

Good Morning Band Families,

Here is another update on our department.

Future Lancer Night

The Jazz Band, Winter Guard and Battery of the Drum Line did a great job showcasing some of the Instrumental Music offerings here at TOHS on Wednesday, February 2nd.

Thanks for the many helpers, under the direction of our membership chairs for distributing information to potential new members and their families.

Westmont College Woodwind Quintet

The Sonos Montecito Wind Quintet, (Faculty Quintet) under the direction of Paul Mori came to our Concert Band classes on Wednesday, February 11th to perform for our students. It was an awesome opportunity to hear professionals musically and for their generous information on making music during our student's college years.

Concert Bands

We are working hard, in class, preparing 6 pieces (per band) for the upcoming Spring Concert. Our final performance list will be chosen from the 6 pieces and then we will select our Rating's Festival music, 3 for Symphonic Band and 2 for Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble.

It's so great to hear the improvement in the ensemble on a week-to-week basis. Parents, I ask that you get involved in having your student practice at home... at least 4 times a week for a min. of 30 minutes per day. That will do so much for their confidence and preparedness for all of this literature.

There is a strong potential that students will need to fulfill a graded playing assessment(s) in the upcoming weeks. I hope that we can increase the total number submissions for all three bands. It is true that we are only as good as the individual player.

Jazz Bands

That is correct... 2 bands!!! I have assigned musicians to two individual bands. We are doubling some musicians to cover the parts in both bands. We are currently working on 6 pieces for AM 1 and 4 for AM 2. While this is a challenge for all of us, the members are responding well and are excited to see how far we can take this.

Both AM 1 and AM 2 will perform at the Newbury Park High School Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 14th. The John Daversa Band will perform a concert at NPHS on

Friday, March 13th as a kick off to the festival. Ticket information can be found at the NPHS Band Website.

And of course, we have the Sights of Conejo Performance in the TOHS Gym on Saturday, March 7.

Winter Guard/Drum Line

The TOHS Winter Guard performed their show entitled “Yellow” at an evaluation show on Valentine’s Day and are working hard for their first competition this Saturday, February 28 at Arcadia HS. We wish them success. The schedule can be found on the band calendar.

The Drumline has performed at two competitions so far this season and are gearing up for the Sights of Conejo performance on March 7th. The show takes us all back to music that we grew up with. It’s a crowd pleaser.

Let’s get all of our department members, families and friends to the Sights of Conejo Performance, IN OUR GYM, on March 7th. The show starts at 6:30 and admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for student. Tickets are available at the door.

Please take advantage of this local (Home) show!!!

Leadership

Any 9, 10, or 11 grade band member who would like to find out more about leadership and/or would like to be considered for Section Leader, Equipment Crew, CG Leadership, or Drum Major must participate in the Leadership Seminars scheduled in March and April. They are held on Mondays, please check calendar for specific times.

We have a SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY SESSION on March 9th from 3 PM to 6:15 PM. Special Guest Speaker and Leadership Expert, Scott Lang, will be here to work with our kids and program. Students are ask show bring a small snack to this session.

Interested members should complete the [Leadership Survey](#) on our Website.

March 9 th	3-6:15 PM
March 16 th	3-5:30 PM
March 30 th	3-5:30 PM
April 20 th	Assignments Due in Drop Box by 8 AM (CG members will be given instructions to Symphonic Band Class Drop Box)
April 27 th	3 PM Drum Major Live Auditions

Washington DC Wind Ensemble

Our composite Wind Ensemble will meet for the 2nd time this afternoon in Sectional Rehearsal. There has been change to the rehearsal schedule posted online in our calendar and posted in the band room.

Monday	March 2	6-8 PM	Rehearsal in Band Room
Monday	March 9	7-9 PM	Rehearsal in Band Room
Wednesday	March 11	1:30 – 2:30	Sectional Rehearsal
Monday	March 16	6-8 PM	Rehearsal in Band Room
Monday	March 23	6-8 PM	Rehearsal in Band Room
Tuesday	March 24		PERFORMANCE AT SPRING CONCERT
Monday	March 30	6-8 PM	Rehearsal in Band Room
Monday	April 6	TBA	Rehearsal in Band Room OR (depends on transport of instruments)
Tuesday	April 7	TBA	Rehearsal in Band Room (BEFORE WE DEPART)

Students need to prepare their thought on packing.

Each traveler is allowed:

- 1 Suitcase, must contain performance Tux/Dress/Shoes
- 1 Carry On (Back Pack)
- 1 Instrument

More details will be given out at our rehearsals.

Ventura County Honor Band

Congratulations again to our 17 TOHS band members. This year's concert is sponsored by the New West Symphony Orchestra and is free of charge. The concert will be held this Saturday, February 28th at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Kavli Theater!

Since this is in our backyard and free, I am hopeful that many of our students will take advantage of seeing this concert.

Recruitment

New Parent Open House held in the Band Room on Wednesday, March 11th @ 7PM. Please pass on the word to incoming students and anyone who may play piano or who may be interested in Color Guard.

Mandatory Orientation will be held in April on Wednesday, April 22nd for all new and RETURNING members.

Thanks so much...