



NEWSLETTER



January 2007

Musically Yours

Message from our Band Director

I hope that everyone had a great vacation and a great time spending time with family and friends over the holidays. As we embark on this New Year, I look forward to hearing the solos everyone is preparing. Due to some scheduling issues, we need to change one of the dates for our Solo & Ensemble night as noted below. We will try to get as many people on Friday as possible.

As we approach the end of the semester, a lot of stress is going to be put on your students to prepare for finals and finish last minute projects. The band final consists of three parts: their performance at Solo & Ensemble night; their playing final; and the written final.

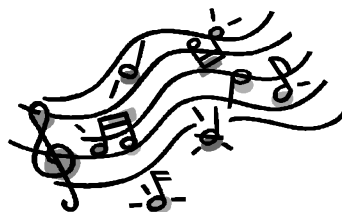
We are going to have an information meeting for winter guard on January 17, 2007 to explain any concerns you have about the winter guard season.

This semester has been both challenging and fun but next semester is going to be more challenging as we attempt to balance more ensembles, our own festival, a school musical, Hawaii, and much more.

Even though I am not going anywhere, I would like to thank all of you, students and parents alike, for helping make this semester an enjoyable and successful semester. Without the support of all of you, this semester could have been a huge disaster. As I get ready to step down from the Interim Band Director position, I will take with me a lot of great memories and lots of knowledge I have gained from this experience. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and hope that the future brings more success and laughter.

Miguel Flores

Interim Band Director



Boosters Corner

Happy New Year! As we begin 2007, the board wants to thank everyone for our most successful marching season ever. First place in SCJA (in spite of the downpour), we earned a medal in SCSBOA for the first time, and we achieved our highest score ever – 76.70. **We all had a part of this.** The instructors and administration, they stepped up to fill a void and ensured that the band program went forward. The students who came to practice committed to do their best. You parents who hauled your kids to zero period, Wednesday night practices, screamed at the top of your lungs during competitions, made your financial obligation so we could have a program and the parent roadies, who fed our kids, lugged their equipment and ensured emotionally and physically they were ready to go out and give their best performance. **We had fun!** In spring the kids will separate and go in different directions. Please don't stop supporting! The website has all the performance dates for spring. We want to encourage everyone to attend a concert or jazz or a color guard performance.

Our kids are awesome; let's keep the momentum going!

Hawaii Update

Final arrangements are underway.

Final payment is due March 6.

You may make payments on line at www.donlugobandboosters.com

End of Semester Practice Schedule:

Zero Period Schedules:

Monday:	Late start
Tuesday:	Adv Music Theory
Wednesday:	Prep for Jazz Band
Thursday:	Prep for Jazz Band
Friday:	Review of Music Theory (optional)

After School Practices:

Monday/Wednesday	– Color Guard
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Key Calendar Dates:

1/8	School starts
1/9	Booster meeting – 7:00 band room
1/15	<u>Winter Guard Practice 2-8</u>
	No School, Martin Luther King Holiday
1/17	<u>Parent meeting for Winter Guard</u>
1/19-22	<u>Solo ensemble night (Finals)</u>

Fundraisers: *Check the website for information*
Little Caesars Pizza
1/15 Family dinner night