



BAND AND COLORGUARD BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2010

Aloha!

DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe that another school year has begun! It's shaping up to be an exciting year as I am happy to report that we had a great band camp. The students and staff worked extremely hard and efficiently. Although we have implemented some new strategies and techniques this year, the biggest difference has been our newly-renovated upper field! Having this facility not only allows the students to have an amazing field under their feet but gives them a sense of pride and desire to rehearse. We completed the drill for the 1st movement of the show with music, worked on perfecting the 2nd movement and the parade march, and prepared many of the tunes we play in the stands during football games. We are all looking forward to continuing the process of developing our show both musically and visually.



If you haven't already met him, I truly hope that you get the opportunity to meet our new Assistant Band Director, Mr. Phillip Inzerillo. He is a graduate of CSU Fullerton and although this is his first official teaching job, he brings a wealth of knowledge to our program from his experience as a brass player, his involvement in drum corps, and as a visual technician for many high school band programs in Southern California. I have heard nothing but positive comments about Mr. Inzerillo from our students and staff and I am looking forward to working with him this season!

As we prepare to embark on a new season, I wanted to thank all of the parents who have helped out so far. Whether you are on the booster board organizing the business side, an MIB who helped at "Wax on, Wax off", if you were on the uniform crew helping to fit the entire band, if you were organizing band and color guard fundraisers, if you took pictures, if you helped out with the pool party barbeque luncheon, or if you simply stopped by with treats after a day of band camp, I THANK YOU! We could not do what we do without you and I appreciate all of your efforts.

On a personal note, many people ask and I'm happy to say that all is well in the Samson Tribe. My wife, Missy, is beginning her 10th year at Kraemer MS as the color guard instructor and 7th as a math teacher. My daughter, Chloe, is starting Kindergarten at Wagner Elementary this fall and my son, Micah, is all boy! I'm sure you'll see AND hear them at a Monday night rehearsal this fall!

I hope to see all of you at our booster meeting on September 14 where I will share with you some of the new things we are doing this year as well as many of the traditions we will continue to uphold. Oh by the way, did someone mention something about Hawaii? Can't wait...

Sincerely,
Eric Samson, Director

**FIRST BOOSTER MEETING:
TUESDAY, SEPT 14, 2010 7:30 P.M
IN THE BAND ROOM.**



BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Well another year is underway and it was great to see everyone out at band camp working hard – students, staff, and boosters! What has always made this program great is the excellent work ethic from all involved, and we especially want to thank all of you in the booster organization for your continuing hard work for taking care of the myriad of things that need to get done. One thing we want you all to think about, and you'll be hearing more about this through the year, is that many of our most experienced booster parents -- names like Petty, Kent, Stephen, Dodson, Bidler, Crispen, Domino and Hipwell – will be leaving us after this year. They are looking for “apprentices” to help learn the ropes of how various booster jobs get done. The time to start this is now, during marching season. Please contact any of them, or us, to find out how you can get involved! Also we want to mention that if you haven't met the new staff members, Phil Inzerillo (Assistant Director) and Jeff Long (Student Teacher), please introduce yourselves to them. They are both great guys and I know they are already excited to be part of this program. We'll see you at our first band booster meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 14th, 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

SIGN UP FOR THE FOOD COMMITTEE!

Come work with this wonderful group! We feed the kids several times during the competition season. You never miss the kids perform. You're not obligated to help every single time. Emails go out approximately a week before the event listing what & where help is needed.

Some of our duties are:

1. Set up & clean up
2. Preparing the food (before & at the event)
3. Serving/assisting the kids
4. Ice Runner (preferably someone with a truck or large SUV. We have 6 to 8 coolers)

Since this is my last year with the El Dorado Band & CG, I'm looking for an 'apprentice' to take over for next year. Keep this in mind and let me know if you're interested.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you this year! Cheers!

Karen Dodson

Food Committee Chairperson

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Everyone,

I was so happy to see so many people behind cameras today and all during Band Camp! We will certainly have an exciting season!

As always, I am very grateful for all the help putting together great memories of these years on to DVD. All of you are doing a wonderful job!

Most of you are familiar with how I collect photos for the Marching Season and End of Year DVDs, and generally what I am looking for when taking pictures. These photos will also be used for other printed material (e.g. in front of the band room, yearbooks, etc.). I know that several of you are pro-photographers, so you already have my gratitude for wonderful shots! For the rest of us, let me remind everyone:

Taking Photos:

a. Please take whatever you feel helps to convey the activity that the group is performing, whether it is for a Monday Night practice, a competition, etc. Some photos are good close up, others farther away, some with flash, some without.

b. Also very welcome are the posed group shots with happy smiling faces (all parents seem to be good at this).

c. You can also take photos in rapid sequence (burst mode on the camera), which can be a fun way to show an action.

d. If your camera has video – wonderful! Do not worry about the audio, as oftentimes I will have another track going with the footage.

e. Remember that our kids are constantly practicing and performing, on the street and on the field. Wherever possible, I'd also like to see photos of them outside of these locations. This includes break times, at fund-raisers, bonding events and sectionals, etc.

f. I am asking Larry Domino to assist as possible during competitions closer and discretely near the field, as has been done in the past.

g. I will be taking lots of video footage of our



competitions and as such am restricted as to location and time, while our kids are prepping for the event. For this reason I will be depending on lots of you parents to take photos during these times.

h. Many good shots can be taken during competitions from the stands, especially with a good quality lens. No flash! Increase your ISO setting as needed and open up your lens to bring up your shutter speed at or above 1/60 so that the shots aren't blurred. For this you will need to take your camera off the Auto setting and set up some parameters on your camera. Also recommended during the nighttime events are tripods or monopods.

i. Finally, please look through your photos and select those that you feel are good enough to use. If you are not sure, include it! Remember, I will be using thousands of photos and a fair amount of video footage.

Delivering Photos:

a. I prefer to have copies of the photos brought to me on CDs / DVDs, also flash drives and (if only a few at a time) using the free service called YouSendIt (100mb zipped file max), software available at www.YouSendIt.com. Sending directly to my e-mail account is likely to cause an unfortunate backup so please resist that temptation.

b. They can be brought to me at Monday Night practices, competitions, to my house, in the black box, to my sons Darren or Kevin, etc. If you use an indirect method, please send me a note or call me. You know how forgetful our kids can be!

c. Once November arrives, please have all previous photos delivered so that I will have time to put together the Marching Season DVD. Then all we will have left should be the final competitions for the month.

d. Now that Band Camp is over, please turn these photos in! I'll be happy to collect them at our next Monday Night rehearsal at Bradford Stadium.

Thank You All again for helping out!

Phil Seymour -- Cell: 714-482-5528



UNIFORMS AND GROOMING COMMITTEE

I want to say a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped us measure and fit uniforms during band camp. Your help kept all the stations running smoothly. Thank you to the kids, as always, for being so polite and patient while we tugged and poked at you.

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.

Mona Crispen, Desi Domino, Diane Seitz, Kathy Bidler, Terri Hipwell, Elizabeth Cable, Kathy Ukes, Peggy House, Rose Campbell, Teresa Eckart, Vickie Leonard, Debbie Cellini, Debbie Wycoff, Denise Johnson, Josephine Owens, Judi Lathrop, Laurel Jacoby-Klee, Lorinda Dorff, Sharon Kasai, Sue McQueen, Tina Haines and Kathy DeRose.

If you’d like to join us, please e-mail me at uniforms@eldoradoband.com or call me at 714-986-9382.

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.

Trisha Michaud

Uniform Parents ♥ Band.



HAWAII FUNDRAISER

Otis Spunkmeyer

Frozen Cookie Dough

Who doesn't love fresh baked cookies?

Friday, September 24th --- Order Forms Available
Friday, October 8th --- Orders AND Money Due
Delivery expected the first week of November.



Students earn **\$6 profit** for each tub sold.
Profits credited directly to your Hawaii account.
This is an optional fundraiser.

Contact: Danette Stephen
dstephen1211@yahoo.com

R E M I N D E R

HAWAII PAYMENT DUE **September 15th** **\$150 per person**

From this point forward, all payments are to be placed in the black box.

Contact: Danette Stephen dstephen1211@yahoo.com

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29
NEWSLETTER@ELDORADOBAND.COM

HAWAII

Aloha! Are you ready to experience the feeling of gentle tropical breezes, the warm island sun, waves crashing on the sands of Waikiki Beach, and the sound of music in the air? Well then get ready to pack your flip-flops and sunscreen, as the El Dorado Band



& Colorguard will be travelling to Hawaii to participate in the 2011 Hawaii Invitational International Music Festival!

The Band and Colorguard will be taking this tropical adventure from April 16th through April 22nd, 2011. A trip such as this, with over 200 of our closest friends, requires much planning and preparation. It is still very early in the process and many details of the trip will come later, but here are a few highlights that we can all look forward to:

- * Concert group performances at the bandstand at Kapiolani Park at the foot of Diamond Head.
- * Visit to Pearl Harbor, the historic site of the United States entry into World War II.
- * Hawaiian Luau Dinner and show at Paradise Cove.
- * The Salute to Youth Parade - Marching down Kalakaua Avenue, along the sands of Waikiki Beach...at sunset!
- * Time on the beach in Hawaii with your friends.

Payments for the trip will be made over the several months leading up to the trip.

The schedule of payment dates will be as follows:

July 15, 2010	\$50.00 per person
September 15, 2010	\$150.00 per person
October 15, 2010	\$150.00 per person
November 15, 2010	\$250.00 per person
January 3, 2011	\$300.00 per person
February 1, 2011	\$350.00 per person
Final Payment:	
February 15, 2011	Final Balance Due

To help defer some of the individual costs of the trip, the Band Boosters will be offering optional fundraising opportunities for students who are participating in the trip. All monies raised from these special fundraisers will be credited toward the student's individual trip balance. These fundraisers will be in addition to our normal annual fundraisers.

For more information on the trip, the Band Boosters held a Hawaii Parent Information Meeting before the start of school. We had a representative from Coastline Travel Advisors available at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the travel portion of the trip. If you have any questions at this time, please feel free to contact Jim Lamon by e-mail at treas@eldoradoband.com. We are looking forward to a great and memorable trip. Mahalo!



WAYS N MEANS

Cow Chip Bingo is ready to go for Sunday

September 26th at 1PM on the El Dorado soccer field, so let's get all of the tickets sold! If your student's ticket stubs and checks are received in the Band Booster Black box in the band room by 3PM on Monday, September 13th, they will be eligible for the special raffle drawing that night at 6PM-9PM rehearsal, with 30 dollars in I Tunes gift cards up for grabs, along with 3 "Front of the Line" passes for the meal line on parade days.

All Cow Chip Bingo ticket stubs and checks/money is due Monday September 20th. If there are extra tickets to be sold at that time, I will make sure an email gets sent out, but hopefully all of the tickets will be sold.

At the September meeting, we will be talking about another fundraiser for Hawaii, hosting students from the Japan Green Band, who need housing Dec 29th, 30th and Jan 1st after marching in the Rose Parade. Each family will be paid 75 dollars per Green Band member. More information at the meeting.....

Looking ahead to October.....cookie dough sale coming, with See's Candy to follow in November.....Holiday gift baskets at the Holiday concert in Dec and (fingers crossed) the Wal-Mart Gift Wrapping booth Dec 18-24th. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact Kelli Llewellyn at 714 854-9935 or kelli1rose@aol.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 Booster meeting.



If you are interested in helping on any of these committees, and you have not already signed up, please contact the appropriate committee head.

BOOSTER BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President	John and Sara Sperling	990-3990
Vice President	Mike Kent	572-2557
Vice President- Ways and Means	Kelli Llewellyn	854-9935
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	Karen Dodson	993-1906
Uniforms and Grooming	Trisha Michaud	986-9382
Phone tree/Email/Webmaster	John & Sara Sperling	990-3990
Yearbook	Karen and Lee Dodson	993-1906



El Dorado High School Marching Band and Colorguard

Schedule for Fall Season 2010 (Published May 17, 2010) (Updated Sept 12, 2010)

September:

Monday 13th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 14th Booster Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 17th Picture Day 3pm- full band & colorguard

Monday 20th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Friday 24th Away Football Game vs. Valencia (The Bell Game)

Monday 27th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

October:

Monday 4th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Saturday 9th Placentia Band Review/Parade.

Monday 11th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 12th Booster Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 14th Home Football Game

Saturday 16th Field Tournament TBA afternoon/evening

Monday 18th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Saturday 23rd Field Tournament TBA all day

Monday 25th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Friday 29th Homecoming Football Game- perform show at pre-game

Saturday 30th Homecoming Dance - no band events

November:

Monday 1st Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Wednesday 3rd PYLUSD Band Pageant 7pm

Friday 5th Home Football Game (Senior Game)

Saturday 6th Chino Band Review and Field Tournament

Monday 8th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 9th Booster Meeting 7:30pm

Saturday 13th Field Tournament at Roosevelt HS all day event

Monday 15th Full Band & Colorguard at Bradford 6pm-9pm

Saturday 20th Arcadia Festival of Bands: Band Review & Field Tournament

December:

Wednesday 1st Tentative Disneyland performance

Event Information Updates available at

www.eldoradoband.com



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