



July, 2007

2007 Marching Mustangs Begin Rehearsals for Fall Season

The 2007 Show has been renamed! The new name is “Fantastique - featuring excerpts from Hector Berlioz’s Symphony.” The show is based on the music from *Symphony Fantastique* by the 19th Century French Composer, Hector Berlioz. The Symphony was written in 1830 and is comprised of five movements: “Dreams – Passions,” “A Ball,” “Scene at the Country,” “March to the Scaffold,” and “Dream of a Witches’ Sabbath.”



Trivia Corner

Berlioz claimed to have written the entire fourth movement in one night, but scholars later learned that he actually took it from one of his unfinished opera projects.

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

Directors' Corner

BAND CAMP NEARBY BUT STILL "OUT OF TOWN"

We are all excited as plans for our 2007 Marching Mustangs Band Camp emerge. Our camp will take place on the land adjacent to the Latter Day Saints Church building located at 7201 Woodridge Drive. The site will serve us incredibly well in a myriad of ways!



Parents and students, even though this camp is located in town, you all need to consider this still an "out of town" event in terms of your attendance. You will face great temptations to miss - a dentist appointment, a shift of work, grandma's 110th birthday celebration. In each case, you need to train yourself to say "No thank you, I am committed fully to Band Camp during this week". A benefit of an away Band Camp is having every member sequestered, and therefore focused on the task at hand. We need to work together to **RETAIN** this benefit even though our Band Camp site will be local in August. As a competitive ensemble, we must have every member at every rehearsal from Band Camp to the end of the season. Every time a member misses, it takes away from our performance success.

So, in summary, you must be at every Band Camp rehearsal this year even though it will be a local event. Avoid the many temptations to miss ahead of time and you'll feel no stress or conflict. Decide **NOW** to make this a priority and then follow through on this decision. The success of our ensemble depends on your total commitment to this charge.

Have a great summer - let's "Fixate" together on making this the best Marching Mustangs season ever!

Glenn Williams
Fine Arts Department Chairperson/Band Director



NOTES FROM BOA AND VANDERCOOK

Hey Mustang Bandos! Hope your summer is off to a great start. Thanks to all who made the fourth of July parade another terrific success. Your community was especially proud of you this year on the 175th anniversary of Downers Grove. I bring you greetings and lots of great new ideas from my time in class at Vandercook College this last month where I took classes in conducting and drum set playing, and from my week at BOA Summer Symposium at ISU where our Marching Mustang student leaders and I enjoyed a great week with the best of the best.

The greatest part of my time in these three weeks was meeting new people that I want to invite to come to our school next year to work with Concert Bands, Jazz Bands and the Marching Band to help us all improve. I also had some one-on-one time at BOA with Drew Shanefield, the Music GE judge who gave us our lowest scores last year and I think I really have a new angle on how to make our show work better in that category next year. I also met a really cool new jazz saxophone teacher from the University of Central Florida at Orlando named Jeff Rupert who wants to come perform with us next year. In my conducting class I studied with Jerry Junkin, the Director of the Dallas Wind Symphony and professor at the University of Texas at Austin and discovered a new approach to helping our bands play in the softer dynamic range. By learning drum set at Vandercook earlier in the month, I have a new appreciation for how well our percussionists can be so well coordinated. Anyway, can't wait to share this with all of you next August. Keep practicing and having fun this summer.

Craig Roselieb
Your Fun loving Band Director!!!

President's Letter

Hello Band Families!

June has been a busy month for the band family. Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble performed at graduation, the Jazz Ensemble and Steel Drum Ensemble have had performances at the Woodridge Jubilee and Heritage Fest, and the Marching Band is off to a great start. The Boosters have been busy as well – getting ready for the Parent Social, planning for the Music Bowl, and serving food to hungry marchers and color guards at minicamp.



We were glad to see everyone at the Parent Social and the mandatory meeting. If you didn't have the chance at the Social to visit our volunteer table, contact Alice Luetger and Mike Hutton (Volunteer Coordinators) to volunteer. It's a great way to meet other parents and learn all about what your student is doing! We are still in need of volunteers for Band Camp, the Music Bowl, or just to shadow one of our committee chairs. There are many opportunities to volunteer, both large and small. There are even jobs for those of us who work outside the home, so don't hesitate to jump in. We can accommodate all kinds of schedules! Remember, many hands make light work.

Finally, more than just the weather will be heating up later this month when the marching band rehearsals resume, so be sure to check your e-mail and the website regularly for information and notices of upcoming events. Please feel free to e-mail your questions to any Board members or me. And if we don't have the answers, we'll get them! Have a great July!

Sincerely,

Marla Hoffmeyer
President, Mustang Band Boosters

Marching Band Fees and Fundraising Information

The Marching Band fees, as you probably know, are \$400 per student to be paid in 4 monthly payments of \$100 each, beginning March 16, 2007, and ending June 16, 2007. No refunds will be granted after June 23, 2007. Refund requests must be submitted in writing or email to a director or VP of Membership. Cost includes dinners during band camp, the Bands of America and Youth in Music overnight competitions, uniform cleaning, 2 pairs of gloves, band T-shirt and patch, and group meals as needed. (\$32 extra for band shoes and \$50 extra for color guard shoes & accessories will be required if needed.) Payments must be up to date and the student's medical release form must be submitted before band camp.

Final payment/Fundraising: 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 (or a 5th payment of \$100). Fund raising activities are available all year round and include opportunities such as Market Day, Plant Sale, candy bar sale, etc. This must be completed by October 15, 2007, and will be deducted from student accounts. Payment may be substituted in lieu of fund raising. This expectation must be met before the Minneapolis Youth in Music competition.

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 available. Further information about each opportunity is available in detail on our website www.mustangbandboosters.com/fundraisers. This helps pay for the marching band program and is in addition to the \$400 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. We have a wide variety of fundraisers and the student can fundraise any or all of the band fees if they want. Any monies in the student's account in excess of the \$100 needed to meet the final payment can be used to pay for music lessons or any other music/band related expenses.

Attention All DGS Band Members!

Each student involved in any aspect of the DGS band program is required to fill out the **Band Registration** form and the **Medical Information and Release** form. Registration for the band is necessary to 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. The \$50 Band Boosters membership fee is payable anytime. Those students paid by September, 2007 will be recognized in our fall concert programs. As always, the Mustang Band Boosters appreciate your support!

Student Accounts



Are you a new band student at DGS? Are you wondering what a Student Account is for? Well, here's a little info on that topic... You will soon see that your Student Account is the best way to pay for band fees, band trips, private lessons, and music expenses of all kinds! Here is how it works... Any time you participate in a fundraising activity, some of the profit earned goes into your account. Participation in a band fundraiser such as Market Day or Candy Sales will automatically open an account for you. With the Fundraising Expectation of \$100 coming due in October, you have no time to lose! Start earning that \$100 so it doesn't have to come out of mom or dad's bank account!

You can check your Student Account balance on the web at www.mustangbandboosters.com, and also on the bulletin board in the band room hallway. Your account number is your student ID# at DGS. Any time you wish to deduct money from your account to pay for a music-related expense, all you have to do is fill out a Student Account Refund Request Form (also available on the web and near the band room) and put it in the band room mailbox, and your request will be processed. If you have any questions, please direct them to Laura Sorce, Secretary of Student Accounts, at Exec-StudentAccts@mustangbandboosters.com.



Fundraising!!



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School / Church Information

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Jewel-Osco SHOP & SHARE

2007 JEWEL-OSCO SHOP & SHARE FUNDRAISER DATES

Shop & Share is back again this fall. Dates and Shop & Share slips will be posted at www.mustangbandboosters.com once finalized. Groceries as well as postage stamps, garbage stickers, and prescriptions earn cash back for the Mustang Band Boosters. There's no limit on our potential profits

Ellen Casey

CANDY BAR SALES

Candy Bar sales are tentatively scheduled to start on September 13. This is open to all band members, but is a great way for marching band families to fulfill their \$100 fundraiser expectation. You pay \$50 for each box. 50 various candy bars are in each box (snickers, starburst, twizzlers, etc.), and sell for \$1 each. You will receive \$50 back when you sell all of the candy bars. Approximately \$25 from each box goes into your student's account. Students can sell these at school for two weeks during the sale. Candy can also be sold at parent's work, in the neighborhood, etc. This is the one fundraiser where all of the profit goes to your student's account. More information will be coming.

Amy and Larry Masek and Marilyn Bottorff

Color Guard Car Wash

The Color Guard fundraising car wash will be Sunday, Aug. 5 at the Wal-Mart store at 2189 75th Street, in Darien from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cars are \$5.00; SUV's, trucks, and vans are \$6.00. Tickets will be available after July 30 from Color Guard members or may be purchased the day of the car wash. Parent volunteers to help the day of the car wash would be greatly appreciated. Interested parents may contact Diane Hundseder or Janice Petrukovich at Gen-Colorguard@mustangbandboosters.com.



Thanks for the Turnout at the Fuddruckers Fundraiser!



Thanks to all who dined for lunch or dinner at the Downers Grove 75th St. Fuddruckers Restaurant on June 18th. See you on Thursday, August 2nd at Max and Erma's, 75th St. Woodridge!!! Check the website or at Marching Band Practices for the voucher to turn in!



See you at Max and Erma's on Thursday Aug 2nd!



Market Day. Remember that the remaining summer months (July and August) are Band Profits Months for Market Day Purchases! Check out order due dates and pickup information at www.MarketDay.com. **Remember, 10% of your sale totals go directly to your Band Student's Account. Pass the info along to your friends and neighbors and be sure they name your Band Student to get the credit.**

Be sure you see this on your Market Day Internet Order Screen to get your order delivered correctly! **Sale Location:** Your chosen pick-up location is: **1540 - Downers Grove South in Downers Grove, IL**

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!



Music Bowl Program Books

Holy smokes! Where did June go? I can't believe that we are already into July! I guess time really does fly by when you're having fun!

Don't forget to start thinking about people and merchants that you think would be willing to take out an ad in the Music Bowl Program Book. It's never too early to start asking! Remember that there are other groups out there that are also asking these merchants for their support.

You received 3 ad forms in the packet that you received at the parent social. Please let me know you need more. Sometime in the near future you should also be able to print the forms off of the Music Bowl website (www.dgsmusicbowl.com). There was also a selling tips page with ideas to help you sell the ads. (Remember to be safe!)

Please let me know what merchants you have contacted. I will put together a list and e-mail it out to everyone so that we are not continuously asking the same merchants over and over.

You can contact me at bowlads@comcast.net or 630-910-4204 if you have any questions or if you have any good leads for ads or sponsorships.

Thanks, Monika Cunningham

Social Committee

Mini-camp was a success because we had so much help from all of the parents. Thank you to each of these volunteers Rita Bair, Michele Bennett, Marilyn Bottorff, Mary Collins, Ann Del Bene, Marla Hoffmeyer, Nadine Hunt, Cheri Kirkpatrick, Marie Kral, Amy and Larry Masek, Diane Mendoza, Laura Paynic, Marie Rennie, Genelle Williams, and Terri Vanderjack who helped with dinner in mini-camp. Also thank you to everyone who donated dessert or fruit.

Please try to be available to help us have a *sensational* band camp. We will need volunteers for serving dinner and monitoring kids during the dinner break. We need help August 12th to the 17th at about 5:30 each day. We need 6 to 8 volunteers for serving dinner and 4 volunteers to monitor the Marching Band during the dinner break each night. Please consider helping at one or two dinners during the week. Finally, we will need help with grilling for the picnic on Friday, August 17th. It's usually a fun dinner with the Marching Band and the parents. This year you won't have to make the long drive to Frankfort to enjoy it. We will be sending out a letter later to schedule volunteers so try to leave time open that week to be available.

Karen Miller, Diane Kowalski and Tracy Danko
Social Co-Chairs

VOLUNTEERS

Alice Luetger & Mike Hutton

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." Albert Schweitzer

Summer is officially here.....and almost gone! In the short time since school ended, several events have passed which were a huge success thanks to everyone who volunteered. First, the Parent Social was very well attended and we are grateful for the band parents who were on hand to assist at the various tables. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie. Also, if you can believe it, Heritage Fest and the 4th of July have come and gone. Many thanks go out to the parents who worked a shift at Heritage Fest as well as helped the band at the 4th of July parades. A special thank you goes out to Amy Reeter who organized both the student and parent volunteers for Heritage Fest and to my Co-Chair, Mike Hutton, who managed the 4th of July parade without me!

Soon, band camp will be upon us. Please check your calendars and see if you might be available to monitor during the lunch hour (approximately 11:45 am – 1 pm) Monday, August 13 through Friday August 17th, as well as help serve food and monitor during the dinner hour Sunday through Friday.

Immediately following band camp our football shows and competitions will begin. We will be in need of pit/prop and chaperone help during the season. Another Music Bowl sign-up will be held at the band camp picnic on Friday, August 17th. During that time, Mike and I will be recruiting for pit/prop help too! So, bring your calendars and your great big hearts. We will be sure to fill them both!

As always, all volunteer opportunities can be found on our website at www.mustangbandboosters.com. Also, don't forget to add your name to our email list, using this same website, so that you can receive reminders and updated information throughout the summer. Feel free to contact us with any questions at exec-volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com. *You have entrusted your most precious gift to this wonderful program. Please find it in your heart to spend some time with these students and show them you care. They may not say it, but they DO appreciate you being there for them!*

HELP WANTED: Football Games Merchandise Tent- We are looking for volunteers for Set-up at Band Camp Parent Picnic & all Home football Games—this General Board position will require new parents after this season!

Help Needed: Setup crew/Staff the Tent/ Breakdown crew

- Set-up time ~ Half-time JV ~ 5:45 pm – 4 people
- Staff the tent for pop/water/candy bar/merchandise sales & merchandise pickup as needed, 2-4 people
- Break-down time ~ during 4th quarter ~ 9:45 pm – 4 people again.
Load into van(s) and over to Band Room in plenty of time for student pick-up.



Please contact Gen-Merchandise@MustangBandBoosters.com to volunteer.



MUSIC BOWL VOLUNTEERS

I hope everyone has had a chance to look over their packet of information from the Parent Social. If you still have questions regarding the volunteer needs at our 6th Annual Music Bowl, which will take place on Saturday, October 6th, please contact me at [bowl-volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com](mailto: Bowl-volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com). I will also be available with the sign-up sheets at the band camp picnic on Friday, August 17th. Following is a breakdown of the volunteer areas for the Bowl.

Parking
Stadium
RN/Paramedic

Ticket Booth
Unit Movement
Video and Photography

Concessions
Hospitality

Thanks,
Alice Luetger



Thank You to our Volunteers!

Thank you to the very helpful crew of parent volunteers who gathered in the loft May 9 to remove pant leg hems and sort and bag uniforms for summer dry cleaning. With their assistance, the task was completed in record time!

Uniform fittings for the instrument-carrying members of the band will be held during early August. Dates and times of fittings will be sent out via email within the next couple of weeks. For incoming freshmen and any returning students needing a new pair, MTX marching shoes will be ordered at fittings at a cost of \$32. If you are a returning marching student, be sure to locate your marching shoes and try them on prior to your fitting in August.

Thanks again to our volunteers. We're looking forward to a very successful season!

Diane Mendoza and Terri Vanderjack/Uniform Co-Chairs

Did You Know?

There's a wealth of information, including FAQ's, for band students and parents at <http://www.mustangbandboosters.com/faq.htm>. Have you seen the Mustang Band Handbook?. It's available at <http://www.csd99.org/south/music/>

Check them both out!

CALLING ALL STUDENT ARTISTS!
MARCHING MUSTANGS 2007
The Show has been renamed from Symphixations to.....

FANTASTIQUE

featuring excerpts from Hector Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique

SHOW SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

Imagery for the show shirt design should include any and all primary and secondary colors, with reference to musical notes, melody, harmony, and the image of a slightly rounded triangle or several triangles.

Submissions for the show shirt designs will be accepted through the **extended date of Saturday, July 21st** to be considered for the artwork adorning this season's show shirt!

Details: Open to any student, group of students or student/parent combination affiliated with the 2007-2008 Marching Mustangs.

The winning design will be printed on both a 2007 Fantastique Season Show Shirt (*available in August and included in student fees*) for the Students and a Special Edition Parent Season/Music Bowl T-shirt (*to be offered for sale early in August*)

White: Student shirt, 4-color design preferred.

Color coordinated w/ design: Parent shirt, same 4-color design preferred.

Front of shirt -Screen area, typically, 12" x 12".

The back of the student show shirt will have the season calendar and a header logo in Mustang blues, as typical. Other variations on this theme are also welcome to be submitted with your design.

Design submittal due date.....Extended until Saturday, July 21st

Drop off your file and/or artwork.....Band Mailbox, E-mail, or Legel's, 5939 Brookbank Rd., Downers Grove, 630-971-1653, mlegel@ameritech.net

The submitted designs will be first routed through our shirt provider to assure all submitted ideas are feasible for screen printing. All acceptable designs will be submitted blindly to the Directors for final selection. Show shirts will be available at the conclusion of Band Camp in August. Student shirt sizing and parent shirt orders will be taken in early August.



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