 19% Student transportation and equipment truck rental
- 13% Attire, Misc.
- 6% Music purchase/licensing
- 6% Uniforms and Costumes
- 4% Festival/Competition fees

### By Music Program

- 51% Marching/Color Guard
- 16% Winter Percussion
- 14% Winter Guard
- 6% Choirs
- 6% Concert Band
- 4% Jazz Band
- 3% Orchestra

## Parents directly fund

- Concert attire (students keep).

## Recent Wish List Purchases

- \$28,000 for marching/field show instruments (amount was matched by DUSD).
- Quiet generator for amps.

## Wish List

- Equipment Truck: If we own the truck, we can build shelves and braces to better hold equipment.
- Uniform Rack - we need another one!
- Marimba - for the pit crew.

## Income Sources

(based on 2-year average)

- 45% Parent Donations
- 20% DHS Shows (includes Blitz)
- 15% Levi's Stadium
- 9% City of Dublin (Breakfast with Santa, Fireworks, Splatter, St. Pat's)
- 7.4% Hoedown Throwdown
- 3.6% Product Sales

## SNAP!

New for 2016-17, a social donation platform, online, to raise money. Snap Raise attends the August 17 rehearsal to gather info, and we'll keep you posted on the progress.

## Community Partnerships

These are some of the local businesses that provide services at discounts; we please ask that you support their businesses in return.

- **City of Dublin**  
Fundraising opportunities, performances, and sponsorships.
- **San Ramon Golf Club**  
Golf cart rentals.
- **Budget Dry Cleaning**
- **U-Haul Equipment** truck rental.
- **El Monte RV**  
Fireworks booth RV rental.
- **Rotary Club of Dublin**  
Fundraising opportunities, performances.
- **DPIE** Donated towards Ireland trip.
- **Select Imaging** Printing
- **JAMS Music** Free spot repairs at our Field Show.

# #fundraising



## **DHS Field Show Invitational**

Saturday, October 29 - Marching Season

DHS will host up to 30 schools in field show competition. *We need all hands to pull this off.* We have over 100, ~3-hour shifts to fill throughout the day in addition to a **10-12 person planning committee.**

### **This is the #1 fundraiser for the year**

The Irish Guard will perform, so we need our pit and prop crew volunteers to get our own students on the field!

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### **Levi's Stadium Fundraising**

Sell beer at 49er Games and music concerts. Must complete training. See Irish Guard website for more details. Top 3 fundraiser!

### **Fireworks Booth**

June 28-July 4. Staff with DHS PFSO and Athletic Boosters and split proceeds evenly.

### **Splatter** (tentative)

September 17, 2016, at Emerald Glen Park. Staff games booths and serve in the wine tasting tent.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

December 10, 2016, at Shannon Community Center. Choir and Jazz students perform. Parents cook and students serve breakfast, and operate photo booth with Santa.

### **Dublin Blitz**

Students solicit sponsorships from local businesses. Student are grouped and assigned areas. Sponsors are given ad space in the Invitational event program.

### **BINGO**

Monthly, hosted by Music Boosters in the Band or Choir Room. Must be 21 to play.

### **Dine Out**

Get your lunch or dinner at a local eatery and support music at the same time. Ongoing throughout the year. Make a party of it with your friends!

### **St. Patrick's Day Festival**

March 18-19, 2017. Sell beer with Rotary Club in the Beer Tent.

### **Hoedown Throwdown**

Music Boosters' party of the year! Silent auction, raffles, BBQ and drinks. Must be 21 to attend. May 6, 2017.

### **Meat Sale**

Fall and Spring, held at DHS. Frozen chicken, beef and seafood.

### **Product Sales**

Varies. Previous years we sold Butter Braids, candles, valentines sweets, and more.

# #volunteer

Because the smallest contribution can make a large impact

## What Is A Parent Of A High School Musician?

Having been a band parent from 2008 - 2014 and having worked with band parents since 1989, I have some experience. Experience I need to share with you. A parent of a high school musician is a parent who has THE BEST opportunity to share the experience of high school with their child. Yes, teenagers are notorious for wanting to have their space / time away from their parents, but that is something he / she says, not so much believes. A parent of a high school musician gives so much to the experience. Be it making props for a show. Providing a hot meal following a long rehearsal or at a competition. Possibly a hug of congratulations / appreciation. Transportation. Fundraising. SELFLESS LOVE!!

A band parent or a parent of a high school musician is LOVE! Love is a verb and there are no other parents who show more love than a parent of a high school musician. The hours of volunteering. The patience in listening to the hits and squeaks and ... SOUND that certainly isn't music. We need you. We need you to share the final four years of being an active parent. When your child graduates high school, we ALL KNOW that relationship changes.

GET IN THERE THIS YEAR. Have fun. Make friends. Help all the DHS MUSICIANS make great memories and music.

Agape,  
Mr. Everts



## Take the Volunteer Challenge

The music boosters challenges each parent to do *one* of the following:

### Join a Marching Season Crew

Be a crew member of one of the marching season crews

### Join a committee

Many of the events (previous page)  
takes a committee of 6-12 people to organize.  
Committees typically form 4-8 weeks prior to the event.

### Grub Club donator

Donate a dish (or 2 or 3)  
to *every* Grub Club meal

### Levi's Stadium

Work at least 3 Levi's events

### Play BINGO

Because it's fun!  
Play *every* month.

### Event Shifts

Work at least 8 event shifts at any of  
the many events throughout the year.



# #board & chairs

All parents are encouraged to **attend Music Boosters meetings**, typically on the **3rd Monday** of each month in the band room. We seek representation from choir and strings parents.

## **Executive Board**

Tri Ly, President  
Paul Dow, Vice President  
Holly Erickson, Secretary  
Patti Luba, Treasurer  
Rhonda Scharton, Treasurer  
Davyne Bradley, Publicity  
Lynne Shinohara, Co-Fundraising  
VACANT, Co-Fundraising  
Paul D. Everts, Instrumental Music  
Alexandra Lopiano, Choral Music

## **VIPs** (and committee chairs)

Grub Club: Liz Crocker  
Laura Larsen  
Uniforms: Rosemary Brassea\*  
Pit Crew: Paul Dow  
Prop Crew: Ron Barbier  
Dine Out: Patty Shipps  
BINGO: Rachel Oldani\*  
Webmaster: Traci Kaatman  
Levi's: Michelle Taus\*

## **Special Skills Needed** (and committee chairs)

Photographers (multiple)  
Videographers (multiple)  
Mechanic  
Handyman  
Carpenter (to build uniform rack)  
Accountant/Bookkeeper (for audits)  
Printer/Copier (color laser, small jobs)  
Dublin Blitz Coordinator  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Sewing (minor uniform repairs)  
Choir Concerts Set-up/Tear Down  
Choir Transportation

\*Outgoing volunteers who need to train someone in the position for next year. Please contact that person to volunteer to train for that position.

## ***Music Boosters Mission***

*To support, strengthen, and enhance the shared music, social, performance and competitive experiences of the Dublin High School Music program for students, staff and parents.*

*To assist the Music Directors in creating a positive and enriching experience for students by raising funds to help maintain the music programs at Dublin High, and securing volunteers for band-related activities.*

## Marching and Concert Band

Enrollment: 125 students

Compete in field shows and performances at Football games, Pep Rallies, Special Olympics, DHS and district concerts.



## Color Guard 18 students

Performs with the Marching Band. Instructed by Mr. Ward.



## Strings and Orchestra

22 students

This is the 2nd year for Strings and Orchestra at DHS. We are working to build the program.

## Choir 80 students

Chamber Ensemble, Advanced Treble Choir, Show Choir and Concert Choir perform several times throughout the year. Choir is working to attend the Anaheim World Strides Heritage Festival during Spring Break.



## Jazz Band 22 students

Jazz band plays year-round with performances for city events, provide background music at local event dinners, attend jazz reviews and competitions. Every spring, they host *Jazzin' for a Cure*, to raise funds for ALS and Cancer societies.

## Winter Percussion 20 students

### Winter Guard 24 students

December - March, run as an optional after-school program. Saturdays are rehearsals or competitions. Funded through additional donations by participants and by Music Boosters.

