



Fanfare October 2003

Marching Mustang Music Bowl

It's coming! It's almost here! Are you ready for it?

The Downers Grove South High School **2nd Annual Marching Mustang Music Bowl** will take place **Saturday, October 11th** at the South Stadium. Ten high school bands from Illinois, Iowa and Indiana will participate in this year's competition

Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. and performances are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available until Oct. 1 at \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for students with ID and seniors with a special family price of \$19.50 for up to four family members. Gate admissions will run \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for students and seniors and a family pack for \$22. Children under 5 will be admitted free. Admission price does include a performance program. For ticket information and orders, contact Kim Bokowski by e-mail at m-Tickets@mustangbandboosters.com.

Participating bands this year will include Marian Catholic, Oak Park/River Forest, Lemont, Davenport Central (Iowa), Carl Sandburg, Joliet West, LaPorte (Indiana), Antioch and Wheaton North. The national anthem will be performed by the Eisenhower Junior High School band. The Marching Mustangs will perform in exhibition at the competition conclusion. Downers Grove's Mayor Brian Krajewski will deliver welcoming remarks.



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Calling All Music Bowl Volunteers!

First of all, a big thank you to all of you who have signed up to help with our 2003 Music Bowl!!!! There will be a meeting for all of our Music Bowl volunteers on Saturday, October 4th, 10 am in the band room and during part of the band rehearsal on Tuesday, October 7th for student volunteers. At those times each of our Music Bowl chairs will be meeting with their volunteers to discuss details about times, locations, parking, and specific instructions for the various positions.

All Marching Band members **must** be involved in some way as help for this event. Please check the band room blackboard to sign up for your preference. Adult volunteers who would like to help out with this fun event and have not yet signed up, it's not too late! Please check out the availability of positions under our volunteer tab on our website at <http://www.MustangBandBoosters.com> and/or contact our volunteer chair, Betty Wakerly, at 241-3226 or M-Volunteers@MustangBandBoosters.com. Or just show up at the volunteer meeting and we'll be sure to find a place for you!

Let's hope for great weather and a big turnout. By the way, please invite your friends, families and neighbors to this event. Show your mustang spirit, and support our Marching Band!

Director's Corner

By Craig Roselieb



As Mr. McCormick did in our last newsletter, let me add welcome to all students and families to the 2003-2004 year. Every year it seems (well actually it is true) as though the band program keeps getting bigger and better, and this year is no exception. What a fantastic start to the school year with all our groups! The **Marching Mustangs** have rewritten the book on successful band camp, football and competition performance in large part to the dedicated students and parents involved, and our terrific **new staff members, Mike McGlothlin, Andy Waldukat, Gina Gilhooley, Adam Hill and Bart Bates.** Let's not forget the great help we are getting from **returning members Liz Pawlik, Ken Bluder, and another former alumni Amy Sejnost** who joined us again this year. As I commented at our last festival, the clinician told our students the same things they have heard from the staff, and that is because our staff has been saying the right things from the beginning.

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I must confess, however, that I have undergone somewhat of a personal epiphany this summer. As I have told the students on several occasions, my experience this summer at the BOA summer music clinic was nothing short of incredible. I have been challenged many times as a teacher and as a performer, but this summer was something of a rebirth. When I heard one of the band director/clinicians tell me that in his 18th year of teaching (I have also completed 18 years) he finally figured out that he had been a very enthusiastic bad band director, I saw myself in the mirror. I have always been full of enthusiasm and energy for this program, but the key for me this summer was finally becoming convinced of the fact that good teaching means good communication. My goal this year is to teach my students to listen for what I listen for, to hear what I have been hearing, and to open the lines of communication about how we go about doing that together. It sounds simple, but it has already paid great dividends. All of the bands are now approaching their music learning as a process, rather than just the final product that would be presented at a concert. We are learning to listen and interpret on three levels, individual, section and total group.

Carnegie Hall Trip

Congratulations to our 2003 Wind Ensemble members. They have been invited to perform in a festival at New York City's famous Carnegie Hall on a long weekend, March 5-9, 2004. The school board has approved this trip and plans are underway to finalize the cost and itinerary for our wind ensemble students. For those students not in Wind Ensemble, stay tuned for information coming out next spring for our bi-annual all inclusive band trip. Our bands traveled to Hawaii in 2000, and Florida in 2002, so our next trip will be some place similar.

HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES

This year our two Jazz groups will be performing in the annual Homecoming variety show along with the vocal chamber groups, and several other band students in various acts. The Jazz Ensemble will be ending the show with the famous tune "Minnie the Moocher" by Cab Calloway (Jeff Starr). The Jazz Lab Band will perform a great blues tune called "Basically Blues." During homecoming week, the marching band will only rehearse on Tuesday evening, and will be treated to Home Run Inn pizza before the game on Friday. Friday morning is also the morning we make our traditional hallway march before school. Students please report to school by 7:15 am on October 3, to change into uniform as we parade and perform our show in the school courtyard.

BIKE & HIKE FOR MIKE RECAP / THANKS

A Big Thank You to everyone who participated in the “Hike & Bike for Mike” fund-raiser so far. We had 117 “Bikers, Hikers, and (1) Pogo sticker” on September 13th. The participant party later that evening at Good Shepherd Church in Naperville, featured the Jazz Band, under the direction of Craig Roselieb, and snacks, refreshments, and pizza donated by Home Run Inn. Several raffle prizes were won including a DVD player, MP3 player, a weekend away at the Marriot, and much, much more.

So far we have collected over \$5,000 towards the purchase of the entire new drum line for the Marching Mustangs. We need to raise \$9,000 to make this happen, so **we have extended the deadline to October 20th to collect donations** to allow more funds to be received. Even if you were unable to hike or bike, you still can collect donations. Thank you to all those who have donated already! We will continue to update the progress and amount of funds collected. You can send your donations to:

**“The Michael David Samel Spirit of Music Fund”
2653 Luzern Court
Woodridge, IL 60517-4522**

**OR “The Michael David Samel
Spirit of Music Fund”
c/o Ms. Gina Cunningham
Bridgeview Bank
3540 Hobson Road
Woodridge, IL 60517**

We will award the \$100 and \$50 gift certificates to the student who collects the “most” donations by contributor and by amount as quickly as donation sheets are reconciled.

Thank you to all the people and families who have helped us make this event so successful. Remember “The Michael David Samel Spirit of Music Fund” is a non-for profit 501 (c) 3 corporation and we look forward to providing funds for other such wonderful opportunities.

Thanks again and keep those donations coming! Any questions please call 985-7939 or email msamel@ameritech.net

Mark & Pat Samel



Photo by Mark Samel

Alex Kopytko pogo-sticks his way along the path.



Photo by Mark Samel

Members of the Drumline victoriously complete the hike.



“Letter from the President”

Dear Mustang Band Families,

We have been busy with so many different band activities. Special thanks go to our Market Day, ValuCard, merchandise, and candy bar chairs and all of their volunteers and customers, who provide so much support for our Mustang Bands. We also want to thank our many staff members, officers, chairs, and volunteers, who are so deeply committed to helping our Marching Mustangs with their performances at our home football games and competitions! Finally, we thank Mark and Pat Samel and all who participated in the “Bike and Hike for Mike” for their tremendous support of our band program. It takes a lot of help from so many of you to make all of these things happen for our Mustang Bands. We appreciate you so much!

Mark your calendars for October 11th, as you will definitely want to attend our 2003 Music Bowl! Our Music Bowl Committee, under the leadership of Barb Baxter, has been working since last spring to prepare for this amazing marching band competition. Thanks in advance for your support of our 2003 Music Bowl, which is our largest Mustang Band Boosters fundraiser and event!

Now is the time to get involved in our Mustang Band Boosters if you have been holding back for any reason. Presently, it may seem like our organization is all about our Marching Mustangs. While we are at the height of our marching band season, there are still plenty of opportunities in which our non-marching band parents may get involved. Please keep in mind that our booster organization is for all facets of our band program. Our November concerts and jazz performance season are right around the corner and our planning for those areas has already begun. Please contact me at 241-3226 or E-President@MustangBandBoosters.com if you would like to further explore the opportunities that our Mustang Band Boosters has to offer. We can always find a place in our organization that's just right for you!

Our next Mustang Band Boosters meeting will take place on Monday, October 6th, 7:30 pm, Room D180. Please plan to attend! Everyone is welcome!

Yours in band,
Betty Wakerly

IMEA Auditions

All students are encouraged to take the opportunity to gain individual recognition for your hard work as a band student through the process of the Illinois Music Educators Association – IMEA auditions. The **sign-up must be completed by October 1, through your band director, and the auditions will take place on Wednesday, October 15**, at Carl Sandburg High School. Bus transportation is available through the school, and all students that register will receive an information sheet about the day. Those students who are accepted to the District festival will perform in the IMEA District Band or Orchestra on November 22, 2003 at Oak Park River Forest High School. Those fortunate enough to place at the top of their sections may also be invited to perform at the IMEA All-state festival in Peoria, next January. Good luck and keep practicing!

Competitions

Geneseo -- Congratulations to our 2003 Marching Mustangs on their first competition performance at the Geneseo Maple Leaf Classic on September 20, 2003. In addition to winning best winds and best percussion in Class 4A, the band placed 3rd with some very encouraging comments from the judges on the quality and potential for our show this year!

October -- Coming up – The Marching Mustangs are looking forward to the first of two overnight trips this weekend. The band will be traveling to Troy, Michigan and performing in the famous Pontiac Silverdome, former home of the Detroit Lions. After homecoming on October 3, the band will host the 2nd Annual Marching Mustang Music Bowl here on October 11. The following week the band will be traveling to Davenport Iowa to participate in the Davenport Central High School Marching Band Competition (this is a change from the Metamora show). October will finish big with the state marching band festival at ISU on October 25. **Good luck Marching Mustangs!**

MARKET DAY NEWS

Just over \$336 was divided into students' accounts and about \$55 was added to the General Fund from the September Market Day has begun a special promotion which will help the band but we need to help the Junior/Senior class, too. By placing an order for 5 months from September to February, you will receive free trial products. So if you did not order in September, you must order in October. However, why not ensure that you will receive the free products by ordering every month?! This will increase band profits in our months of November, December and February. While the October Market Day helps the Junior/Senior class and not the students' band account, many of us have children in those grades. **Pick-up is October 11th, 9:30-10:30 a.m.** Why not come and volunteer beginning at 8:15 ?! Your Market Day chair people will be there so come join us!

November pick-up is the 3rd Saturday, Nov. 15th, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Also, if you ever forget to place your paper order through school and cannot go online to order, you can call me by Tuesday evening before the sale and I will enter the order online for you.

Kris Blackwell 965-1581

Without Music...Life Would Be a Mistake

This is just one of the many bumper stickers available for purchase at our Mobile Merchandise mart (the White Tent!) at the south end of the stands at DGS home football games. Stop by and peruse the musical novelty items as well as the latest selections in candy bars, Mustang Bands T-shirts, hoodies and more! Support your team and let's **MAKE** some **NOISE!**

CHEESECAKES ARE RETURNING!! GET THOSE TASTEBUDS READY! Those wonderful cheesecakes we sold last year are returning again this year! We will be sampling them at the November Band Concerts. Look for more information in the next Fanfare.

**Mark your Calendars
Marching Mustang Fall Banquet
Tuesday, November 18th
Oak Brook Marriott
Details available soon**

Marching Mustang Video

As reported last month we are preparing a competition season video. We have completed the first cut at Band Camp, University of Illinois, and the 9/12/03 football game.

We would still like to incorporate your videos or still pictures into the final product. We are looking for candid as well as performance pictures. Each family takes its keepsake pictures from a unique viewpoint. Including as many viewpoints as possible will make this a true Band Family production. We will make a copy of your original and return it unaltered.

Any pictures from the two BOA trips will be appreciated as neither my daughter or myself will be attending those competitions.

It is anticipated the project will be completed shortly after competition season ends and the videos (in both DVD and VHS format) will be available for holiday sharing. A preview was shown at Market Day on 9/13 and we already have preliminary orders! Net proceeds will, of course, go to the Band Boosters.

For additional information, contact me at mlegal@ameritech.net.

LOOKING GOOD

I am looking for threesome poses of Marching Band members this season to photograph and place on the photo website. Any interested parties should coordinate their threesome with the Drum majors and Color Guard captains.

The pictures are very popular. Last year's collections of Band and Fine Arts photos were seen over 31,000 times. During this September, 4 band performance-events have been viewed over 4,500 times since Band Camp.

Look for pics from the Spirit of Music Fundraiser, Marching Band at half-time 9/19, and the Geneseo Competition.

All photos have to be "processed" and are placed on the website 6 to 12 at a time, so check back



Photo by Frank Fletcher-Broucek

often. If you want your first name on the picture file title (or don't want it there) please contact me with the change. Names are preferable to generic titles.

Thank you for your interest in Band and the Fine Arts.

Frank Fletcher-Broucek

Communication by Email

How many emails have you received lately?

With the latest viruses going around I've lost count and I've had to delete them in mass quantities. So I wonder if I've received every important email Betty Wakerly has sent out? I also seem to delete my band email after I think I'm done with it and then, sometimes 5 minutes later, I'm looking for it. If you're in the same boat and wonder if you're up-to-date or need to refresh your memory on any of them – check the "Email Archives" list on our website, under the "News" section. It's also interesting to see just how many emails there have been in the few weeks since we've started this addition to our website. It's amazing how much information has come from Betty, the Band staff and the numerous volunteer chairs. Everyone's contributions are appreciated, so keep them coming!

Be sure to check the other parts of the website, click around and you'll be surprised at all the information that's there. Please look at it on a regular basis. It changes almost daily! We're adding lots of photos with all of the events occurring, so be sure to view that page often. We also try to put any flyers or order forms out there that the band students will be bringing home, just in case they get lost along the way! If you are a person who is creating any of these handouts, please email them to us at G-Internet@MustangBandBoosters.com and we'll be happy to post them. We hear some band parents have been known to surf our site 2 or 3 times a day...Wow! They really know what's going on!



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Downers Grove South
Mustang Band Boosters
Calendar At-A-Glance

Revised 10/03/2003 – Additions/Changes since the last newsletter have been underlined

October

- 1, 2 Variety Show 7 pm, Auditorium, JE and JLB
- 3 All Candy Bar Sale Money is Due!
- 3 MM Rehearsal 3:30 pm, Dinner Included, DGS Football Game vs. Morton
- 4 Music Bowl Parent Volunteer Meeting, 10 am, Band Room
- 6 Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Room D180
- 7 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 8 Late Arrival Day, 10 am
- 9 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm, Varsity Field
- 10 MM Pit/Battery Sectional 3:30-5 pm
- 11 MM Music Bowl 4-10 pm – Please Support our MM!
- 13 No School – Columbus Day
- 14 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 15 IMEA Auditions, Carl Sandburg High School, 5-10 pm
- 16 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm, Varsity Field
- 17 MM Pit/Battery Sectional 3:30-5 pm
- 17 DGS Football Game vs. DGN at DGS – MM report by 5 pm
- 18 MM Rehearsal and Contest at Davenport, Iowa
- 20 All “Bike and Hike for Mike” Donations are Due!
- 21 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm, Varsity Field
- 22 Early Dismissal Day 11:15 am
- 23 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm
- 24 MM Pit/Battery Sectional 3:30-5 pm
- 25 MM Rehearsal and Contest at ISU
- 27 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm, Field House
- 28 MM Fundraising Expectations of \$100 Due
- 29 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm, Field House
- 31 MM Pit/Battery Sectional 3:30-5 pm
- 31 TBA Football Playoffs

November

- 1 TBA Football Playoffs
- 3 No School – Teacher Institute
- 3 MM Pit/Battery Sectional 6-9 pm
- 3 Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Room D180
- 4 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm, Field House
- 5 MM Pit/Battery Sectional 6-9 pm
- 6 MM Rehearsal 6-9 pm, Field House
- 7-9 MM BOA Regional at Indy RCA Dome in Indianapolis
- 10 Cheesecake Sale Starts – All Orders and Money Due by December 2nd!
- 11 No School – Veteran’s Day
- 13 Band Concert 7:30 pm, Auditorium, WE and WS – Cheesecake Samples!
- 14, 15 TBA Football Playoffs
- 15 Band Market Day Pick-Up 1-2 pm, Help at 11:45 am
- 15 IMEA Jazz Festival in Tinley Park
- 18 Mustang Band Fall Awards Banquet, Marriott Oak Brook
- 19 Early Dismissal 11:15 am, Periods 1-4
- 20 Early Dismissal 11:15 am, Periods 5-8
- 21, 22 TBA Football Playoffs
- 22 IMEA District Festival at Oak Park River Forest
- 25 Band Concert 7:30 pm, Auditorium, SB, CBII, CBI – Cheesecake Samples!
- 26 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm
- 27,28 No School – Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29 TBA Football State Championship

Many thanks to the families of the following students who have already paid their 2003-2004 Mustang Band Boosters Membership Fees:

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Your contributions help pay for expenses that are incurred by all of our students enrolled in the band program. These include equipment purchases and repairs, judge fees, achievement awards, postage, and concert beverages.

Special thanks go to Bill and Renee Vollrath, who made an additional monetary donation to Mustang Band Boosters above and beyond the standard membership fee amount.

If you have not yet paid your 2003-2004 Mustang Band Boosters membership fees and would like to do so, please place a check in the amount of \$50 made payable to Mustang Band Boosters in the band mailbox. Our students and Mustang Band Boosters really appreciate your support!