



March, 2008

**DOWNERS SOUTH BANDS
WISH YOU A SAFE AND
WONDERFUL SPRING BREAK!**



President's Letter

Greetings and welcome to the DGS Band Family! For many of you, this may be the first time you have seen an issue of the "Mustang Band Fanfare". This is a special issue that is actually printed and distributed each year at this time to go with the band registration materials for next school year. Normally the Fanfare is only posted to our website, mustangbandboosters.com. I invite you to peruse our website, read back issues, get the scoop on upcoming band events, check up on fundraisers, FAQs, and everything else you always wanted to know about the DGS band program.



For those of you who are preparing a student to enter DGS for the first time, we welcome you and your student. The band is a great way for the students to get acclimated to high school (it really *is* a big school). Likewise, the Band Boosters are a great way for parents to get acquainted with other parents and how the whole high school "thing" works these days. (Things have changed a lot since most of us went to high school!)

For those who are returning veterans, we're looking forward to another year of outstanding musical performances. Plans are already being made for the marching band show for the upcoming competition season.

So watch the website and be sure you've signed up for e-mail so you don't miss out on important information. Be sure to complete all your student's registration forms and return them to the mailbox in the band room. Finally, come to our Booster Board meetings and get involved! There are many ways to get involved, large and small. The benefits? You'll meet a lot of wonderful people, you'll know what's going on at school, and you'll have so much to talk about with your kids!

Very truly yours,

Marla Hoffmeyer, President
Mustang Band Boosters



Directors' Corner

Registration Update

Welcome to all incoming 8th grade students. We enjoyed your visit at the January open house, and look forward to your participation in the Mustang Band program for many years to come. For those of you who attended the February 12 Marching Band recruitment meeting, you have already completed your registration for marching band. For those students and families who have already joined marching band, and all other students and families who have been registered to take one or more classes at South High School in band, we have another set of registration materials for you that will be coming in the mail before Spring break. Among these forms is a general band registration form that we will use for record keeping of all band students, a volunteer form, a checklist to help you respond to the appropriate deadlines and requests, and an opportunity each family to become members of the Mustang Band Boosters with a voluntary \$50 membership fee. It is our hope that the upcoming mailing will be self-explanatory, but if questions arise, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail Mr. Roselieb or Mr. Williams as indicated below. We wish you all great success in the coming school year.



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Germany Update

Our trip to Germany and the Czech Republic with the District 99 Honor Band is fast approaching. A meeting was held on Monday, March 10 that provided numerous forms, roommate sign-ups, order forms, and passport copy verification. If any of our 33 South High students or families have further questions, please visit the trip blog site at <http://d99honorsband.blogspot.com/>. Each student should now have copies of all required music and the first rehearsal is scheduled for Monday, June 2.

Congratulations to our Downers Grove South High School Wind Ensemble

The DGS Wind Ensemble participated in the Midwest Music Festival last Saturday, February 23 at Lemont High School. The band received 1st Division ratings from all three judges for the 7th consecutive year in a row. The scores of 95, 89 and 88 placed the band 4th overall out of over 40 bands that participated in the festival. Our highest score of 95 came from the Illinois State University Director of Bands, Dr. Steve Steele, who was very complimentary of the musicality and technical mastery of very difficult and musically challenging music. The Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony are both now working hard in preparation for the upcoming State Concert Band Festival at ISU on Saturday, April 26, 2008.

Solo & Ensemble Festival – March 19

On Wednesday, March 19, students in our 4 concert bands will be participating in our annual solo and ensemble festival during the day in class. Each group will be video taped and evaluated by fellow students and the directors. As a result of these performances, a \$250 scholarship will awarded to the top soloist in each band, and all students who earn a 1st Division score will receive a pin at the upcoming band banquet. Plans are also underway to put some of these performances on to the District 99 cable channel per student request. Good luck to all.

Marching Band Update

We welcomed over 40 new students to the Marching Mustangs last month at our recruitment meeting. Registration has been continuing since that time and we are very excited with all the new members, as well as the return of dedicated veteran students. Our show, “Seven Blossom Rush” with music by composer Samuel Hazo, promises to be a very exciting and contemporary show full of great music and drill. Our season is outlined on the web page beginning with the first rehearsal on March 18, and ending with the Downers Grove Santa Parade on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Memorial Day is the first performance of our Marching Mustangs, and we encourage all students to consider joining our group this year. Our student leaders have already been busy participating in two leadership workshops with special clinician Peter Ferrito of Teens to Teams. They will also participate in a special three day camp at Northern Illinois University that is sponsored by the Cavaliers and Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps at the end of June.

Craig Roselieb

Congratulations to our 2008 Leadership Team:

Drum Majors

Katie Danko, Kelly Lamorena, Kaitlyn Gabric

Band President

Jennifer Dust

Woodwind Captain

Amy Paynic

Flute Section Leader

Ellen Sojka

Clarinet Section Leader

Tom Reusz

Alto Saxophone Section Leader

Callie Sorce

Low Reed Section Leader

Erich Pruett

Brass Captain
Cassidy Williams

Trumpet Section Leader
Brad Jones

Mellophone Section Leader
Shannon Rooney

Trombone Section Leader
Steve Strantz

Baritone Section Leader
Sarah Feste

Sousaphone Section Leader
Trevor Kehoe

Percussion Captain
Danny Jama

Snare Section Leader
Doug Masek

Tenor Section Leader
Sam Bottorff

Bass Drum Section Leader
Andy Cunningham

Pit Section Leader
Mark Tangalin

Color Guard Captain
Addie Testa

Flag Section Leader
Kathy Kopytko

Weapons Section Leader
Taylor Malooly

Equipment Manager
Kevin Kral





KUDOS

Special thanks to everyone who worked to make the Jazz Café a success. Jeff and Jennifer Horvath led the team that provided hospitality for the NIU band and helped to turn our Cafetorium into a “Café” for the evening performance. This event is **ONLY POSSIBLE** through the work of parents – on behalf of the students, please accept our sincere gratitude!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BUILD-A-BAND RECAP

Between North and South High Schools, we were able to donate 114 instruments valued at \$34,225. District 99 was by far the largest single donor of instruments to this project. The New Trier High School Jazz Ensemble will take these instruments to New Orleans during spring break. From there, the Tipitinas Foundation will ensure these instruments get into the hands of deserving student musicians. Thanks to everyone who participated in this exciting program – together, we truly will make a significant difference!

FEBRUARY 9, 2008 RECAP

On Saturday, February 9, 2008 the jazz ensembles from Downers Grove South High School participated in two separate festivals.

The Jazz Lab Band, directed by Glenn Williams, performed at the New Trier Jazz Festival. In addition to hearing performances by the Indiana University Jazz Ensemble and the Chicago Jazz Ensemble directed by Jon Faddis, the group was adjudicated and given a clinic by world renowned drummer Steve Houghton. Musicians Elliot Bild (trumpet) and Justin Proksa (tenor saxophone) were recognized by the judges as outstanding musicians and soloists.

The Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo, directed by Craig Roselieb, performed at the Evanston Township High School Jazz Festival. The group heard legendary saxophonist Phil Woods, and was adjudicated and given a clinic by DePaul University Faculty member Mark Colby. Musicians Darren Horvath (tenor saxophone), Matt Kowalski (trombone), Kelly Lamorena (trumpet), Zach Munoz (bass), Lauren Wood (baritone saxophone), Ben Sorce (trombone), Casey Patton (vocalist), Nate Van Asselt (trumpet), Dave Luetger (vibes), were recognized by the judges as outstanding musicians/soloists.

FEBRUARY 10, 2008 RECAP

Our renowned DGS Jazz Ensemble performed for rave reviews to the gathering of DuPage County Democrats on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at the Drury Lane Theatre. This performance is relevant for our student musicians because it is a real life "gig", and, it provides wonderful exposure for our students and our band program. Well done to Mr. Roselieb and the student musicians for such an outstanding performance.

FUTURE PLANNING

Hold these coming dates to hear our amazing DGS Jazz Musicians:

May 1, 2008, 7:00 PM, Jazz Concert, DGS Auditorium

Hear our amazing ensembles along with special guest artists Phil Crews (drums), Stacey Jackson (bass), Nate Jackson (guitar) and Frank Menzies (piano.)

May 21, 2007, 6:30 PM, Jazz Concert. Fishel Park

This annual event (on a Wednesday this year) is a crowd and community favorite. Bring your picnic basket and enjoy some of the finest high school jazz bands the Midwest has to offer!

Glenn Williams

Register NOW to be part of the 2008 Marching Mustangs!!

The 2008 Marching Mustang roster is now being put together! Intent forms were due March 1st. Are you on board yet? If not, please submit your forms and \$50 deposit to the band mailbox as soon as possible. Registration forms can be found on the DGS band website under 2008 Marching Mustangs.

Please submit the following:

- Intent to participate form
- Signed Rehearsal/Performance contract
- Signed Medical Information and Release form
- Copy of front and back of medical insurance card
- Check for \$50 payable to Mustang Band Boosters

If you have already registered, remember the second payment is due April 1st in the amount of \$100.

Looking forward to a great season of Music and Marching! Come join us!

2008-2009 DGS BAND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All students enrolled in each of the five concert bands at DGS must complete registration forms each year with the materials included with this newsletter. Parents, please look for the registration checklist to get started. That will tell you which forms are needed and the deadlines for submission. The forms will also be available on the DGS band website.

Registering for band helps us to maintain our roster with the correct information, provides valuable medical and contact information, and helps us gather volunteers for the many activities the band program undertakes. It also provides an opportunity for families to become members of the Mustang Band Boosters by submitting the annual registration fee of \$50. Thank you for your support! Please take the time to return the information as soon as possible, so that the directors and parents involved can assemble the data in a timely and complete fashion.

OOM PA PA...OOM PA PA...GERMANY 2008

The District 99 Honors Band trip to Germany is quickly approaching! Please remember to stay on top of your payments. The next payment is due March 14th in the amount of \$500.

Trip updates can be found on a special website set up for the trip. Check it out!
<http://www.d99honorsband.blogspot.com/>

Ann Del Bene

Social Committee

Thanks to everyone that brought treats and helped serve drinks at the band concerts in February. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments after the concerts. The social committee served lunch and dinner to the 2008 Marching Mustangs leaders at their leadership workshop. Thank you to everyone that helped with one of those meals. Please remember the three final concerts of the year are in May. Social will need treats for each and help with serving drinks. Finally, the Marching Mustangs will have mini camp on June 3 and 5. We will be serving dinner both nights and will need helpers. If you're a freshman parent please consider helping on the 5th, it's a great way to start meeting the band parents.

Thanks,
Tracy Danko
Diane Kowalski
Social Committee Co-Chairs

Volunteers

“Mustang volunteers work so their kids may play.”

Hopefully the cold weather will be disappearing and Spring will arrive soon. With the warmer weather our thoughts begin to turn to the Marching Band season. Throughout the season we will need volunteers for competitions and for football games. E-mails will be sent as each event approaches. Check the Mustang Band Booster’s website for dates and times.

On April 26th the Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will be traveling to ISU for a band competition. We will need approximately 6 parent volunteers to chaperone for an all day affair. We will be providing details as the event nears.

One last piece of news. This year for the 4th of July parade DGS will be distributing water at the end of the Darien parade and we will be collecting the band shirts at the end of the Downers Grove parade. We will need volunteers to distribute water, be water spritzers during both parades (a great way for new parents to begin their volunteer activities) and we need people to help wash a load of shirts. This is many months away, but if you think you may be able to volunteer, please mark July 4th on your calendar.

Also, please check our website at www.mustangbandboosters.com for more information on these upcoming activities. You can contact either Michael Hutton or Alice Luetger with questions or to reserve your space at any of these events at Exec-Volunteers@MustangBandBoosters.com.

The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers.

~Everett Mámor

Mike Hutton and Alice Luetger

Music Bowl

Initial plans are underway for the 7th annual Music Bowl, the marching band competition that DGS hosts each year. This year’s Music Bowl will take place on Saturday, October 18. We’ve begun lining up judges and inviting schools to participate. For more information, please contact Lynn Filla-Clark at (630) 964-6377 or Gurmeet Chavla at (630) 968-5016.





Senior Student Account Reminder!!!



Attention Graduating Seniors: If you have money in your Student Account, you may request a refund of your money for any music-related expense any time up until May 15, 2008. Examples of qualifying expenses include: instrument purchases and repairs, reeds, sheet music, music lessons, and expenses for band trips/competitions (limit of \$25 per day for trips). If you have a younger sibling coming into the band program, you may opt to transfer money to the new account. Requests for purchased items must be accompanied by a receipt, or a copy of a canceled check. Request slips can be obtained by clicking here: [Student Account Refund Request Form](#) Forms are also available next to the band room mailbox and completed forms should be deposited in the band mailbox. Before making a request for disbursement, please check your balance on the website, or contact Exec-StudentAccts@mustangbandboosters.com

Laura Sorce

Downers Grove South Mustang Band Awards Banquet Spring 2008

Mark your Calendars!! The annual Mustang Band Awards Banquet will take place on Thursday, April 24, 2008. The dinner will be held at the DGS Cafeteria/Cafetorium with check-in at 6:00 PM; dinner will start at 6:30 PM. The Awards ceremony will be held in the Main Auditorium at 8:00 PM. The Spring Band Banquet is a celebration for all Downers Grove South band students (and their families) involved in the band program, including those in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Bands, and Marching Band. Band students will be recognized with Numerals, a Letter, or a Plaque for their participation in the band program this school year. Also, several scholarships and awards will be presented to some of our outstanding student musicians. In addition, many Booster members will be recognized for their countless hours of volunteer service which has helped to make this year of music a wonderful success!! Please consider joining us as we celebrate another terrific year! Complete the Spring Awards Banquet reservation form below by April 14, 2008. Contact Terry or Ed Kopytko with any questions at: (630) 370-5679 or (630) 743-1828 or via e-mail at Gen-SpringBanquet@MustangBandBoosters.com

Please note that this is a dress-up event; shorts, athletic shoes, or flip flops are not appropriate. Boys should wear ties; girls should wear skirts, dresses, or nice slacks. This is a special event to honor everyone's hard work during the past year, so please be respectful of the speakers, staff members, and other guests in attendance.

REGISTRATION FORM

(detach)

Band Student Name:

Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address (please write legibly): _____

Number of guests (including student) _____ @ \$14.50 each =
Total: _____

Indicate Payment Option: Check/Cash _____ Withdraw from Student
Acct.: _____



Fundraising!



NEWS FOR APRIL

Frequent Buyer Rewards this month!

- Customers who purchased 5 out of 6 months between September and February qualify this month to receive one FREE Rigatoni Bake with Mini Italian Meatballs.
- Receive one FREE Market Day product each month when you pick up your order of \$35 or more in April and May
- Market Day Gourmet at 30% Profit ~ instead of the normal 10%
Artichoke Spinach Dip - Oriental Marinade with Honey - Triple Berry Chipotle Passion - Chillin' & Grillin' Sauce - A Salt for All Seasonings - Give 'Em Garlic - Lime Cilantro Salsa Mix - Simply Cinnamon Breakfast Bread - Bistro Quick Bread
- New in April
- Swiss and Mushroom Burgers - 8/5.3 oz. burgers/2.65 lbs. - Loaded with mushrooms & Swiss cheese.
- Margherita Pizzas - 2 - 7" x 9" Pizzas - Tomatoes, basil & mozzarella on a crisp crust.
- Nesquik Low Fat Strawberry Milk - 20-8 oz. plastic bottles - Calcium rich and a fruity taste. Shelf Stable

A brief reminder of how things work with this fundraiser: Market Day benefits the band program 8 out of 12 months. During the school year, our profits (10% of each sale - or more if special promotions are being held) are divided between the Multi-Needs program and the band program. Anyone ordering can designate whether the funds are split between the two programs, specify which program they're supporting, or even give their profit to a specific student in band. You can tell me the day of the sale or send a note to the "chairweb" (this option is available at the bottom of the page after your on line order's completed). Following are the dates and pick-up times for the rest of the school year. The on-line order deadline is always noon on the Wednesday before the pickup.

All pick up times are 9:30 - 10:30.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Profits given to</u>
March 15	Fresh/Soph class
April 19	MN/band
May 17	Fresh/Soph class
June 14	Band ONLY
July 12	Band ONLY
August 9	Band ONLY

Reminders regarding dates, who gets the profit, and pickup times will be emailed to the "everyone" and "Alumni & Friends" list each month. To order on line, go to www.marketday.com. If you need more information or would like to help the day of the sale (students receive band service points for helping), please email me at Gen-MarketDay@MustangBandBoosters.com.

Thanks for your support!

Karen Rooney



Think Spring ~ no SNOW ~ and our Plant Sale!!!



Our annual plant sale has officially begun! Order forms, all sale info, and full plant descriptions with pictures are available at www.mustangbandboosters.com.

About 17% of this fundraiser's sales go to the general booster fund while another 17% goes directly into the account of the student making the sale. This year we are also making our fundraiser available to choir and orchestra students. Orders are due by Thursday April 3rd ~ which is just after spring break. Take advantage of any warm weather before then by selling to your relatives, friends, neighbors, teachers, co-workers, etc. Be sure to mention that we will hold all checks until April 3rd. Another selling point to use is offering to deliver the plants to the people buying them from you.

Look for your favorite annual flower flats, geraniums, wave petunias and more! Also, be sure to check the new colors offered this year. The hanging baskets are absolutely gorgeous and always have many more blooms than available in local stores.

Plant pickup will be Saturday May 3rd from 9am – 11am in the DGS parking lot (in front of the library). If you have any questions, please call us or contact us at Gen-Plants@MustangBandBoosters.com.

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Plant Co-chairs

