



**September, 2007**

**Congratulations to the  
*Grand Champion Marching Mustangs!***

Our Marching Mustangs were awarded the Grand Champion Trophy at the Morton Competition on Saturday, September 15, 2007. Congratulations to the hardworking students, directors, and staff. Our year is off to a fabulous start!



***Trivia Corner***

Berlioz wrote *Symphonie Fantastique* to express his unrequited love for the Irish actress Harriet Smithson, with whom he fell in love after seeing her in the role of Ophelia in a production of "Hamlet" in Paris in 1827. The two eventually married in 1832, but alas, were divorced nine years later.

**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*

### *Marching Mustangs 2007 Update*

Congratulations to the 2007 Marching Mustangs for an incredible first month of practices and performances. The band camp in Woodridge was a tremendous success on both the mental focus and energy level categories. This is probably due to the fact that students were able to sleep at home in their own air conditioned bedrooms, but it is also due to the fact that there is a tremendous new spirit within the band this year that began with section cheer competitions and is still going at every practice and performance. The first game, although postponed on Saturday at Benedictine University by last minute changes because of the weather, was well attended and really well performed.



The band has been busy learning the rest of the show drill and we will be prepared to perform the entire show by our 2<sup>nd</sup> competition on Sept 22 at Wheaton North. Our first competition at Morton also featured the band in a parade so that we could be eligible for the entire competition. Check the band website and/or the booster website frequently for updates on travel plans, schedules and return times. Thanks to all the students in Marching Band who helped out at the Bike & Hike for Mike fundraiser, and who helped out with the Storybook Character Parade for the Downers Grove Public Library. All that we do for our community is very much appreciated. Good Luck in September! You are already Fantastique!

### *Germany Trip 2008 Update*

Those students in the 2007-2008 Wind Ensemble who have already indicated their interest in traveling next summer to Germany and the Czech Republic are requested to attend a meeting on Monday evening, September 17, 2008 in the DG North High School Auditorium. To date, there are not enough Wind Ensemble students to fill the slots that are allotted to the DGS band program for this trip, so there will be openings for other students to audition. Please check with your band director if you are interested in the trip from June 7 – 20, 2008 next year. We will consider anyone through the audition process who wants to participate.

### *IMEA Auditions 2007 Update*

This year, auditions for the IMEA District Band and Jazz Festivals will be held on Monday, October 8, at South Suburban College (Columbus Day). Our school will be assigned a four hour time slot (most likely 4 – 8 pm) for which we will provide bussing to the site. However, students will be allowed to travel on their own at a different time if needed. Please check with your director for audition information packets when they become available. The Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday, November 10, at Joliet West High School, and the Concert Festival will be held on Saturday, November 17, at Oak Park –River Forest High School.

Craig Roselieb

For the second time in the past few months, a medical emergency has taken me to Pittsburgh to take care of my parents. In addition, it has taken me away from the Marching Mustangs. Since my return, I have been most impressed with the caliber of work accomplished during this time. The students are to be commended for their fine efforts during this time.

As we begin the school year, we have many things to look forward to including our Music Bowl, numerous marching competitions including overnight trips to Indianapolis and Minneapolis. Our concert groups have numerous on and off campus performance as do our jazz bands. We welcome the bands from Eisenhower and Lakeview Junior Highs in November and the Wind Ensemble from Lemont High School in our Wind Ensemble invitational in April. IMEA auditions will soon be upon us culminating with the All-State festival in January. We are also vigorously planning our Wind Ensemble tour next June with the DGN Wind Ensemble to Germany and the Czech Republic.

Be sure to check your calendars on a regular basis so that families and band members are aware of trips, concerts and rehearsals

Ron Hornish

### ***DGS JAZZ YEAR SWINGS INTO ACTION!!!!***

Fresh off the sounds and sights of an August appearance in Woodridge that featured several alums and friends, the DGS Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Ensemble are ready for another terrific year.

New for this year is a first semester jazz concert. This concert is Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. The two big bands and our student combo will be featured on this event.

Another highlight will be our student musicians working and performing with jazz legend Jimmy Heath for the NIU Jazz Festival on Thursday, February 7, 2007. As amazing as it sounds, Jimmy Heath will be performing right in our own auditorium. Stay tuned to e-mail and this column for details as this event draws near.

Additional coming jazz events you won't want to miss:

September 23	Jazz Ensemble	Drury Lane/Oak Brook
September 26-27	Jazz Ens/Jazz Lab Ens	DGS Homecoming Show
November 29	Jazz Ens/Jazz Lab/Combo	Fall Jazz Concert

Thanks in advance for your support of our student musicians through attending all of these performances! For questions about jazz at DGS, contact:

Glenn Williams at [gwilliams@cisd99.org](mailto:gwilliams@cisd99.org)

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## President's Letter

Hello Band Families!

Welcome to an exciting new band year! In keeping with the outstanding DGS band tradition, this year holds many opportunities for the students to learn, grow, and display their musical talents. So far we've heard some great things from the marching band and the Jazz Ensemble. Congratulations to those students!



Many thanks to everyone who assisted at band camp—serving meals, getting water and ice, overseeing lunch, grilling at the parent picnic, etc. we couldn't have done it without you! I would especially like to thank the Social Committee, Tracy Danko, Diane Kowalski, and Karen Miller for coordinating dinner during the six nights of camp. And also a special thanks to Mike Hutton and Alice Luetger who delivered water and ice to camp every morning and monitored the water supply throughout the day.

We encourage all band parents to sign up for e-mail at [MustangBandBoosters.com](http://MustangBandBoosters.com). This is our major form of communication with the parents and students. There are different subscription lists, so please sign up for the "Everyone" list and each one that applies to your student's interests. There is even an "Alumni and Friends" list for those who want to know about concerts and events, but don't need the day to day information. Through e-mail and our website, you can find out what's going on, event schedules, and in our "Late Breaking News" important information that is just that – late breaking. The website also has contact information so you can contact us with any questions you may have.

The Band Boosters would like to welcome you to attend our meetings (generally the first Monday of each month) and to volunteer at events throughout the school year. We are at the football games, band competitions and concerts, so come and join us. It's a great way to meet other parents and learn all about what your student is doing not just in band class, but you'll find out about other classes, too!

I wish all the parents and students a very successful school year!

Sincerely,

Marla Hoffmeyer  
President, Mustang Band Boosters

## Attention All DGS Band Members!

Well, September is here! School has started and along with that our busy Concert band season. Please remember to turn in your registration forms for the 2007-2008 school year. It is mandatory for us to have a Mustang Band Registration form and a Medical Information and Release form on file for each one of our students participating in the band program. This information is necessary especially when our students travel away from school on field trips for concert bands, jazz bands, and percussion bands. Please submit the following forms:

- 2007-2008 Mustang Band Registration form (which was mailed home in the spring). This is *separate* from the Marching Band registration form.
- Medical Information and Release form (include a copy, front and back, of health insurance card). *All Marching Band members have already submitted this form. Thank you.*
- Mustang Band Boosters Parent/Student Volunteer Assistance form

Support the Mustang Band Boosters by also submitting your payment for 2007-2008 Band Booster Membership fee of \$50 (check payable to Mustang Band Boosters or complete a request form for a student account deduction).

All registration forms can be found on the DGS Band website, [Registration page](#). ([www.csd99.org/south/music](http://www.csd99.org/south/music)) Completed forms and payment can be put in the band mailbox or mailed to:

Ann Del Bene  
6751 Barrett St.  
Downers Grove, IL 60516

Thank you for supporting DGS Mustang Bands. Looking forward to a fantastic year of MUSIC!

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## Chaperones

### It's Competition time!

September 15<sup>th</sup> starts our Marching Band Competition season. I hope you are as excited as I am to be on the road again! We had lots of fun last year and this year looks like it's going to be another great season this year. Please come and join us on these trips. We are looking for parents to come and help us chaperone these trips. We also need parent helpers to help move the pit equipment and the ladders. It's generally easy work and we always have a good time! If you would like to know more about how much is involved or just have questions on chaperoning please contact me. Also, please let Mike Hutton, [mjh820@comcast.net](mailto:mjh820@comcast.net) know if you can help out by being a chaperone or pit helper or both!

Thank you,  
Monika Cunningham  
Chaperone coordinator  
[bowlads@comcast.net](mailto:bowlads@comcast.net) or 630-910-4204

## Social

The Social committee would like to thank everyone again for all of the help you gave us during band camp. It was a big job to feed the Marching Band dinner for six nights in a row. The job was so much easier because there was always plenty of help each night. We still are providing dinner before two more football games, Sept. 7 and 28. If you are available to help, please join us.

Karen Miller, Diane Kowalski and Tracy Danko

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## 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/>*

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## *Thanks for the Helpful Hands!*

Anyone visiting the band room loft recently has probably noticed the unbelievably clean and shiny floor! Thanks to the Downers Grove South maintenance staff for the terrific job they did cleaning and waxing the floor and to the following parent and student volunteers who lent their time and muscles to clearing the loft for cleaning and returning equipment after the floor had dried: Tracy Danko, Marla Hoffmeyer, Jeff Hoffmeyer, Gunnar Linden, Doug Masek, Jami Mendoza and Marc Vanderjack.

Uniform fittings for the instrument-carrying members of the marching band went exceptionally smoothly this year, thanks to our shiny-clean loft and to the many parent and student volunteers who, among myriad other tasks, helped us get organized prior to fittings and gave their time on fitting days to measure and pin pant legs for hemming, size hats, record data, and teach incoming freshmen how to hang their uniforms. Student fitting helpers were Carly Malave, Jami Mendoza, Amy Paynic, Amy Sojka, Ellen Sojka and Marc Vanderjack; and parent helpers were Laura Feste, Cheri Kirkpatrick, Merle Malave, and Laura Sorce.

Finally, thank you to all of the Marching Mustang parents who helped us prepare for the upcoming season by washing raincoats. We couldn't get the job done without all of these helpful hands!

Diane Mendoza and Terri Vanderjack, Uniform Committee co-chairs



## **It's Almost Here? Are You Ready?**

The Sixth Annual Marching Mustang Music Bowl is fast approaching, coming your way SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6. Have you signed up to help support your student's marching band competition? There's still time to be involved in a truly rewarding and fun-filled activity that aids the overall DGS music program. Whether your son or daughter is a Marching Mustang, a member of a concert band, or participates in the Jazz Lab Band, this event raises funds that are used to support all the band programs at South High.

Sixteen bands from Illinois and Iowa will take the field at DGS from 5-10 pm in a great display of showmanship, creativity, discipline and talent that will leave you feeling proud to be part of this activity. It's something you just don't want to miss. Participants this year will include the Illinois high school bands of Lemont, Lincoln-Way Central, Plainfield South, Glenbard West, William Fremd, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Sandwich, Providence Catholic, Oak Lawn Community, Oak Park River Forest, Alan B. Shepard, Normal Community, Thornwood and Wheaton-Warrenville South and Muscatine of Iowa.

Our Marching Mustangs will perform in exhibition to conclude the program. You can work a ticket gate, help park cars and busses, escort a participating band, usher fans into the stadium, photograph the bands or sell food and refreshments. There is really something for everyone and no job is too small because the 300 volunteers who are part of the Music Bowl all work together to welcome each and every guest to our house and each year the bands and judges keep returning because of our friendly and professional volunteers. To join in the party, please contact Alice Luetger at [bowl-volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com](mailto:bowl-volunteers@mustangbandboosters.com). And when you can, do watch the bands out on the field this day. You will be amazed.

### **Music Bowl Committee Meetings:**

All begin at 7 pm, Ensemble Room or nearby vicinity.

Wed., Sept. 5

Thurs., Sept. 13

Tues., Sept. 18 Outside Walk Through

Tues., Oct. 2 Inside Walk Through

Thurs., Oct. 4 All Volunteer Meeting

Renata Alleujka



## MUSIC BOWL VOLUNTEERS

Alice Luetger

**“HELP!! I need somebody, not just anybody.” I NEED YOU!!**

Sound familiar??? Well, Music Bowl is less than a month away and I am still in need of MANY volunteers for various positions. My biggest need falls in second shift Concessions and Parking, though there are still some openings in Unit Movement, Stadium, Tickets and Video/Photography. Please consider volunteering a few hours on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to help the Downers Grove South Marching Mustangs.

Proceeds from this event in the past have helped purchase the following items: a professional written show, music, extra staff costs, cement ramp and fencing which gives bands easy access to the field from the parking lot, replacement of twenty-year-old pit equipment and other instruments, sound equipment, extra lighting for the practice field and a new trailer. All this in just 5 years!!

So, please, help us maintain a quality program by joining us on October 6<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 4 and 10 pm. You are sure to have the time of your lives!!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [bowlvolunteers@mustangbandboosters.com](mailto:bowlvolunteers@mustangbandboosters.com) or at 630-968-1148. I look forward to partnering with you in this wonderful event!!

*“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.” Maya Angelou*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.”**

**Now that August is over we can all take a deep breath and exhale. That’s enough. Let’s get back to work.**

**Fall brings football games and competitions. Volunteers will be needed at Mustang Marching band performances and football games. E-mail reminders will be sent on a regular basis, but a list of upcoming games and competitions are listed below:**

- 1. Pit and Prop Crew at home football games. We need approximately 8-10 volunteers to help move the equipment and ladders on and off the field during half-time performances. The homes football games are: September 7, 21, 28, and October 12.**

2. Chaperones and Pit Crew for competitions. Parent volunteers are needed to travel with the band to competitions. This is usually an all day commitment involving organizing and assisting students on the buses, providing direction and moving the pit/prop equipment for the performance. Please be aware that if you cannot physically move props you are still needed to chaperone on the buses. The competition dates are as follows: September 15 – Morton H.S.; September 22 – Wheaton North H.S.; October 6 – MUSIC BOWL; October 13 – Lincoln Way; October 20 – ISU; October 26-28 – Minneapolis; November 4 – BOA in Indianapolis.

Please check our website at [www.mustangbandboosters.com](http://www.mustangbandboosters.com) for more information on these upcoming activities. You can contact either Alice Luetger (968-1148) or Michael Hutton (910-5278) with questions or to reserve your space at any of these events. Thank you for always giving of yourselves!

Alice Luetger and Mike Hutton



***Fundraising!!***



### Color Guard Car Wash

Luckily, the weather cleared for the day on Sunday, August 5. Wal-Mart will advise us soon what they will match for our total cash receipts, but our total turned-in money from the car wash as of that day was... \$823!!!!

Thank you to the Band families who supported the car wash by bringing their cars to be washed.

A big thanks to the parents and the brother who came to help. We could not have done it without you! We also want to thank all the Guard parents for donations and your tireless support that helped make this car wash such a great success.

Thanks also to all of our FANTASTIC Guard members who worked very hard as a team to get all those cars washed and dried. Many of you worked both shifts in the heat and humidity. You did a great job! We are so proud of you and all your hard work that helped us get these great results.

Thanks to all of you for your contributions.

Diane Hundseder and Jan Petrukovich, Color Guard Coordinators

# **Jewel-Osco** SHOP & SHARE

## 2007 JEWEL-OSCO SHOP & SHARE FUNDRAISER DATES

Thank you for your support of our September Jewel-Osco Shop & Share! The upcoming holidays give us more opportunities to receive 7% of yours sales for the Mustang Band Boosters. Let's make it an even bigger and better success! Remember, all you need is a slip signed and turned in with your grocery shopping at any Jewel on one or more of the following dates (Mondays through Wednesdays):



Early Thanksgiving Shopping  
Holiday Shopping

November 12, 13, 14, 2007  
December 17, 18, 19, 2007



**When you use a Shop & Share slip at JEWEL, the 2007-2008 Mustang Band Boosters get a 7% rebate! Plan to do your weekly shopping on one of those days. Think ahead of items you will need for upcoming holiday celebrations and meal planning! (Sale items also qualify for the Shop and Share rebate.)**

Shop & Share slips are also available at [www.mustangbandboosters.com](http://www.mustangbandboosters.com). Copy and distribute to your relatives, friends and neighbors. (Just don't distribute in the vicinity of Jewel-Osco.) Thanks for your support! Remember, there's no limit on our potential profits!

### November Jewel Shop & Share Slip

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<small>PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECKER WHEN YOU SHOP. PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE PURCHASES AT ANY JEWEL-OSCO ON THE DATE ABOVE. IDENTIFICATION SLIPS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FRONT OF ANY JEWEL-OSCO.</small>						
						

### December Jewel Shop & Share Slip

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**Nothing extra to buy!!! Thanks for supporting our Band Program!**

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**Here's how it works. This link has a special code embedded in it that indicates to the Amazon.com web page that the transaction was started here at the MBB web site. That's all that Amazon needs to know. When you purchase something via Amazon, and you started from this link, Amazon knows to send MBB a payment as a thank you for sending a customer to them. That's all there is to it! As many people can do this as want to. So, tell your friends and relatives to link to Amazon.com via the link from our web site and imagine how much thank-you money the band program can receive!**

# **MARKET DAY**

Hello to all who are not familiar with this monthly fundraiser, and to those that already participate, here's an overview of how things work. Market Day benefits the band program 8 out of 12 months. During the school year, our profits (10% of each sale - or more if special promotions are being held) are divided between the Multi-Needs program and the band program. Anyone ordering can designate whether the funds are split between the two programs, specify which program they're supporting, or even give their profit to a specific student in band. You can tell me the day of the sale or send a note to the "chairweb" (this option is available at the bottom of the page after your order's completed). Following are the dates and pick-up times for the new school year ~ the online order deadline is always noon on the Wednesday before the pickup.

Please note the pick up times for January & February are unknown. All other pick up times are 9:30 - 10:30 (unless otherwise noted).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pick-up Time</u>	<u>Profits given to</u>
Sept. 8		Multi Needs/Band
Oct. 13	10:00-11:00 AM	Senior/Junior class
Nov. 10		MN/band
Dec. 8		MN/band
Jan. 12	TBD	Senior/Junior class
Feb. 23	TBD	MN/band
March 15		Fresh/Soph class
April 19		MN/band
May 17		Fresh/Soph class
June 14		Band ONLY
July 12		Band ONLY
August 9		Band ONLY

Reminders regarding dates, who gets the profit, and pickup times will be emailed to the "everyone" band list each month. To order online, go to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). If you need more information or would like to help the day of the sale (students receive service credit for helping), please email me at [Gen-MarketDay@MustangBandBoosters.com](mailto:Gen-MarketDay@MustangBandBoosters.com).

Thanks for your support!

Karen Rooney

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## **CANDY BAR SALES**

2007 MUSTANG BAND CANDY BAR SALE

Thursday, September 13 - Thursday, October 11

Earn 100% of the profit for each case sold (\$25 per case). This profit goes directly into your student account. Each case of candy has 50 bars: 6 Snickers, 6 Starburst, 6 Twix, 6 Carmel Bars, 10 Reeses Peanut Butter Cups, 5 Twizzlers, 6 Kit Kat, and 5 Butter Fingers

# **SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Marching Mustang Fall Banquet, Tuesday November 6th. More information to come.**

**Thanks,  
Deb Stanger & Debbie Larson**

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## ***Band Apparel***

**PARENT/FAN FANTASTIQUE and 6<sup>th</sup> Annual MUSIC BOWL SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE**

**Don't be left out! FANTASTIQUE shirts in parent/fan sapphire blue are going quickly! You'll want to look spiffy at our competitions, supporting our Marching Band and enthusiastically supporting our wonderful MUSIC BOWL! The shirts are available for \$15.**

**Forms are available from the MustangBandBoosters.com website.**

**MUSTANG BAND T-SHIRTS, CAPS, WIND-SHIRTS, DENIM, STRING BAGS & MORE**

**The Band Merchandise Web Pages have been updated! Be sure to check out the new and returning band attire and accessory selections, order forms and pictures at <http://www.shop.mustangbandboosters.com/>**

**MARCHING MUSTANGS SHOW SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST ...DRUM ROLL PLEASE!!**

**A big THANK YOU to all the students who submitted their artwork in consideration for the 2007 Marching Mustangs show shirt for "FANTASTIQUE" this summer. There were many wonderful, creative and inspiring entries. Congratulations to our winning student artists, Kaitlyn Gabric and Dave Kopka. Extra show shirts are available for \$ 9 apiece to avoid Friday night football/Saturday competition midnight laundry needs. Just drop a note in the Band Mailbox w/ your name, size needed and cash/check or student account request form for the \$ 9 cost.**

**LOUIS' TAILORS – DGS LETTER JACKETS**

**Don't forget to mention your affiliation with the DGS Mustang Band Boosters at Louis' Tailors. He donates \$ 10 per jacket back to the Band Boosters. Pick up a blue flyer from the Band Communication Center for jacket pricing.**

**Margaret Legel**