



March 2007

## **2007 Marching Mustang Leaders, Show and Calendar Announced**

March 1, 2007 was the kick-off meeting for the 2007 Marching Mustangs

Leaders for the 2007 Season include:

Drum Majors

Jeanne Knepper

Katie Danko

Ashley Carpenter

*Congratulations!*



**For the complete list of leaders and the show concept, see inside!**

Flute Section Leader  
Melissa Britt

Alto Sax Section Leader  
Chris Terry

Clarinet Section Leader  
Andrew Morales

Low Reed Section Leader  
Katie Legel

Woodwind Captain  
Kristin Rooney

Trumpet Section Leader  
Nate Van Asselt

Mellophone Section Leader and High Brass Captain  
Julie Sharp

Trombone Section Leader and Low Brass Captain  
Ben Sorce

Baritone Section Leader  
Billy Jones

Front Ensemble (Pit) Section Leader  
David Luetger

Sousaphone Section Leader  
Barabas Jarzabek

Battery Section Leader  
Sam Bottorf

Color Guard Captains

Catie Malooly – Head Captain  
Paula Nuguid – Sabre Captain  
Kevin Larson – Rifle Captain  
Jackie Hundseder – Flag Captain

The 2007 Show is entitled “Symphixations” based on the music from *Symphony Fantastique* by the 19<sup>th</sup> Century French Composer, Hector Berlioz. The Symphony is based on a theme called the “idée fixe” (or fixed idea) which is used in all five movements of the Symphony. Hence the title is combination of the words “Symphony” and “Fixations”

Contest Schedule

September 15 – Morton Pumpkin Festival in Morton, IL  
September 22 – Falcon Marching Band Festival at Wheaton North  
October 6 – DGS Marching Mustang Music Bowl  
October 13 – Lincoln-Way Invitational at Lincoln-Way East  
October 20 – State Marching Contest at Illinois State University  
October 26-28 – Youth in Music Marching Championship at the Metro Dome/Minneapolis, MN  
November 2-3 – Bands of America Regional Championship/Indianapolis, IN

***Special Note: If you were unable to attend the meeting on March 1, please be sure to stop by the band room and pick-up the enrollment forms, contract and calendar.***

## **Director's Corner**

Ron Hornish

An alumnus of DGS and the band program stopped by the office the other day and asked how our year was going. We were able to say the Marching Mustangs scored their highest score ever at both ISU and BOA. Her reaction was one of excitement. Then, we went on to discuss the Wind Ensemble's performance at the IMEA State Convention in Peoria over which she was genuinely overwhelmed as she was a former All-State musician and was fully aware of the honor bestowed on our program. We went on to talk about the straight Division I ratings achieved by our Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band at Purdue University and the success of the Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble at Lemont. She then stated that the band program at DGS is "really taking off."

Yes, I suppose we really are taking off, but the better we get the harder we have to work as the students are continually raising the bar. Each graduating class leaves a mark on the band program; the class of 2006, for example had a strong influence on the IMEA performance invitation. The classes of '04, '05 and '06 had profound input into the development and improvement of the Marching Mustangs.

One of things I am proudest of is our accomplishments in all three areas of band: jazz, marching and concert. Many schools are known for their marching band while others might have an outstanding jazz band. It is truly the exception and not the rule for schools to be successful on multiple levels. Moreover, we are one of only two high schools in the Chicagoland area that has a comprehensive wind chamber music program. More and more students from our Band program are choosing to major in music at the college level which is further testimony to the "positively life-changing experience" the students have in our bands and music department.

One hears the words "dynasty" and "legacy" bantered about in the athletic world. I'm not sure I could define these words because within them is the inference of complacency. We all remember what happened to the Roman Empire. We still embrace tangible goals for our band program. We want to see/hear the continued growth and improvement in the Concert and Symphonic Bands that has taken place this year. We want to perform in finals at ISU and receive a Division I rating at BOA. We want to see the Wind Ensemble be invited to the BOA Concert Band Festival. But most of all, we want our students' lives to be continually enriched through music education.

## **Mustang Band Program Awards Banquet**

Mark your calendars for the Annual Mustang Band Program Awards Banquet! On the evening of April 26<sup>th</sup>, we will honor all band students - concert bands, marching band, jazz bands, color guard, and indoor percussion. Parents, siblings, friends, and students will want to attend. Dinner, presentations, and awards will be held at the beautiful Ashyana Banquet hall in Downers Grove. Entrees include chicken, beef, or a pasta dish with all the sides, including dessert. Reservation forms will soon be available at school and on the web site. Please be sure to send in your reservation early! If you have any questions, contact Terry Kopytko at (630) 370-5679.

# 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](http://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. We are also getting ready to welcome our visiting band from Germany the end of May.

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 to your kids about!

Very truly yours,

Marla Hoffmeyer, President  
Mustang Band Boosters

Guten Tag!

This May, District 99 has the honor of hosting 66 students from the Musikschule in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany, a town about 30 miles west of Stuttgart. An exchange between these two groups began in 1985 when an accordion band came to Downers Grove. The band now visits every four years, along with an orchestra and guitar ensemble that also come every 4 years. The first time a group from Downers Grove went to Germany was in 1993. We have since gone in 1997, 2001, and 2005. The District 99 Honors band (from DGN & DGS) will be going to Germany in the summer of 2008 and the string orchestra in 2010,

Band students (and their families) from District 99 will be hosting the German students from May 24 - May 30. EVERYONE is invited to attend a combined DGN/DGS Wind Ensemble and German band concert at 2:30pm, Sunday, May 27th at the DGN auditorium. Following the concert will be a potluck dinner ~ with food provided by the host families. The day's activities will culminate with a German vs. American soccer game!!

Please come join us in making the German students, their directors, and their chaperones feel welcome in Downers Grove! If you have any questions, please contact me at 515-8725. Vielen Dank, Karen Rooney

### WIND ENSEMBLE AND WIND SYMPHONY EXCEL AT LEMONT

The Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony were very successful at the Midwest Music Festival hosted by Lemont High School.. Each band was adjudicated by leading college and high school band directors. Both bands received straight Division I (Superior) ratings from all the judges. This is the second time in two years that both bands received straight Division I ratings. The judges were very impressed with the tone quality and overall sound of the bands. Due to the construction at Lemont, the Wind Ensemble performed in the gymnasium and the Wind Symphony in the field house. Of the 16 bands performing in the field house, the Wind Symphony placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and of the 18 bands in the gym, the Wind Ensemble placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our fine musicians.



### Band Registration Information

The process of registering for the Marching Mustangs began on March 1<sup>st</sup> with our recruitment meeting and should be complete by March 16, 2007. While it is still not too late to become a member of the Marching Mustangs, that is a separate process from the current concert band registration. All students enrolled in each of the 5 concert bands at DGS must complete the registration process 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.

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 parents and directors involved can assemble the data in a timely and complete fashion. Thank you.

## Community High School District 99 South

### Fine Arts Department

### **Private Lesson Teachers**

(all numbers are 630 unless otherwise noted)

|                     |                  |              |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Flute               | Laurel Tempas    | 887-8399     |
|                     | Beth Bryngelson  | 773-330-7240 |
| Clarinet            | Trevor O’Riordan | 881-3165     |
| Bassoon             | Dan D’Andrea     | 322-9187     |
|                     | Diane Remillard  | 852-5058     |
| Oboe                | Julie Popplewell | 247-1799     |
|                     | Diane Remillard  | 852-5058     |
| Saxophone           | Todd Boyce       | 773-220-7316 |
| Trumpet             | Kevin Tague      | 479-7912     |
| French Horn         | Amanda Grumbles  | 640-1362     |
| Trombone            | John Harp        | 916-7646     |
| Euphonium &<br>Tuba | Scott Tegge      | 773-428-8136 |
| Percussion          | Dwayne Rawl      | 739-9014     |

Feel free to contact the directors for more information.

### **Summer Camps and Scholarship Requests**

It's that time of year again when students and families are looking to plan summer activities and hopefully, many of our students will opt to spend some time at a summer "band camp." In order to help support students in these endeavors, our Mustang Band Boosters have provided a number of different ways to obtain financial support through scholarships and financial rewards. These opportunities are for students that are both interested, through an application process and deserving, through band and music awards that include monetary rewards.

If band students and their families are interesting in learning about the summer camp experiences that are available to all band students, please visit the music department website at [www.csd99.org/south/music](http://www.csd99.org/south/music) and click on Summer Camps. If you are interested in information regarding our numerous scholarships and awards , and/or would like to download the application for a scholarship, please visit the mustang band website (click the word band on the music web page) and click "scholarships." The Mustang Band Boosters work hard to provide opportunities for students to obtain financial support, and all that is asked in return is for students to help support our program through a variety of service activities. This information is also included on the band web page under "scholarships."

# VOLUNTEERS

Alice Luetger

*“No man or woman, even of the humblest sort, can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being better for it; without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.” Phillips Brooks*



As spring quickly approaches, you can not only look forward to some nicer weather but also to a little more “downtime” from band volunteering. Things are quiet just a bit longer as we prepare to start another Marching Band Season.

But, even though I have nothing to ask of you at this time, I do have something to say – A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!! I am especially grateful to the parents who chaperoned the WE to Peoria in January as well as those who helped at the Midwest Music Festival in February. Of course, my gratitude extends to each and every one of you who helped in some way this past band year. My new co-chair, Mike Hutton, and I look forward to working with you again, as well as meeting the new freshman parents and students,

**NEW PARENTS:** Don't forget to fill out your volunteer sheet for the new band year. There are MANY opportunities, big and small, to help out. It's a great way to meet new people and know what your band student is doing. Please, don't be overwhelmed by the number of line items on the volunteer form. We don't expect you to help at everything – just where you feel most comfortable. Your son or daughter is entering what is termed “the best years of their life” and that applies to you as well. I guarantee that you will not meet a nicer group of parents. There is always fun to be had at ANY volunteer event. So, get those pens ready and check off your areas of interest on the volunteer form. If you're undecided, that's okay too. Sign up to receive email at our band website [www.mustangbandboosters.com](http://www.mustangbandboosters.com) and you will be notified on a continuous basis of all upcoming events. If you should have any questions, or just want to chat about the volunteer opportunities, please contact me at [exec-volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com](mailto:exec-volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com). *Rest up! It's gonna be a wild ride!!!!*

## Interesting College Prep Information

In April, all DGS juniors will take the Prairie State exams, which includes the ACT. Some students may register also for the SAT for the college admissions process.

### Did You Know?

High school music students score higher on SATs in both verbal and math than their peers. In 2001, SAT takers with coursework/experience in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal portion of the test and 41 points higher on the math portion than students with no coursework/experience in the arts. *Source: Profile of SAT and Achievement Test Takers, The College Board, compiled by Music Educators National Conference, 2001.* [[http://www.amc-music.com/research\\_briefs.htm](http://www.amc-music.com/research_briefs.htm)]

The U.S. Department of Education lists the arts as subjects that college-bound middle and junior high school students should take, stating "Many colleges view participation in the arts and music as a valuable experience that broadens students' understanding and appreciation of the world around them. It is also well known and widely recognized that the arts contribute significantly to children's intellectual development." In addition, one year of Visual and Performing Arts is recommended for college-bound high school students. — *Getting Ready for College Early: A Handbook for Parents of Students in the Middle and Junior High School Years, U.S. Department of Education, 1997*

# WAYS and MEANS



## The Snow is Melting!--Think Spring and the Boosters Annual Plant Sale!

Our annual plant sale has officially kicked off. Orders are due April 5<sup>th</sup> and plant pick-up will be Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The order form, all sale info, as well as full plant descriptions w/ pictures are available at [www.mustangbandboosters.com](http://www.mustangbandboosters.com). 35% of the sales on this fundraiser are split between the student accounts and the general fund. The Boosters will hold all checks until the due date, so please don't put off submitting your orders until the last minute. You can pass out forms to friends, relatives, teachers and neighbors. Look for your favorite annual flower flats, geraniums, wave petunias and more! The hanging baskets are absolutely gorgeous, always many more blooms than available in local stores.



Don't forget to take advantage of free money for the Mustang Bands, just by grocery shopping! Go to [Meijer.com](http://Meijer.com) and apply for or set up your current "Meijer Guest Card" to the DGS Mustang Bands group no=**995415**. It's that easy! Our rewards are based on your individual monthly purchase total, ranging from 1 - 4%. Finally, a fundraiser that doesn't stretch your budget ... or your time! Please take a minute to check it out and make your grocery shopping count!



Remember **April** is a Band Profits Month for Market Day Purchases! Check out order due dates and pickup information at [www.MarketDay.com](http://www.MarketDay.com). Designated band students receive 10% of sales into their student accounts.

Volunteers are ALWAYS welcomed and it's a great way for the students to get service hours!



With MidAmerica Bank Community Banking, when you open a new account, the Mustang Band Boosters get a donation. If you already have an account, qualifying deposits also earn us extra \$\$\$. Any branch of MidAmerica Bank will honor this arrangement. Our local branch is

located at 7351 Lemont Road in Downers Grove. Don't forget to let them know you're a Mustang Band Booster!

## Amazon.com Income to the Mustang Band Boosters

Look for referral links to Amazon.com from [www.MustangBandBoosters.com](http://www.MustangBandBoosters.com) or [www.MustangBandImages.com](http://www.MustangBandImages.com). By starting your Amazon shopping from there, referral bonuses will come to the Mustang Band Boosters, without any extra effort on your part.



## Short but Sweet Butterbraids Fundraiser

Thanks to all who participated in the Butter Braid fundraiser. If you missed it, look for it again next February! It's a February concert tradition.

# Mustang Bands Calendar 2007

For a complete calendar see our website: [www.mustangbandboosters.com](http://www.mustangbandboosters.com)

## March

- 2F No school – Teacher Institute
- 5M No School – Casimir Pulaski Day
- 6Tu Music Bowl Meeting
- 7W Vocal Festival
- 8Th District 99 Orchestra Concert @ DGN 7pm
- 9F Masque & Gavel Talent Show – 7pm Auditorium
- 12M Mustang Band Booster Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14W 10:00 am Late Arrival
- 15Th Instrumental Music Day
- 19M Honors Vocal Recital
- 26-30 Spring Break – No School
- 27-4/1 San Francisco Trip



## April

- 2M Classes Resume
- 4W 10:00 am Late Arrival
- 6F No School – Good Friday
- 9M Mustang Band Boosters Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18W 11:15 am early dismissal
- 19-21 A Cappella Musical “ The Music Man”
- 21Sat Market Day Pick-up 9:30-10:30am
- 23M Honors Orchestra Recital
- 26Th Band Banquet – 6:30 PM

