



# BAND AND COLORGUARD BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

## DIRECTOR

Dear Parents and Students,

At this time, we have 164 musicians and 44 colorguard members, for a grand total of 208 performers. Everything is moving forward at a fast pace. Not only are we working on the field show music, but we've added "Seize the Day" from the



Disney movie

"Newsies" to our repertoire. We have much to continue to work on both musically and marching, and we'll continue to grow every day ... every week.

Our section leaders, drum majors, and colorguard captains are all doing an outstanding job of setting good examples and establishing a positive work ethic. Congratulations to all of our students for their diligent and attentive efforts during our rehearsals.



There is a great feeling of excitement and duty to be the best that we can be ... not only for our field and street competitions ... but for what we must be for the Tournament of Roses Parade.

I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone that we are one of only 15 bands selected from all of the bands ... over 200 through out the world ... who applied to be in this magnificent event. This is an opportunity that will be memorable for all of us. Let's make the most of it!!

Please make sure to notice the CHANGES made to our performance and rehearsal calendar on our website ([eldoradoband.com](http://eldoradoband.com)).

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your kind and caring words and notes regarding the passing of my mother. She lived to be 95 years young and was always so proud of the El Dorado Band and Color Guard accomplishments.



Sincerely,  
Richard Watson



# BOOSTER PRESIDENT



Well we made it through another HOT band camp and things are gearing up for a special year for the El Dorado Band and Colorguard

program. Our fantastic booster organization is already in full swing getting things ready for our big Rose Parade year – Mona Crispen, Terri Hipwell and crew who've been getting the kids fitted for uniforms, Mike Kent and the infamous Men In Black who've already got the trailers waxed and ready to roll, and Karen Dodson who coordinated our registration and is planning our upcoming fundraisers. Thanks to them and all who have been helping thus far. There are some other exciting things in the works such as El Dorado Rose Parade logo wear that we will be selling soon to get ready for the big January 1st event. Make sure to come out to our first band booster meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:30pm in the band room. We will be reviewing a lot of information for the fall marching season. And as always continue to check back on the web site for updates as they become available.

John & Sara Sperling



# SHOE FACTS

The new shoes are coming and to keep them in prime condition, please, follow these directions.

- 1) New shoes need a fine layer of petroleum jelly (Vaseline) to condition the plastic black patent. Wipe it on, then buff gently with a clean, soft cloth.
- 2) The black plastic patent mars and scratches VERY easily, please be careful wearing and storing your shoes.
- 3) Clean your shoes with water and a soft cloth and clean around the sole with an old toothbrush and water, if necessary. Buff with more Vaseline to a high shine.
- 4) Scuffs from the sole on the patent can be removed with Goo-Gone or Howards Feed-n-Wax (Home Depot) and a little elbow grease.
- 5) DO NOT USE shoe polish or black Sharpies.

Call, if you have questions,

Kathy Bidler  
714-528-6270



# FOOD! FOOD! AND MORE FOOD!

Welcome to another great year with the band if you are returning, or welcome to the band if you are new. The food committee is a great way to get involved in the band. We prepare and serve the food for the kids at all the away tournaments. Many of you signed up at the meet and greet, but for those of you that didn't have that opportunity, I will be sending a sign-up sheet around at the first booster meeting of the year. See you at the meeting.

Kathy Peterson  
Food Committee

**FIRST BOOSTER MEETING:  
TUESDAY, SEPT 15, 2008 7:30 P.M  
IN THE BAND ROOM.**

# COLORGUARD

A few reminders for EDHS Colorguard members and their families:

**Colorguard sectionals will be held every Tuesday after school during marching season from 3:00 until 5:00pm.** Sectionals are not optional- we teach most of the choreography for the field show during that time. Please schedule doctor, dentist, etc., appointments for outside of those hours.

**Make sure that all uniforms are hemmed in time for our first wearings.** Field uniforms must be hemmed in time for pictures on September 18th. Parade uniforms must be hemmed for our first parade on October 10th. *Remember that staples and duct tape are not considered hems!* If you aren't handy with needle and thread, there are several dry cleaners and alteration shops nearby that will do it for you for a small fee. Please contact me if you need some help. Hems should be just off the ground (behind the heel) in bare feet.



**Speaking of uniforms: Never dry clean any EDHS colorguard uniform!** Hand wash and air dry are the only way to go. The dry cleaning heat and chemicals will destroy the elastic nature of the fabrics and will also strip off the shine! Do not soak or wring your uniforms. Treat them gently & they will last a long time!

**Members can also wash their flags** (and if you have ever opened the cubbies after a few damp

mornings, you'll want to wash the flags!). All flags can be washed on a gentle cycle in cool water using regular laundry detergent (Tide, Cheer, All, etc.). Stains and grease spots can be pre-treated with any household pre-treatment as well (Stain Stick, Shout, Spray and Wash, etc.). Liquid fabric softener in the rinse reduces static and makes the flags smell April Fresh! Just remember to use "NO HOT" (no hot water, no hot dryer, no hot irons) and NO BLEACH. Make sure you wash your parade uniform inside out to protect the beautiful rhinestones that were individually set by Bonnie Wagoner.



**Members MUST have their own flag bags before show flags will be issued to them.** These are the same 6' bags that we used last year at EDHS, YLMS and Tuffree. Thank you again to all the family members who helped cut and sew our beautiful flags- especially Yolanda Wheat for coordinating this project! I can't wait to see all of your efforts on the field very soon!

Questions or Concerns? Please contact me:

[corkie@mindspring.com](mailto:corkie@mindspring.com) 714-679-1695 (cell) and, of course, find me after rehearsals.

Guard Parents: You have wonderful daughters! I really enjoyed working with them this summer. I'm looking forward to a very memorable fall season!

Corkie Keys  
EDHS Colorguard Director



# UNIFORMS AND GROOMING COMMITTEE

We want to say a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped us measure and fit uniforms during band camp. Mona Crispen and her crew scheduled all the volunteers and kept all the stations running smoothly. Thanks to the kids, as always, for being so polite and patient while we tugged and poked at you. And thank you to all of the parents of Junior and Senior boys who had to use their early supply of Band chill-pills when the guys needed to be rescheduled at the last minute due to school registration.

Now lets all hope the alternations come out okay (see picture for “When Alterations Go Terribly Wrong”). A pair of strappy sandals could have made this all okay.



The following Band parents have volunteered to help with “uniforms” which covers everything from weekly hat cleanings, button polishing and shoe inspections to mending, taping, tucking and general grooming on event day. And let’s not

forget bus chaperoning and plume stuffing.

Desi Domino, Carolina Cifranic, Carolyn Seymour, Cindi Brown, Debbie Ascheri, Diane Seitz, Elizabeth Cable, Kathy Bidler, Kathy Ukes, Lorena Acuesta, Marjorie Blaes, Nancy Flores, Pat Flynn, Peggy House, Rose Campbell, Sheri Chaney, Teresa Eckart and Tina Haines

If you’d like to join us, please e-mail us at [uniforms@eldoradoband.com](mailto:uniforms@eldoradoband.com) or call Terri Hipwell at 714-985-0105.

As we get ready to step off for the first time, here’s your friendly reminder of uniform basics and rules:

- 1) Band Whites must be worn under your uniform at all times.
- 2) Marching shoes must be cleaned BEFORE you arrive at the Band Room. They will be inspected before you are let in the door.
- 3) Don’t forget your gloves and socks.
- 4) Long hair must be pulled up. This means girls AND boys.
- 5) NO JEWELRY.
- 6) NO MAKE UP.
- 7) NO NAIL POLISH.
- 8) Men must be CLEAN SHAVED.
- 9) Bring a washcloth to wipe down your hat after each performance.
- 10) Gloves and socks are to be taken home and washed. Do not leave them in your hat box or your garment bag.
- 11) Bring a bottle of water.
- 12) DO NOT EAT IN UNIFORM.

Terri Hipwell  
Uniform Parents ♥ Band.



# MEN IN BLACK



## WAYS & MEANS

Hello to all band & colorguard families!

Welcome back to our returning members and a *HUGE* welcome to our new ones!

Our fundraising mainly consists of three events: Cow Chip Bingo, Holiday Baskets, and Wrap Booth. We may do additional fundraising this year due to the added expense of the Rose Parade. All students are required to participate in each fundraising activity. The band and colorguard work as one unit during marching season with fundraising. The monies are not separated. I will go into detail on each of these at our first booster meeting on September 15th, 7:30pm in the band room. Meetings start promptly so arrive a little early.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you soon.

Cheers!

Karen Dodson

Ways & Means

993-1906



I would like to thank all the MIB that showed up at our annual Wax On/Wax Off event. We covered the finer points of the MIB, welcomed the new dads and had a fun day of work and friendship. All trailers were washed, waxed, vacuumed, inventoried, and had the axles greased and tires checked. The flat bed trailer had some preventative maintenance done which included waterproofing the wood bed. Three dumpsters worth of tree/bush trimmings, weeds, trash



etc. were collected from the area we use to store our trailers. After the work was

complete, we enjoyed a bar b que lunch and some time together as a group.

I wanted to give an extra thank you to the following MIB who lead the different crews. Bob Lyons headed up the cleaning/trimming in the trailer storage area. He and his crew were done in record time. Ron Hipwell took care of the wash and wax crew and Paul Petty and Mark Martelle were our grease monkeys for the day. Todd Gardner once again assisted with the removal of the plant debris. A special thank you goes out to Mike Kelley who made shirts for the event.



# GETTING THE WORD OUT!

To make sure all El Dorado Band and Colorguard students and parents are aware of all the events going on through the year, we have three electronic ways to communicate with you – the phone tree, e-mail and the web site. When you register for band and colorguard, make sure the contact phone number and e-mail you provide are the ones where you would like to receive your communications – provide multiple numbers or e-mail addresses if desired.



## PHONE TREE

The Phone Tree is an automated messaging system that calls your phone. When you first answer the phone you will hear a chime, followed by the recorded message. Our messages will always be identified as coming from El Dorado Band Boosters. If you don't answer in person and you have an answering machine, the Phone Tree will attempt to leave a message. If you don't have an answering machine it will try to call back several times before giving up. Be sure to tell those in your family how the system works so you don't miss your messages. When you are listening to the message you can have it start over by pressing the star (\*) key before the message is complete. You can also check Phone Tree messages at any time on the web site calendar!



## E-MAIL

We will also use E-mail communications throughout the year. These messages will come from [edhsbandboosters@roadrunner.com](mailto:edhsbandboosters@roadrunner.com). You can respond back to this address if you have any questions about the message or would like to change your e-mail address.



## WEB SITE

Our web site is [www.eldoradoband.com](http://www.eldoradoband.com). The web site has lots of valuable information including latest news, calendar, contacts, event call sheets and results, pictures from events, and electronic copies of the newsletter. Bookmark the site and check back often to see what's happening, especially the calendar which contains the full schedule of events plus a record of all Phone Tree messages. For questions or comments on the web site please e-mail [webmaster@eldoradoband.com](mailto:webmaster@eldoradoband.com).



## 50/50 HELP!

We are looking for booster parents interested in helping out with the 50/50 fundraiser at Home Football games. Help at as many or as few games as you like. This has got to be one of the easiest ways to be an involved band parent. Look for the sign-up sheet at the 1st Booster meeting or call Kathy Peterson at 996-5077

# POOL PARTY!

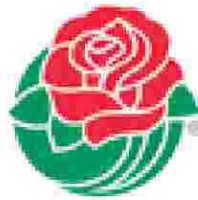


The pool party was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped from standing at the hot grill cooking to the shopping, set-up, serving, sanitizing and supervising! Thank you to all who donated the yummy desserts. Our dessert table floweth over!



Looking forward to another fabulous marching season!

Karen Dodson



## BOOSTER BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President	John and Sara Sperling	990-3990
Vice President	Danette Stephen	985-9788
Vice President- Ways and Means	Karen Dodson	993-1906
Treasurer	Jim Lamon	529-0739
Secretary	Daisy Bennett	993-5788
Newsletter	Kathy and Lyle Bidler	528-6270
Transportation (MIB)	Mike Kent	572-2557
Student food	Kathy Peterson	996-5077
Uniforms and Grooming	Mona Crispin	524-3395
	Terri Hipwell	985-0105
Phone tree/Email/Webmaster	John & Sara Sperling	990-3990
Yearbook	Karen and Lee Dodson	993-1906

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30**  
[NEWSLETTER@ELDORADOBAND.COM](mailto:NEWSLETTER@ELDORADOBAND.COM)

# El Dorado High School Marching Band and Colorguard Tentative

Schedule for Fall Season 2009 (Updated tentative schedule, September 8, 2009)



## September:

Monday 14th - Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 15th - Booster Meeting 7:30 PM

Thursday 17th - Home Football Game

Friday 18th - Band & Colorguard Picture Day - 3 PM

Monday 21st - Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Friday 25th - Home Football Game

Monday 28th - Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

## October:

Monday 5th - Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Saturday 10th - Placentia Band Review/Parade

Monday 12th - Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 13th - Booster Meeting 7:30 PM

Saturday 17th - Field Tournament at Rowland High School - PM

Monday 19th - Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Monday 19th - Rose Parade President visits rehearsal

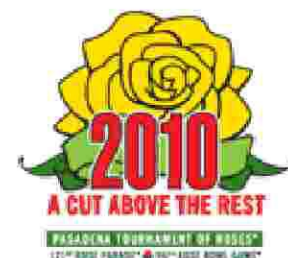
Thursday 22nd - Homecoming Football Game Pre-Game Performance

Saturday 24th - Homecoming Dance - No Band Events

Monday 26th - Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Friday 30th - Home Football Game

Saturday 31st - Loara Band Review & Field Tournament



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** [www.eldoradoband.com](http://www.eldoradoband.com)

**If you are interested in helping on any of the committees, and you have not already signed up, please come to the booster meeting for information or contact the appropriate committee head.**

## THANKS FOR THE PICS!

This month's photos were taken by Linda Calderon, John Sperling, and Karen Dodson. Thanks for these and those from the past years.

If you have any pictures that you think might be good addition to the newsletter, e-mail it to [newsletter@eldoradoband.com](mailto:newsletter@eldoradoband.com) and it might show up in a future newsletter. Don't forget to give your full name so credit can be given to you for the picture.