



March 2004

Winter Competition Results

Congratulations to all of our groups that competed this winter season. The Jazz Ensemble placed first in their class at the Eastern Illinois University Jazz Festival. The Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony both received 1st division ratings at the Midwest Music Festival at Lemont High School. The Jazz Lab Band performed at the New Trier Jazz Festival and were critiqued by Bob Lark, director of jazz studies at DePaul University. Mike Block and Jim Klonowski were named outstanding soloists of the festival. The Bob Mintzer Big Band was the featured guest band along with the University of Illinois Jazz Band. The Indoor Percussion placed 4th in their class with a **FIRST EVER FINALS PERFORMANCE** at the Winter Guard International contest in Goshen, Indiana. The Indoor Percussion is preparing for their last contest, the Midwest Regional in Centerville, Ohio, this weekend and the Wind Ensemble is preparing for the Illinois State University Concert Band Festival on April 24th.



IP Battery (from left) JR Hernandez, Nick Foltman, Emily Harrison & Tim Strenning. Back row: Sam Barna, James Horner, Linsey Christensen & Zack Kehoe.
(photo by Renata Allelujka)



IP Cymbalists (from left) Stephanie Cunningham, Sara Fruehe, Christy Fraticola & Jenny Rehbein.
(photo by Renata Allelujka)



Jeff Starr does Cab Calloway with the Jazz Ensemble at a Christmas gig.
(photo by Frank Fletcher-Broucek)

Director's Corner



This past weekend, I had the opportunity to judge the State junior high band contest at ISU. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear some of the finest junior high bands from across Illinois. The

experience also brought into light how fortunate we are to have such fine junior high feeder programs with such fine directors. Had Lakeview, Jefferson, Eisenhower or O'Neill been at this event, they would not only have held their own but may have won as well. I am going to encourage our fine feeder bands to participate in this event next year. I have always believed that a high school program is no stronger than the schools which feed into it.

I recently had the opportunity to make a presentation to our PTA regarding the current No Child Left Behind legislation. This came as a result of a project that I completed in my graduate program in administration and supervision. There are so many misunderstandings currently about NCLB and it was very gratifying to clear up many of the questions. I would encourage all of our parents to follow the details of this legislation because it impacts every facet of education in so many ways.

Recently, we had Dr. Ryan Nelson visit South High to rehearse the Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony. Dr. Nelson is the associate director of bands at Northwestern University. Each of the two bands had a double rehearsal with him. This was in preparation for our performances at the Midwest Music Festival at Lemont. Interestingly, Ryan is from my home town of Pittsburgh and attended Duquesne University where I did my undergraduate work. On top of that, he is a saxophone player! The students thoroughly enjoyed working with him.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new saxophone instructor, Alex Gilbert. Alex is a recent graduate of the Chicago College of the Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. He plays professionally throughout the Chicagoland area and is a permanent member of the Jazztech Big Band. If your son or daughter would like to schedule lessons with Alex, he can be reached at 312-952-6584.

On a personal note, I would like to express my gratitude to all of the students and parents who expressed their concern regarding my mother's recent bout with pneumonia. I am happy to report that she is feeling much better.

As spring break nears, we would like to wish all of our students a restful and fun week. I am looking forward to visiting family and friends in Pennsylvania. If spring break is at hand, you know baseball season is not far off. Go Cubs!

Ron Hornish

DGS Solo & Ensemble Results

Congratulations to all the students who performed on March 17th at our annual Instrumental Day. The following students received a **1st Division Rating** for their solos and ensembles:

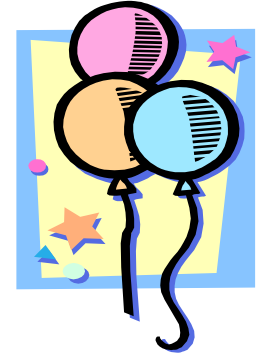
Jordan Anderson, piano solo
Sam Barna, snare drum solo
Fredricka Bathe, recorder solo
Joel Bennett, trombone solo
Starr, Birch, Coomer, clarinet trio
Sarah Cermak, flute solo
Nancy Cha, clarinet solo
Fischer, Davis, Chesney, Nelson, Kelly, saxophone quintet
Clarinet Choir Wind Ensemble
Casey Conger, trumpet solo
Sandusky, Marrison, DeMeyer, Fletcher-Broucek, percussion quartet
Daniella Doll, oboe solo
Stacie Evans, mallet solo
Jackie Fischer, clarinet solo

Sara Fruehe, bassoon solo
Christensen, Garvey, bassoon duet
Bennett, Gregory, trumpet/trombone duet
Chris Gregory, trumpet solo
Stephenie Hardwidge, French horn solo
Brian Herman, clarinet solo
O'Dell, Jeziorski, clarinet duet
Jeff Johnson, alto sax solo
Nadia Kind, bassoon solo
Conger, Viano, Klonowski, Pietrus, trumpet quartet
Alex Kopytko, bass clarinet solo
Mark Lester, clarinet solo

Coffee, Flynn, Mazumder, Jepsen, low brass quartet
Dan Mueller, euphonium
Amy O'Dell, clarinet solo
Shah, Potempa, clarinet duet
Pasquesi, Seelander, flute duet
John Shepard, trombone
Miller, Miller, Thanki, Tannenbaum, oboe/flute quartet
Walter, Johnson, Massa, Thompson, trumpet quar
Adam Vollrath, trombone
Carr, Winters, Shaffner, French horn trio
Erica Zeelof, bassoon solo

These students will be receiving a pin at the April 30th Band Banquet. One student from each band will be awarded a #150 scholarship that can be used for private lessons or an upcoming summer camp experience. Several students will also be named to perform at the **District 99 Honors Band Recital on Monday, April 26th at 7:30 pm at North High School.**

Mustang and Award Banquet!



Make your reservations NOW

for the Annual Mustang Band Award Banquet!!!!!! It will take place on Friday, April 30, 2004, at the Oak Brook Marriott. Join us as we honor and recognize the hard work and dedication of all our band students. Every student will receive a numeral, letter, or plaque for their participation in band this year. Awards and scholarships will be presented to outstanding musicians as well. Enclosed is a reservation form for your convenience. Reservations along with payment must be submitted **no later than Friday, April 9th** (right after Spring Break!). If you have any questions, please call Terry Kopytko @ (630) 370-5679.

Congratulations

2004-2005 Mustang Band Boosters Officers

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German Band to Visit in May

We will welcome the **Jugendblasorchester (German Youth Band)** to our community this spring. They will be arriving Friday, May 21st and visiting the Chicago area including trips to Orchestra Hall and a Chicago river cruise. The band will perform a concert in the South High Auditorium on Sunday, May 23^{rs} at 2:00 pm. Please attend and enjoy hearing this group who have visited Downers Grove 5 times since 1985. In 2005, the North High Band and District Orchestra will be traveling to Germany to visit their school. Most of those students will be hosting our guests, but if you would like to host one of those students, please turn in the host form located on the website.

“Letter from the President”

Dear Mustang Band Families,

We recently held a successful election of our 2004-2005 Mustang Band Boosters Officers. Special thanks go to all of our officers and committee chairs for their service this past year and a warm welcome to all of our incoming officers and committee chairs for the upcoming membership year. We still have some openings for committee chairs and plenty of opportunities for everyone to help out with our numerous committees. Please take some time to fill out the Mustang Band Boosters Volunteer Assistance Form that has been included in this packet and then pass it on to the other members in your family (including students!) for them to do the same. Thank you in advance for giving of yourselves in this way!

Also included in this mailing are the registration materials for the 2004-2005 membership year, which starts June 1st. Each student involved in any aspect of the band program is required to fill out the Band Registration Form and the Medical Information & Release Form. Please note that all of the registration materials are due back to director Craig Roselieb by April 15th. The forms may either be mailed back in the addressed envelope provided or returned via the mailbox in the band room. Thanks for your attention to these matters and as always thank you for your support of our Mustang Bands!

After serving as president of Mustang Band Boosters for the past two years, my term will soon be coming to an end. I want to thank you all for giving me this opportunity to work with and for a great group of students, families, directors, and staff. Serving in this way has totally been my pleasure and I have truly enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many of you. Please continue to give our incoming president, Sandy Liedtke, our other officers, our chairs, and our directors and staff your full support. We are very fortunate to have such a top notch band program for our many talented students!

Please note that our next Mustang Band Boosters board meeting will be on Monday, April 5th, 7:30 p.m., Room D180 at DGS. All are welcome!

Have a wonderful spring break!

Yours in band,
Betty Wakerly

Do You Grocery Shop?

At Cub Foods in Downers Grove? We need your receipts! This is a very easy way to help raise funds for the Mustang Bands! All you do is collect your receipts each time you shop at Cub Goods in Downers Grove. You can ask your neighbors and family to save receipts for you too and we will receive 1% of the pretax total on each receipt. You can turn in your receipts to the mailbox in the band room at anytime. What could be easier? Start saving those receipts TODAY!

Band Registration Information

The process of registering the Marching Mustangs has already taken place during February and March. While it is still not too late to become a member of the Marching Mustangs, all students enrolled in each of the 5 concert bands must complete the registration process with the materials included in this newsletter. Parents, please look for the registration checklist to get started. That will tell you which forms are needed, and the deadlines for doing so. Registering for band helps us maintain our roster with the correct information, provides valuable medical and contact information, helps us gather volunteers for the many activities the band program undertakes, and provides an opportunity for families to become members of the Mustang Band Boosters by submitting the annual registration fee of \$50 per student. Please take the time to return the information as soon as possible, so that the parents and directors involved can assemble the data in a timely and complete fashion.



London Trip

We have received over 100 intent forms and deposits to date for the London trip. If you are still considering participation in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, it is still not too late. The initial deposit and intent form are due as soon as possible, and the form can be found on the band website. Payments of \$275 per month begin in April of 2004, and a coupon sheet can be downloaded off the band website as well. Please e-mail Mr. Roselieb croselieb@csd99.org if you would like to be added to the participant list after March 30, 2004.

Parent Helpers Wanted: 4 parents are needed to chaperone the Wind Ensemble Trip to ISU 4/24. Tasks include chaperoning, carrying equipment and monitoring students in homeroom. Tentative schedule is noon departure, 4 pm performance & 10:30 pm return. Contact Julie Benes at 968-0366 or email her at E-Volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com.

E-mail and Mailing Lists go Self-Serve!

What's new in the technical world of the Mustang Band Boosters? We have completely re-worked the way we do our e-mail addresses and mailing lists. Now, you don't have to rely on some technocrat to update your address for you – you can do it yourself – just like you would if you were signing up for a mailing list of a major corporation or a political candidate.

All the addresses that were in the old system have been converted to the new one. So, there is nothing you have to do to enjoy the benefits of the new age. Just sit back and enjoy the continuing flow of information!

When your student graduates and you decide not to receive our mailings, simply go to the MustangBandBoosters.com web site, navigate down the "About MBB" and click on the "Subscribe / Unsubscribe to MBB Mailing Lists" tab. On the next page you can unsubscribe from whichever mailing list(s) you have been on.

If you are an incoming freshman parent and you want to get a head start on learning what the Band Program and the Boosters organization are all about, just add your e-mail address(es) to our lists today – you'll be able to see what communications go out to our band students and parents well in advance of your child entering the program next year.

If you are a continuing Mailing List subscriber and your e-mail address changes, simply "Unsubscribe" for the old address and "Subscribe" for the new one. It's easy, fast and sure-fired.

Have an uncle or aunt who would like to know what's going on? Tell them to subscribe – they will get a kick out of hearing about our Band Program and the great experience that their loved one is having.

Self-serve – Check (it) Out!

Band Market Day April 17th
Helpers check-in at 8:15 am
Pick-up 9:30 – 10:30 am
Online orders due noon April 14th

Marching Mustangs Memorial Day Parade Info

Exciting numbers have been registered for next year's **Marching Mustangs**. The intent form and first payment were due March 8th, 2004, **but it is not too late to join**. Please contact Mr. Roselieb croselieb@csd99.org to add your name to the roster. We anticipate a group of at least 130 next year with a great balance of instrumentation. We are very excited about our show, "**Noisy Wheels of Joy, A ride on the Chicago 'L'**". We will be participating in competitions at Lake Park, Wheeling, Wheaton North, Lincoln-Way, ISU and the BOA Regional in Indianapolis.

Marching Band begins on May 1st with a mini-camp from 9am-5 pm including lunch, and then several evening rehearsals to prepare for the Memorial Day parade on May 31, 2004. Please add the spring rehearsal dates to your calendar which can be found on the band website www.csd99.k12.il.us/south/music

Memorial Day rehearsal dates include May 4, 11, and 13 in the evening from 6:30 – 9pm, and Friday after school May 28 from 3:30 – 6:30pm. Lakeview students on tour to Florida are excused from the May 1st mini-camp, however, all students should make every effort to attend each rehearsal. The parade will take place on



Monday, May 31st. Students should arrive at DGS at 8:30 am to change into uniform (all students should be fitted for uniforms during the month of May), and will travel to the parade by bus at 9:15 am. The parade begins at 10:00 am down Main Street and concludes at Fishel Park with a Memorial Day service. The group will be bussed back to DGS to change out of uniform and will be dismissed by 12 noon that day.

The following students have been selected as our 2004 leaders:

Carla Poch, flute
Katie Stankiewicz, clarinet
Megan Bartlett, saxophone
Brian Saunders, low reeds
Jordan Anderson, trumpet
Kathy Brown, mellophone
Joel Bennett, trombone
Adam Vollrath, low brass
Sydney Kelly, marching
Lydia Wilson & Molly Djuric, guard
JR Hernandez, battery
Stacie Evans, pit
Any Benes, Jeff Johnson, James Markham, drum majors

DO IT!!!.....Because it's so much fun! *(photo by Frank Fletcher-Broucek)*

Mid America Bank CommUNITY Banking

Each time a group member opens a new checking, savings, money market, or certificate account and declares affiliation with our group **Downers Grove South Band**, MidAmerica Bank will make a one-time contribution to our organization – **up to \$25.00**.

In addition, our **Downers Grove South Band** will receive a **matching 2%** of the total interest earned and paid annually on every account designated for our group – for new and existing customers.

We already have **\$91.00** in our **CommUNITY Banking** account thanks to the following families: **Allelujka, Bill, Kehoe, Kopytko and Poch**. Thank you families for supporting our **Downers Grove Band Program**.

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

April

- 1, 2 Spring Break
- 5 Classes Resume
- 5-8 Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony Auditions, Part II
- 5 Mustang Band Boosters 7:30 pm, Room D180
- 8 Brass Choir Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm
- 9 No School
- 12 2nd Payment of \$100 Due for Marching Mustangs 2004
- 14 Market Day Orders Due by Noon Online at www.marketday.com
- 15 Brass Choir Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm
- 15 Musical Dress Rehearsal
- 16 West Chicago High School Jazz Festival 5-10 pm, JLB
- 16, 17 Musical 7:30 pm, Auditorium
- 17 Band Market Day Pick-Up 9:30-10:30 am, Help at 8:15 am
- 18 Musical 7 pm, Auditorium
- 22 Brass Choir Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm
- 24 Wind Ensemble to ISU for State Invitational All Afternoon & Evening
- 26 District Honors Band Recital 7:30 pm, BC
- 29 Brass Choir Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm
- 29 Jazz and Percussion Concert 6:30 pm
- 30 Mustang Band Spring Awards Banquet, Marriott Oak Brook

May

- 1 Marching Mustangs Mini Camp 9 am-5 pm (Lunch Included)
- 3 Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Room D180
- 4 Marching Mustangs Rehearsal 6:30-9 pm
- 6 Brass Choir Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm
- 6 Band Concert 7:30 pm, Auditorium, SB, CB II, CB I
- 8 Plant Sale Delivery, morning
- 10 3rd Payment of \$100 Due for Marching Mustangs
- 11 Marching Mustangs Rehearsal 6:30-9 pm
- 13 Brass Choir Rehearsal 3:30-5 pm
- 13 Marching Mustangs Rehearsal 6:30-9 pm
- 15 8th Grade Marching Mustangs Uniform Fittings 9 am-2 pm
- 18 Choirs Concert 7:30 pm, Auditorium
- 18 New and Returning High School Uniform Fittings 3:30-7 pm
- 20 New and Returning High School Uniform Fittings 3:30-7 pm
- 20 Band and Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm, Auditorium, WS, BC, and Orchestra
- 21-27 Guests from Germany Visit
- 23 Concert featuring our Visitors from Germany, TBA
- 25 Jazz Concert 6:30 pm, Fishel Park
- 27 Band and Choir Concert 7:30 pm, Auditorium, WE and A Cappella Choir
- 28 Marching Mustangs Rehearsal 3:30-6:30 pm
- 31 No School – Memorial Day
- 31 Memorial Day Parade 10 am, check –in 8:30 am