



South High Spartan Band Newsletter

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President's Message....

Wow, it is hard to believe we are already half way through our season and school year. This winter we owe a big round of applause to our students for their astonishing performances during the annual South High Winter Concert. A special thank you to Glenda Chiang, Nina Lenders and volunteer team who made our 1st winter appearance in the Armstrong theatre a great success! During the winter months, we continue marking yet another 1st this year with our Jazz Band playing at the Nakano Theater. Cool jazz sounds could be heard all through the evening — great job everyone!

With the marching behind us and the concerts starting, the sounds of sweet jazz, great orchestra rhythms and the beat of drums in our drumline can be heard throughout the South High campus — what a great sounds! We are really excited for all our bands as they head out to meet the competition — concert, wind ensemble, drumline and jazz band. So pick your music and mark your calendars and come support your favorite Spartan musician.

Just as band seasons change, so does our booster association change. It is that time again when committee positions must be filled and we brainstorm new ways to contribute and support the Spartan band. There are many ways you can help support and enrich these young musician's lives. We need you to be apart of our team to continue successfully supporting Mr. King and the music department at South High. We hope that you will review the list of open positions on the inside pages and come be apart of the team!

Sincerely Yours,

Bruce Chews & Kelly Rogers

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Co-Band Booster Presidents 2007-08

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JAZZ BAND CORNER

Written February 16, 2008

Jazz News.....

I see by the calendar on the wall that we have turned the corner onto a new year and are well into another Jazz Season. By this writing we have completed another Basketball season, with the addition of the girls varsity team games. Both our A and B bands had fun trading the game days.

Just yesterday, we concluded a very successful Jazz Band Fundraiser at the Nakano Theatre, where all of our Jazz bands and combos were in performance. Many family and friends enjoyed a sold out night of firsts.

First time fundraiser at an off campus location; first public performances of classic Jazz tunes; first time menu for the members and the first of many farewell performances by our Seniors. Everyone also enjoyed the complementary coffee, from Peet's Coffee and the pastries from King's Hawaiian, what great friends we have in our community. A special "thank you" to these local businesses and to my Jazz parent volunteers.

Now onto March and our first festival at Irvine High School (3/15);

Spring Concert at the Armstrong Theatre (3/26); Taste of Torrance at South High and ASB Event (3/29). Please keep tabs on the website and ask you band members for any event changes...

One last reminder is our 2nd annual "Sweet Jazz Night" (4/18). This is a relaxing and fun evening for all. Many details will be coming your way, but until then save those items for our opportunity drawing baskets... and the baskets!

Many more details will be shared at the monthly Booster meetings...

As always, thank you for your continued support of the band program,



Janet Hubert

Jazz Booster V.P.

Any questions please send me a note...

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DRUMLINE NEWS

It's on! Welcome to the 2008 South High School Spartan Drumline season. Under the leadership of Drumline coach, Mike Lloyd, the Spartans are looking forward to a challenging and exciting competitive season. The Spartans will be performing another cutting edge program entitled "The Power of Love."

Drumline held its first meeting on February 7, and outlined its schedules and goals for this season. South High School's Music Director, Tom King, expressed confidence that the Spartans will have a successful competitive season. This year's drumline includes many returning seniors and juniors as well as several new players.

Thank you to Ruby Afrasiab for taking on the job as the parent representative for Drumline. As always, the success of any Spartan music ensemble depends on the support, encouragement and involvement of its parent volunteers. Drumline is no exception. Without you, the parents of Drumline players, the ensemble cannot realize its full potential. Sign up to help out at a competition or participate in a band-sponsored fundraising event. The Drumline appreciates it!

The following is the 2008 Drumline season competitive schedule:

Mar. 1st ADLA Artesia High School

Mar. 9th SCPA Mission Viejo

Mar. 29th ADLA Riverside King High School

April 5th SCPA Prelims

April 12th SCPA Finals

April 19th ADLA San Geronio High School

April 26th and 27th ADLA Championships Santiago High School

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Spartans. Good luck, Drumline!



CONCERT NEWS

WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START!

Our first concert of the season at the Armstrong Theatre was a huge success! South High's Instrumental & Vocal Ensemble gave us a fabulous performance to kick off the holiday season!

Our Ticket sales were the best we've ever had! After all of our expenses, we made a profit of \$1887.00 Great Job Everyone!

A special Thank you to Nina Lenders for her on-going dedication to the band booster organization. Her coordination skills were especially needed this year for the "first time" pizza selling. Nina made all of the arrangement for the refreshments, as well as coordinating all of the parent volunteers. Thanks Nina. I also want to thank the many parent volunteers who helped with refreshment sells, ticket sells, and the clean up afterwards. Thank you all, we can't do it without you!

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP!

SOUTH AREA FESTIVAL!

Every year Richardson Middle School, Calle Mayor Middle School, and South High Band come together to show us their talents. The festival will be held on Thursday, March 6th at the South High Gym.

I can't say enough about how important it is that we come together as a community to support our band students. Last year we had an enormous amount of support from our friends, family, and neighbors, so LET'S DO AGAIN THIS YEAR TOO!

Admission is free and the whole family will enjoy it! Pizza and drinks will be sold at the door.

SPRING CONCERT

Our CONCERT BAND & WIND ENSEMBLE will perform our Annual Spring Concert, on Wednesday, March 26th 7:00 pm, at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center's James Armstrong Theatre.

Ticket forms will be sent home with your students on Monday, March 10th and must be returned with payment to the band room by Friday, March 21st.

Buy your tickets early, because it will cost you more at the door!

Pre-sale prices - general admission is \$7.00 and senior citizen & student admission is \$5.00.

Door prices – general admission is \$10.00 and senior citizen & student admission is \$7.00.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND: (Email updates will be sent out as we get closer to the performance dates)

April 2nd (Wed.) – "TUSD Area Festival"

SHS's Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will perform for the first time at the TUSD Area Festival, held at the James Armstrong Theatre. Performance will go on from 9:00 am to 6:00pm.

April 17th (Thurs) – "Santa Monica Festival" (Tentative)

ALL Band Performance

May 20th (Tues) – "Citrus College Band Festival" (Tentative)

Concert Band and Wind Ensemble

June 10th ((Tues) – “Adult School comments, concerns, etc. Graduation”

June 14th ((Sat) – “Baccalaureate @ El Camino College”

June 18th ((Wed) – “Commencement @ SHS Stadium” (Grad Night)

Please feel free to contact me with questions,

Glenda Chiang

V.P. Concert Band

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CALENDAR

Mon.	3/03	All Band Parent Booster Meeting	7:30 pm
Thur	3/6	South Area Festival in South H.S. Gym All Band (Show time 7-9)	7:00 pm
Sat	3/8	Aztec Jazz Festival Jazz A & B (Esperanza HS at Anaheim)	TBD
Sat	3/15	Irvine Jazz Festival Jazz A & B (Irvine HS)	TBD
Thur	3/20	Garden Grove Band Festival - Wind Ensemble	TBD
Fri//Sat	3/21-22	Drill/Dance Nationals @ Anaheim	TBD
Sat	3/22	Drum Line Tournament @ Westlake	
Wed	3/26	South High Spring Concert @ Armstrong Theater	7:00pm
Fri/Sat	3/28-29	Drill/Dance Competition	
Sat	3/29	Drum Line Tournament @ A.B. Miller	
Wed-Fri	4/2-4/4	Bellflower Area Festival - Concert Band & Wind Ensemble	TBD
Wed-Fri	4/2-4/4	TUSD Area Festival - Concert Band & Wind Ensemble	TBD
Mon	4/7	ALL Bands - Parent Booster Meeting	7:30pm
	4/7-4/11	Spring Break (No School)	
Sat	4/12	ACT Testing	
Fri	4/18	Sweet Jazz Night (South Cafeteria)	7:30pm
Sat/Sun	4/26-4/27	Drum Line ADLA Championships	TBD

2008-2009 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Position	Brief Job Description
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Call and Chair Monthly Board Meetings ○ Call and Chair Booster Meetings ○ Appoint, or cause to be appointed, all committees and special committees. ○ Work with the board to ensure all programs are sponsored and staffed appropriately. ○ The President or his appointee will represent the SHSFB to the Staff and Administration of South High School.
VP Marching Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the absence of the President, server in that capacity. ○ Preside over Marching band events/performances ○ Liaison between the board and Marching band parents. Responsible for the ensembles photographer, water; roster, fee collections.
VP Jazz Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the absence of the President and VP Marching Band, server in that capacity. ○ Preside over Jazz Band events/performances ○ Liaison between the board and Jazz band parents. Responsible for the ensembles photographer, water; roster, fee collections.
VP Concert Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the absence of the President, VP Marching Band, VP Jazz Band, server in that capacity. ○ Preside over Concert band events/performances ○ Liaison between the board and Concert band parents. Responsible for the ensembles photographer, water; roster, fee collections.
VP Drumline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the absence of the President, VP Marching, VP Jazz, VP Concert band, server in that capacity. ○ Preside over Drumline events/performances ○ Liaison between the board and Drumline parents. Responsible for the ensembles photographer, water; roster, fee collections.
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responsible for tracking and maintaining adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the booster organization. ○ Prepares and records bank deposits ○ The Treasurer is responsible for filling taxes. ○ The Treasurer shall prepare a yearly budget, based upon requests from the Board and present to the general membership each year for approval. ○ The Treasurer shall have the books and financial records of the SHS Band Boosters, Inc. audited by a CPA/PA not affiliated with the SHSFB twice a year. The audits should take place in December and at the close of the auditor's term in June of each year.
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responsible for recording the meeting minutes at Board and general booster meetings. ○ Responsible for attendee sign-in sheets ○ Responsible for maintaining all legal documents ○ Ensures the group is in compliance with bylaws
VP Ways and Means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responsible for overseeing the South High Spartan Band fundraising events. ○ Advise and make recommendations to the board and booster club regarding fundraising events for the club. ○ Ensure that all moneys collected and expenses for fundraising events are documented and turned over to the Treasurer in a timely fashion.

2008-2009 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Position	Brief Job Description
Auditor	Audits the books and financial records of the association.
Banquet Coordinator	Manages and the end of the year banquet
Color Guard/Drill Team Coordinator	Liaison between the drill team and band boosters
Communications	Coordinates a team of volunteers on the telephone tree.
Donation Letter Campaign	Coordinates the donation letter campaign
Drivers-Band Van	Drives van on band outings
First Aid	Ensures the first aid is stocked and present at every outing, collect and maintain the medical forms and physical exam forms.
Golf Tournament	Coordinates the golf tournament
Greenery	Coordinates the greenery fundraiser
Historian	Takes pictures and documents events, awards earned by the program, etc. In charge of doing a DVD for the awards banquet.
Home Game Set-up	Set-up home games
Hospitality Chair	Manages events that require food and refreshments.
Membership	Maintains the band roster, issues thank you notes to volunteers and donations letters to sponsors
Newsletter	Develops and publishes newsletter
Nominating Committee	Responsible for nominating future board members for the general membership to elect to office.
Scholarship Committee Chair	Facilitates the recommendation of scholarship candidates
Scrip	Manages our scrip sales program
Spring Fundraiser	Coordinates the spring Fundraiser
Student Accounts	Maintains a detailed record of student accounts for each member
Trip Coordinator	Coordinates and organizes all major band outings
Uniform Chair	Management of uniform ordering, cleaning and care
Website	Manages the website

FUNDRAISING

I have a friend who is the Director of Development for a local non-profit organization. Her job is to raise money to keep their organization alive. She raises over \$200,000 per year through fundraisers and corporate sponsorships. If not for her, that small business would not be able to provide the valued services to the community. Without her, they would not exist.

We, as parents, have the same sense of responsibility for the life, the very existence, of the South High School Band program. As you all know, very little money comes from the district for our program. Most of it comes from our fees and our fundraising activities. We are responsible for the life of the music program at South High. Imagine no marching band at our football games. Imagine not having a jazz band, much less multiple jazz bands. Imagine our children's lives without music. No music. A little too quiet for me. This is why I work so hard fundraising for our band program.

We are in the middle of our letter writing campaign. This will help the Jazz Band with their exciting trip to New York as well as fill the student accounts in anticipation of our Italy trip in 2009. Our Sweet Jazz Night is coming up quickly so put that on your calendar and enjoy an evening of great jazz music. This summer, just a few short months away, we have our Golf Tournament and we need volunteers to help with the planning and getting corporate sponsors. The Golf Tournament has become our #1 fundraiser and this year will be the best ever!

Lastly, look for information from the Drumline on their fundraising activities including T-shirt sales, discount cards and rummage sale. All of these activities will make sure we keep music in our lives. Please call me or email me to help out with the above activities.

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MESSAGE BOARD

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR EMAIL?

Please be sure and immediately notify us of any changes in address, phone or email. It is important that we are able to communicate with all members of the boosters in order to convey important information and changes as they occur. Contact Bruce Chew or Kelly Rogers at SouthHighBandBoosters@hotmail.com.

Have you visited our web site?

Thanks to our web master, Lisa Branson we have a great site. Check it out at: www.shsentertainmentcorps.org

Get current information, events calendar, scrip vendors, newsletter, booster meeting minutes, and more.



Get your booster gear and show your support for the band!! Jackets, polo shirts, tee shirts, beanies and caps Available at booster meetings or by contacting Dianne Reyes:

fdreyes@earthlink.net/(310)542-2114.

Check the announcement board in the band room for scholarship opportunities!



SCRIP PROGRAM

Buying "Paper Scrip" (we call them "gift cards") is a good way to build your student's individual account. There are many ways to order:

You can order from stock at any time from the available scrip using the order form on the band website www.southhighband.org (or you can contact Lisa at shsbandscrip@earthlink.net).

Come to the Monthly Booster Meetings and shop from items in stock.

For custom orders, you can use the Shop With Scrip website that allows you to "push" your order to the script coordinator on-line from ANY of the available items (much larger than what I can keep on hand). That website is www.shopwithscrip.com. You will need to first enroll with our Enrollment Code A41FF8169846. Please don't forget to send Lisa an email (above) so she knows to process your order.

If you are interested in the latest retailers available, visit the Great Lakes website for a retailer list. Or sign up there for a mailing on new retailers and scrip updates. **Just in... MERVYNS in \$25 cards with a 3% reimbursement back to your student!!** If you have any questions or have any special requests, just ask!



FAMILY CORNER

Memories...

Dear Spartan Band Families,

My name is Janet Hubert and as the Jazz Band Booster V.P., I have been requested to write about my adventures traveling, listening and working with the ensembles and their families. It has been my pleasure and honor these past four years to wear many hats with this group; Jazz V.P., Manager, Groupie, Gofer, Loan Officer, Medic, one of my favorites

“Band Mom,” and most recently — cook, it has not been boring. I must let you in on a secret, I did not take this job on alone. My husband Frank has been along on this ride for all four years too; driving the Spartan Van to all the events-carefully supervising and watching the way the musicians were loading and unloading their instruments and giving suggestions when necessary, tying ties, repairing anything that needed repairing, telling jokes to the students and listening to them vent, but most importantly—reminding me that “boys will be boys, so let’s enjoy the ride.” We would not have exchanged this position with anyone.

Traveling with the band began with about 24 students, Mr. King and myself on a not too comfortable school bus, a couple of festivals and VIRCO.

Coming off a hectic marching band season: pulling, pushing, feeding, etc... I was not sure what to expect after this controlled chaos. However, these 24 students were remarkable. Frank and I watched as these young adults turned into a group of very responsible young adults. They moved from the van and getting their instruments to getting themselves to the warm up rooms and then to the performance rooms. Then they would load and finally after their jobs were done, they would go and buy their food and return to watch the other schools perform, this, after a long day. All the while, Frank and I would follow them, take video and photos, become fans, and feel proud at how well they represented their school with their maturity toward each other and their craft. Through the years the numbers have grown, to a full bus (and sometimes we get a Coach bus,) but it has still been just the three of us, a testament to the bands self-responsibility. Now, Frank and I draw straws to see who follows the A or B band, it is great to see how the program and our duties have grown together.

Its numbers alone cannot measure the growth of the ensemble. Their musicality level has grown as well. Their popularity in the community is evident by the many fans they have achieved through their fundraisers, evening concerts and their many invitations to play at local businesses and events. Their “Spartan” sound reaches many people of all ages and backgrounds. Nevermore was this popularity evident as I had the pleasure to witness their performances in London and Scotland during the band’s Spring trip last year. This was definitely a high point in being a Jazz band groupie. Thank you “A” band, for your fantastic skills!

Through these past four years Frank and I have made many friends, not only students but also their family members. I have never been so happy as to email out a request for “volunteers”

for a Jazz event and have many family members reply, “put me wherever you need me.” The event day arrives, we scurry around with last minute preparations, and then we settle back to enjoy the feats of our work. Everyone has a great time and we actually look forward to the next time that we will be together. This holds true with our two new events; the Nakano Theatre and Sweet Jazz Night.

Even though I may be the primary contact, (there’s that V.P. hat,) never have I claimed that these nights can be done alone, and hopefully, if I have done my job right, there is a friend among you fantastic volunteers, that will take over these events and have the wonderful experiences that we have had.

In conclusion, we again would like to say thank you to all of the past Band members for their patience in teaching the rookie parents the ropes and to the current members for always being respectful, helpful and considerate. To the families that remain, we wish you the best of luck and patience. Remember, this is Jazz band.... go with the flow and the constant changes...

Sincerely,
Janet and Frank Hubert
Senior Parents

From: lgavola@msn.com

To: southhighbandboosters@hotmail.com

Subject: Re: Jazz Performance Review!

Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 07:52:06 -0800

As a parent I want to send loads of special thanks to all who made this performance what it turned out to be--extraordinarily entertaining. The musicians really kicked it up a notch. Their performances were more than just entertaining. I knew most of the seniors and was in awe of how their performance level had advanced since the prior year. To Mr. King and Mrs. Hubert and all the rest of you who turned the nite into a “happening” -- job well done. Lynn Gavola

Editor's Note

If you have any information that you would like to include in the newsletter, please e-mail to Mona Wong at andrew_mona_family@yahoo.com.
The deadline for the January/February Issue is Friday, 2/01/2008.

PHOTO GALLERY

Great photo ☺ !!



Jazz Band A at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Feb. 15, 2008

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Gilva	1/01	Margaret Wong	1/27
Takuma Yamada	1/03	June You	1/27
Katherine Fong	1/05	Jonathan Yoon	2/03
Mannon Patrick	1/07	David Ziegler	2/12
Jordan Keach	1/13	Sang-Hyun Sok	2/13
Andrew Reymond	1/14	Hana Hirose	2/19
Eli Rogers	1/17	Jerry Shu	2/19
Calvin Joshua Sykes	1/20	Raymond Kim	2/23
Daniel Pyon	1/21	Ben Yoon	2/25
Robinna Borrero	1/23	Ricardo Perez	2/26
Carolyn Cho	1/23		
Eric Ledford	1/23		
Jesse Lee	1/27		

