



April 2005

Congratulations

to our **2005 Student Leaders**

Drum Majors

Joel Bennett Justin Kono Nidhi Shah

Student Marching Tech	Dan Mueller
Flute Section Leader	Jessica Fletcher-Broucek
Clarinet Section Leader	Megan Danko
Alto Sax Section Leader	Jennifer Rehbein
Low Reed Section Leader	Alex Kopytko
Trumpet Section Leader	James Markham
Mellophone Section Leader	Katherine Brown
Low Brass Section Leader	Brandon Bokowski
Battery Section Leader	Josh Sandusky
Pit Section Leader	David Luetger
Color Guard Captains	Jean Jeziorski & Christy Fraticola
Flag Captain	Shannon Caraher



From the Director

Please allow me to take this opportunity to recognize the tremendous accomplishments of our band program during the course of this current school year, and to pay tribute to one of the most talented and dedicated group of seniors I have ever had the privilege to work with. To begin with, it is important to note that the band program this year has done just about all that could be done within a school calendar year. Last fall, our marching band had it's most successful year to date, and then on top of that, performed in a parade in London, England for over 500,000 people. The Concert Bands have had outstanding concerts throughout the year, and performed equally as well in London. The Jazz Bands have also raised their standard of performance tremendously and through their performances at various community events have represented our school with pride and integrity. Our Indoor percussion ensemble has also enjoyed an exciting and successful season improving with every performance.

What has been the cornerstone of such success has been the senior class of 55 students. Not only is this the largest class of students to come through the program in many years, it is also the most talented and dedicated. As they say in sports, it's not just your superstars that get you through the playoffs, it's your bench players. This year's senior class is very strong all through the list and has contributed a great deal to the musicality and excellence of every performance. Your accomplishments are very much appreciated. Thank you, thank you, and thank you to your families as well!

Around the corner will be another great year and plans are already underway. Stay tuned and have a great spring. Congratulations seniors and good luck at graduation. You will be missed!

~ Craig Roselieb

May/June Concert Schedule Update

Please make a note of the following changes to the spring concert schedule. They are due in part to a special event that will take place here at South High to honor the retirement of Department Chair, Diane Hires. This concert event will take the place of our annual Wind Ensemble/A Cappella Choir concert and will feature not only the South High Wind Ensemble and Choir, but also the North High Choir and Wind Ensemble, and the District 99 Orchestra. The event will be held in the Large Gym on June 2, beginning at 7 pm. The highlight of this concert will be a special work that was commissioned for District 99 by composer James Mulholland. The combined Wind Ensembles, A Cappella Choirs, and the District 99 Symphony Orchestra will perform the work.

Also affected by these changes will be the bands that are scheduled for concerts the last week of May. On Tuesday, May 24, the concert will feature Concert Bands I & II on the first half of the concert with a scheduled intermission. The second half will be Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble. All families and band members are encouraged to attend the entire concert, however, Concert Band I & II students and families will have the option to leave during the intermission, and the families and students of Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will not be required to attend the first half of the concert. On Thursday, May 26, the Symphonic Band will be featured along with the District 99 Symphony and Concert Orchestras.

President's Letter

Dear Mustang Band Families,

Welcome to our new freshman families, we look forward to meeting you and becoming part of our Mustang Band family. I hope you have all signed up for email at our website www.mustangbandboosters.com and visit our home page often. Please watch for our Freshman Parent social in June to meet fellow freshman parents and our Booster Board members.

Welcome to our new & returning Band Booster Board Members:

Peggy O'Dell, Margaret Legel, Nancy Warmoth, Tom Danko, Laura Sorce, Marla Hoffmeyer, Renata Allelujka, Karen Miller, Tracy Danko, Diane Mendoza, Terri Vanderjack, Alice Luetger, Mike Legel, Deby Massa, Russ O'Dell, Constance Markham, Laurel Garza, Monika Cunningham, Karen Fraticola, Peggy Caraher, Jean Jeziorski, Janice Fischer, Kathy Russell, Karen Rooney, Mark Yahoudy, Joy Sharp, Debbie Spiewak, Doti and Peter Strening, Terry Kopytko, Dave Johnson, Mary Johnson, Ed Kopytko, John Hoyt, Pat Hoyt, Jerry Olsen, & John Knepper.

A special good bye to all our retiring board members:

Mimi Fruhe, Karen Mink, Randy Mink, Nancy Poch, Mimi Johnson, Julie Benes, Ginger Brese, Kelly Mueller, Charlene Kelley, Joanne Djuric, Chris Klacza, Terry Griffin, Gordon Benes, Kim Bokowski, Kris Blackwell, Darlene Bedoe, Lou Bedoe, and Michelle Bartlett, you will all be missed.

Thanks to our past, present and future board members for serving the Mustang Bands!! The students, directors and I appreciate your time and talents.

Registration for Marching Mustangs and our concert bands is well under way. If you have not yet turned in your forms, please do so as soon as possible as they are past due. If you have misplaced them, copies are available online at www.mustangbandboosters.com

The Marching Mustang season will begin the end of June, please watch the website calendars and your email for dates, times and other vital communication.

Our next Mustang Band Boosters board meeting will be on Monday, May 9th, 7:30 p.m., in the Faculty Cafeteria at DGS. As always, all are welcome!

Sincerely, Sandy Liedtke

Band Booster Budget

This is the time of year the Directors, Treasurer, Ways and Means Chairperson, Music Bowl Chairperson and I sit down, review the previous years and try to predict our Booster income and expenses. As you can imagine from your own budgeting experiences, this is not an easy task!

The income from Marching Mustangs is totally funded by the Marching Band Fees and Fundraising Expectations from the Marching Mustang Members and the Music Bowl contributes a small portion toward this budget. The General Band income is funded from Booster Membership Fees and other fundraising. As you can imagine by all we do and extra purchases and services we provide, this is a huge undertaking. We rely on Booster participation, not only for the Marching Mustangs, but for all the DGS Bands since all of the bands benefit from booster contributions. The boosters help add to the total band program with Concert Band sheet music, class awards, scholarships, band equipment purchases, concert refreshments, etc., not to mention our extensive list of volunteers.

I'm happy to report we have all done an excellent job this year and helped raise enough funds and watch our spending so that we are "in the black" for the 2004-05 budget year (the year will end next month). We plan on repeating this task, with your help!

Again, we will rely on your help with volunteering, fee payments and fundraising. Everything the Booster organization does is a result of all your hard work, time and talent. I thank you very much and look forward to another great Mustang Bands Year.

Please note

It has come to our attention that we still request social security numbers on our band medical form. In the past, this was used in emergency situations for medical insurance purposes. Most insurance companies have changed their id numbers to be in compliance with the new privacy law and the rest of the companies are expected to change by the end of this year. In order to protect our band families from identity theft, Mr. Roselieb will be changing our medical form to no longer request the social security number and we will go thru the completed medical forms in our possession and black out the social security numbers if they have been filled in on the form. In the event of a medical emergency we will use the copy of the insurance card you provided for the band student. If you get a new insurance card this year, please send it to us via the band mailbox and we will destroy the old one. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,
Sandy Liedtke

Marching Band Fees and Fundraising Expectations

The Marching Band fees, as you probably know, are \$400.00 per student to be paid in 4 monthly payments of \$100 each, beginning March 15, 2005, and ending June 15, 2005. No refunds will be granted after June 24, 2005. This cost includes room/board/transportation for band camp and the Bands of America overnight competition, uniform cleaning fees, 2 pairs of gloves, band t-shirt (show shirt) and patch, plus some group meals. (\$30.00 extra for band shoes if needed, \$50.00 extra for color guard shoes & accessories).

Fund Raising Expectation: In order to create a budget for the Marching Mustang program that will include equipment, extra staff member salaries, a custom drill package and musical arrangements, etc. each member will be expected to raise an additional \$100 through fund raising activities such as Market Day, Max & Erma's breakfast, Candy Bar sales, etc.

This must be completed by October 21, 2005, and will be deducted from student accounts. Payment may be substituted in lieu of fund raising.

The fund raising expectation can sometimes be confusing. What the Fundraising paragraph above (taken from the intent form and contract) means, is that each student should participate in the various fundraisers such as the plant sale, Max & Erma's Breakfast, Music Bowl Ad sales, Candy bar sales and many others which are explained in further detail on our website

<http://www.mustangbandboosters.com/fundraisers.htm>. This helps pay for the marching band program and is in addition to the \$400.00 fees. As you participate in each fundraiser, a portion of the profits goes into the student's account and that student profit can be used to pay the \$100 fundraising expectation.

The student profit varies by each fundraiser and is often split with the booster organization; visit the website for specific amounts. As an example; if a student sells \$200 in Music Bowl Ads, has \$80.00 in Market Day sales (be sure the Market Day customer(s) indicates your name for student account credit at the pick-up) sells 5 Max and Erma breakfast tickets, 2 Boxes of Candy, and 5 Value Cards, that would be calculated as follows:

Music Bowl ad \$200 in sales,	\$ 20.00 student account profit
Market Day \$80 in sales,	\$ 8.00 student account profit
Max & Erma 5 tickets = \$25.00 sale,	\$ 15.00 student account profit
2 Boxes of candy = \$100 sales,	\$ 50.00 student account profit
5 Value Cards = \$50.00 sales	\$ 12.50 student account profit
Total student Profit	= \$105.50 credited to student account
Fundraising Expectations	- \$100.00 due 10/21/05

That would leave \$5.50 for the student to use for other band related expenses after the \$100 fundraising expectation due October 21, 2005 had been paid. We have a big variety of fundraisers and the students can fundraise any or all of the band fees in they want. Of course you can always write a check for your \$100 fundraising expectation (or part of it), but why do that with so many fundraising opportunities? Plus, while you're participating in these fundraisers the band boosters make an additional profit. The student gets an additional benefit from the fundraising when we spend these monies on the band program.



The Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony bands will be competing at ISU on **Saturday, April 30, 2005**. We are in need of **6** parent chaperones to help between the hours of **Noon and Midnight**.

Parent volunteers are needed to chaperone, help carry equipment, and monitor the homeroom. Current information can be viewed via the following url:

http://www.mustangbandboosters.com/vol/ISU_concert_comp.html

This is the **final** competition of the year, so if you haven't had the chance to help in the past, please consider helping with this event.

Please contact **Julie Benes** by **email**: E-Volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com or **phone**: 630-968-0366 if you can help!!

PLANT SALE PICKUP REMINDER



If you participated in the Spring Mustang Bands Plant Sale, be sure to mark your calendar for plant pick-up on Saturday, April 30th from 10 am - 12:30 pm. We'll have your orders sorted and ready to go in the Library parking lot at DGS. Be sure to coordinate with your neighbors and family on who is taking responsibility for picking up all the orders. Final tallies aren't in yet, but it looks like it was a blooming success! Happy planting!

Mustang Band Awards Banquet

Make your reservations now for the Annual Mustang Band Awards Banquet! It will take place on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at the Oak Brook Marriott. Check-in begins at 6:00pm with dinner following at 6:30pm. This year's (all you can eat) dinner buffet features a "South of the Border" entrée and sides plus delicious brownies and cookies for dessert.

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; as well as awards and scholarships will be presented to outstanding musicians.

A reservation and payment must be made for each student and guest planning to attend the dinner. Get your reservations in early! Deadlines for reservations, along with *payment, are currently due:

*By April 18th\$20.00/person
April 19th - April 22nd\$25.00/person
After April 22nd\$30.00/person

Look for your follow-up email for confirmation of your reservation. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Kopytko at (630) 370-5679 or email G-SpringBanquet@MustangBandBoosters.com

Heritage Fest Is Coming to Your Neighborhood SOON!!!

It's Coming and You Won't Want to Miss It!

Soon you will see the sign-up boards posted in the Band Room for Heritage Fest, June 24-26. Students will be able to work in groups of 6 monitoring the vendors on Main and Curtiss Streets in downtown Downers Grove. Parents will work our Band Boosters Booth (usually in the vicinity of Main and Grove Streets) in twos enticing the public to play our Sign the Song game for prizes and a chance at tickets to the 2005 Music Bowl. We'll also be showing videos of our performance groups that will help gather spectators to our booth. So be on the lookout and get ready to step up for our Band Program. I guarantee you it will be fun!!!!!! **And watch the next issue of FANFARE for a way to get some extra chances for the Student Night Out Drawing.**

Video Report

The Jazz Café video is almost complete. For those of you who have ordered it should be mailed before the end of the month. Sorry about the delay but it is a long one and has taken much more edit time than I anticipated.

The IP Video should also be ready in late April or Early May. If you have any still pictures from early in the season contact me and we will include them. We have lots from the Indianapolis trip but could always use more. The group did great and I am sure the final video will do them justice.

For next year we are still looking for volunteers for the Music Bowl, both still and video cameras. Last years memories turned out great and this year will be even better. In the past we have had 2 – 4 video cameras for the entire show. This year I would like to have 6 – 8 and divide up the time.

Finally there is still time to order videos from this year – season, jazz café, indoor percussion, music bowl, and London. Order forms are available on the www.mustangbandimages.com website. Thank you to everyone who has ordered them this year – our fundraiser was successful!

SchoolShare



We have just received notice that Market Day will be discontinuing SchoolShare as of May 31, 2005. So, if you are thinking of using this to help raise funds for the band programs, please do so soon!

Before you do your Internet shopping, be sure to review the merchants available for online shopping through SchoolShare, a Market Day partner. There is a list of merchants at www.schoolshare.com, and their % rebate that comes directly to DGS Band Boosters when you shop. All you have to do is to start at SchoolShare.com, then click on your favorite merchant's website from there. Once you have a Market Day or SchoolShare password and you are registered for the rebates to go to DGS, that's all there is to it.

BAND BOOSTERS STATIC WINDOW CLINGS

If your car isn't sporting a static window cling showing your Mustang Band Boosters support, then be sure to stop by the concessions table at the Spring concerts and pick yours up!



Save Your Cub Foods Receipts

Cub Foods is willing to give our Mustang Band Boosters free money! How much is up to you! All you have to do is save your Cub Food receipts, put them in an envelope, and have your student place the envelope in the band mailbox.

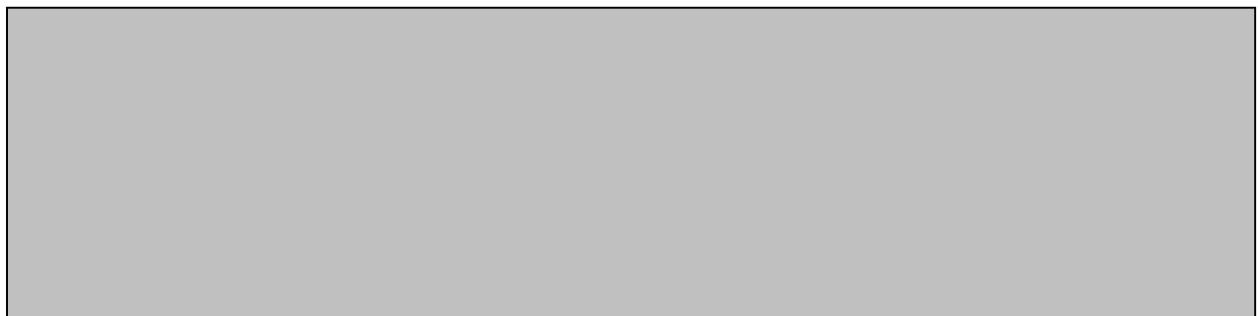


Cub Foods will give us 1% of the total sales amount less any taxes. All purchases, except cigarettes and liquor, count—even prescription purchases. So save your Cub Foods receipts and ask your friends and neighbors to save theirs as well.

Thus far this year, Cub Foods has paid the Mustang Band Boosters general fund over \$300! With your help we can reach the \$500 mark this school year. So keep those receipts coming.

Great Music is that which penetrates the ear with facility and leaves the memory with difficulty. Magical music never leaves the memory.

~ Sir Thomas Beecham~



Downers Grove South Mustang Bands Calendar

Calendar 2004-2005

(updated April 14, 2005)

Newly updated items are underlined

April

- 6 W Plant Sale orders due – final date
- 11 M Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Faculty Cafeteria
- 13 W Market Day Orders Due by Noon Online at www.marketday.com
- 14-17 Musical – Pit Orchestra
- 15 F 2nd payment of \$100 for Marching Mustangs due
- 15 F Band forms and Booster Membership fee for 2005-06 due
- 16 S Market Day Pick-up 9:30am
- 18-22 WE/WS Auditions part II
- 21 Th Jazz/Indoor Percussion Concert 7pm Auditorium & Large Gym
- 25 M District Honor Band Recital – 7pm – DGS Auditorium
- 28 Th Band Banquet – Marriot Oak Brook 6pm
- 30 S Plant Sale order pick-up, DGS parking lot; 10 am – 12:30 pm
- 30 S ISU State Concert Band Contest – TBA WE/WS

May

- 2 M Choir Show Rehearsal 6-9pm
- 3 T Choir Show – 7pm
- 9 M Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Faculty Cafeteria
- 11 W Market Day Orders Due by Noon Online at www.marketday.com
- 14 S Market Day Pick-up 9:30am
- 16 M 3rd payment of \$100 for Marching Mustangs due
- 24 T Band Concert – Concert Band I & II, Wind Symphony & Wind Ensemble 7:30 pm
- 26 Th District 99 Orchestra/Symphonic Band concert 7:30 pm Auditorium
- 31 T Jazz in the Park 6:30 pm JE/JLB

June

- 2 Th Wind Ensemble/Orchestra/A Cappella Choir Concert 7:30 pm
- 8 W Market Day Orders Due by Noon Online at www.marketday.com
- 9 Th Madrigal Singers Concert – 7:30 pm
- 10 F Graduation WE/WS 2:30-6:30 pm
- 11 S Market Day Pick-up 9:30am
- 13 M Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:30 pm, Faculty Cafeteria
- 15 W 4th Payment of \$100 for Marching Band Due
- 21 T Marching Mustangs Mini Camp Day 1, 2-9pm (dinner included)
- 22 W Marching Mustangs July 4th Rehearsal 1-6:30pm @DGS
- 23 Th Marching Mustangs Mini Camp Day 2, 2-9pm (dinner included)
- 24 F No Refunds for Marching Band after this date
- 24-26 DG Heritage Festival – student and parent volunteers needed
- 26-2 BOA Summer Sumposium @ ISU for all Section Leaders & Drum Majors
- 29W Mustangs July 4th Rehearsal 1-6:30pm @DGN

Fun fact:
125 days until
BAND CAMP!!

