



December 2004

IMEA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS SELECTED

Congratulations to the six hard working and well-deserved students who were accepted to the IMEA All-state Festival in January, 2005. Their selection, based on their District Audition score, was the result of a highly competitive selection process between students in 9 districts around the state. **Sara Fruehe** - Bassoon, **Megan Bartlett** - Baritone Saxophone, and **Sydney Kelly** - Euphonium, were selected in band. **Adam Vollrath** - Trombone, and **Mike Knepper** - Alto Saxophone, were selected in jazz band. **Casey Conger** - Trumpet, was selected to the orchestra. These students will re-audition at the festival for chair placement in the All-State or Honors groups. Congratulations again to these students who are among the elite of our state of Illinois.

BOA HONOR BAND STUDENTS ANNOUNCED

For the first time in the history of Downers Grove South, two students were named to the Bands of America Honor Band through tapped audition. **Sara Fruehe**, Bassoon, and **Casey Conger**, Trumpet, were selected to participate in the BOA Concert Band Festival in March in an elite group of students from around the country. John Whitwell from Michigan State University will conduct this group as they spend the weekend in Indianapolis from March 10-12, 2005. It is our hope that at some point in the future, the entire Wind Ensemble will be selected for this event as well.

From the Director



Wow! What an incredible November and December we have had. Congratulations to all five of our concert bands for their outstanding performances at the November 4 and 23 band concerts. It is always exciting to hear the groups for the first time. The Wind Ensemble dazzled us with a college level performance of Holt's Second Suite in F, and then finished with a wonderful new arrangement of Gershwin's American in Paris. Wind Symphony delighted the audience with several new works including a clever new work by Richard Saucedo, and an interesting and diverse piece entitled "Different Voices." It was thrilling to hear the Concert Bands and Symphonic Band at their first concert as well. Concert Band I presented a wonderful program, complete with powerpoint images and a diverse variety of music. Concert Band II also performed two new works and finished with a traditional march, and Symphonic Band performed another new work by Richard Saucedo, and graced the memory of Michael Samel with their musically expressive and meaningful performance of Ballade. It was the highlight of the evening to hear all three groups combined at the end. Thanks to the parents and volunteers for the wonderful cheesecake and treats after both concerts.

Our marching band also did us proud with exceptional performances on Thanksgiving in the Chicago State Street Parade, and on Thanksgiving Sunday at our own community event, the "Santa Parade." And then, the Holiday Concert provided our largest audience of the year with a wonderful variety of music from the Choirs, Bands and Orchestra, and at one point, all three together. An U.S. Army service woman greeted me after the concert to thank our group for their performance of "Each Time You Tell Their Story." Thanks to all for your poinsettia purchases as well.

In case Mom and Dad don't hear what happens in our classes at the dinner table, I am happy to report of our experience on November 19 with a guest conductor, Bruce Moss. Dr. Moss visited our campus the day before the IMEA District 1 Festival and spent the entire day in each of our 5 band classes. He was most impressed with the high quality we are achieving here at South within the large quantity of students we serve. There are very few programs in our area (let alone the state and nation) that have this many concert bands. Each group responded with attention and professionalism to the comments and advice Dr. Moss gave during his clinics. One of his memorable quotes of the day was actually during the lunch Mr. Hornish, Mr. McCormick and I had with him. He said that most groups he works with get that "screen saver" look on their faces during rehearsal. Not our groups, though. He stated that we were very attentive and responsive to his suggestions. It is a tremendous compliment to a band when a guest conductor can come in and work with music that students have already learned, and achieve such a high level of response. Congratulations to all on a great day for band!

~Craig Roselieb

A Note from the President...



Dear Mustang Band Family;

Happy Holidays to all! I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the holiday concert. The students and directors did an excellent job and really shared their holiday spirit and talents.

The London trip is literally right around the corner and everyone is getting very excited! I hope everyone is preparing to have a wonderful time. A special thank you to all the chaperones, directors and staff accompanying our students on this “once in a lifetime” adventure. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable trip.

Keep watching the emails and website for further London updates.

The Jazz groups, Indoor Percussion and Brass Choir have begun their season and have upcoming festivals, competitions and performances. Thank you to Doti Streng, Kim Bokowski and everyone else that participates in all of these programs.

With the coming new year our nominating committee will be formed and start looking for nominees for our board officer positions. We will also be in need of committee chair people to fill chair positions. Please consider supporting our students and this wonderful music program by offering your time and talent. There are so many possibilities, I’m sure we can find just the right spot for you.

I would be happy to discuss the opportunities, please call me at 964-0238 or email me:

E-President@MustangBandBoosters.com

Happy Holidays,
Sandy Liedtke

Shopping online?

Each time you shop online, please do it at www.SchoolShare.com. With SchoolShare by Market Day, family and friends can contribute additional funds to our DGS bands simply by shopping at any of the more than 125 online retailers. Thanks for supporting our band program!

Fundraisers

NOVEMBER SHOP & SHARE – NUMBERS JUST IN!

Many thanks to all of you who made the November Jewel Shop and Share London Fundraiser a big success! 47 shoppers bought over \$ 3900 in groceries and we netted \$ 273.55 for this final Shop and Share 2004 event! All together, the three events brought in a total of \$ 632 that will be disbursed to London trip students and chaperones 50/50 prior to the trip. Many thanks to the London chaperones who are making this trip possible for our students!

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS - END OF SEASON SAMPLES SALE

Our Mustang Bands or Marching Mustangs *embroidered* bandwear, stadium blankets or flannel pants continue to be available for order any time for those hard to shop for people! (Please allow 12-18 days for delivery) Check out the details at www.shop.mustangbandboosters.com/

However, if you've always got your eye out for a bargain, read on...
New samples used for the 2004-2005 Band Camp & Football Merchandise Tent season are available **at our cost** so that YOU can store them until next year instead of us! The following items are available for purchase while they last, 1st come 1st serve: (Just send an e-mail to shop@mustangbandboosters.com to arrange for payment and delivery)

1. (5) Screened Make Noise Marching Mustangs Canvas Tote Bags (perfect size for a blanket and couple of seat cushions!) \$ 10
2. Light blue visor (Mustang Bands logo) \$ 8.50
3. Golf Shirt – Sand, Size L, (Marching Mustangs logo) \$ 32.50
4. Golf Shirt – Sand, Size L, (Mustang Bands logo) \$ 32.50
5. (2) Golf Shirt – Navy, Size M, (Mustang Bands logo) \$ 32.50
6. Screened Make Noise T-shirt, Grey, Size M, \$ 8
7. Screened Make Noise Lt. Blue Scoop-neck T-shirt, Size XL, \$ 10.50
8. Flannel Pants, Blue plaid, Mustangs in Royal letters, Size M, \$ 20
9. Flannel Pants, Blue plaid, Mustangs in White letters, Size XL, \$ 20
10. Denim Shirt, Size M, (Marching Mustangs logo) \$ 17.50
11. Denim Shirt, Size L, (Mustang Bands logo) \$ 17.50
12. Fleece Pullover, Navy, Size L, (Mustang Bands logo), \$ 35
13. Snap-up Windbreaker, Navy, Size M (Mustang Bands logo)(these run big!), \$ 22
14. Snap-up Windbreaker, Navy, Size XL (Marching Mustangs logo + MOM) (these run big!) \$ 22
15. Snap-up Windbreaker, Navy, Size 2X (these run big!), \$ 24

London Update

Rehearsals for our upcoming trip began last week and are taking place every day during 5th period resource. Those students without 5A resource, please keep in touch with members of your section who are in the resource, and keep practicing. We have 2 new marching band pieces to memorize too!!! Copies of the London Flight list, rooming list, and packing list and instructions were e-mailed last week and are now available on the website. In



upcoming rehearsals, each section will be assigned a research topic for our upcoming tour events to help everyone learn a bit more about the English culture and history. We are working to secure a cable connection for the New Year's Day parade with Downers Grove and Woodridge Cable Channel 6. Stay tuned. A schedule for the day we meet to go to the airport will be passed out during the three morning rehearsals next week.



Jazz Café Around the Corner

Our Jazz Bands will perform their first concert on January 11, 2005 in the cafetorium. The event will also feature Jefferson, Eisenhower, Lakeview and O'Neill Junior High as well, from 6-9pm. Congrats to our jazz ensemble for their successful first "gig" last week. Stay tuned for upcoming info about contests and recording schedules for Essentially Ellington, New Trier Jazz Fest, and the Northshore Jazz Fest.

HELP WANTED:

We are in need of several volunteers to help with upcoming JAZZ events.

No experience necessary!

I still need 2 volunteers for the Jazz Cafe on January 11th. Also in February are the NIU Jazz night and Depaul Concerts. Please consult the Volunteer website for details or Call Kim Bokowski at 719-9550.

Come volunteer for these fun evenings!

Boosters Video Crew

The SEASON VIDEO is almost complete as of this writing. The videos have all been edited and I am assembling into the final product. Looking at the videos yesterday, it seems like a long time since band camp not just three or four months.

If you ordered before December 6th, you will have it in time for Christmas. If ordered after the 6th, I will try for Christmas but, if not, shortly thereafter.

The London Parade Collection is just getting started. If you have not seen them, both the Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Downers Grove Santa Parade have been posted on the www.mustangbandimages.com web site. One chaperone has volunteered to take videos of the London Parade. If you are going and would let me borrow your video I would love to include it on the London DVD.

Any and all pictures from the London trip would also be appreciated. In addition to the Parade Videos, pictures of London and the Kids and Parents over there will be an important part. If you have digital pictures and can put them on a CD, send it along. If you can't put them on a CD, let me borrow the memory card and I will copy them put them on a CD (yours to keep) for you. If you take pictures using film, let me borrow them, I will scan and return the originals along with a CD of the digitized version.

WWW.mustangbandimages.com continues to attract viewers. The total count of videos watched now exceeds 6500. Still picture download count is over 70,000 (yes seventy thousand). Although the site works best with high-speed access, I am still working on a solution for lower speed viewers. When I am happy this works I will post it on the site. Should you have any difficulties using the site let me know and I will try to determine what the problem may be and try to fix it.

It's never too late to order a video. Order forms are available on either the www.mustangbandboosters.com or the www.mustangbandimages.com web sites.

Fun Facts

- Research on intelligence and brain function point in exciting future directions that tie directly to music, while the continuing use of music as part of the curriculum is clearly associated with both academic skills and personal characteristics that are highly desirable for school progress and for developing the kind of well-educated young people we know we need for the nation's well-being.
- Students (1993) with experience in music performance scored measurably higher in both the verbal and math sections of the SAT (22 points above the mean on verbal and 18 points above the mean on math)
- The correlation between cognitive learning and musical understanding continues to prove they are linked, and improving one will develop the other. In fact, music is suspected to be the key for unlocking the scientific mind.

Downers Grove South Mustang Bands

Calendar 2004-2005

(updated November 14, 2004)

Newly updated items are underlined

December

- 1 W Market Day Orders Due by Noon Online at www.marketday.com
- 2 Th London Trip Marching Band Rehearsal 6:30-9pm
- 4 S Market Day Pick-up 9:30 am
- 6 M Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Room D180
- 7 T WE/WS Holiday Concert Rehearsal 7-9pm
- 9 Th Holiday Concert WE/WS – 7:30 pm Large Gym
- 14 T London Trip Marching Band Rehearsal 6:30-9pm
- 16 Th London Trip Wind & Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30-8pm WE, 8-9pm JE
- 21 T London Trip Marching Band Rehearsal 9am – 1pm
- 22 W London Trip Wind & Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal 9-11am WE, 11am-12:30pm JE
- 23 Th London Trip Marching Band Rehearsal 9am – 1pm (pack from 12-1pm)
- 27 Th London Trip – flights leave O'Hare at 8:25pm and 9:20pm

January

- 3 M London Trip – Return flights arrive at O'Hare 12:00pm and 3:15pm
- 10 M Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Faculty Cafeteria
- 11 T Jazz Café 6-9 pm Cafetorium
- 12 W Market Day Orders Due by Noon Online at www.marketday.com
- 15 S Market Day Pick-up 9:30 am
- 17 M No School – Martin Luther King Day
- 26-29 IMEA All-State
- 31 M Freshmen Open House – Indoor Percussion Performs 6:40pm

February

- 2 W Freshmen Open House – Jazz Ensemble Performs 6:40pm
- 3 Th NIU Jazz Ensemble Concert 7pm at DGS
- 7 M Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Faculty Cafeteria
- 9 W Market Day Orders Due by Noon Online at www.marketday.com
- 12 S Market Day Pick-up 9:30am
- 17 Th Band Concert 7:30 pm Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band
- 21 M No School – Presidents' Day
- 24 Th Band Concert 7:30 pm Concert Band I & II, Wind Ensemble
- 26 S Midwest Music Festival – Lemont High School WS/WE