



Sundevil Beat

Director's message...



Issue No. 130
May 2008

What's Inside:

Color Guard News	2
President's Message	3
Orchestra News	3
Mt Carmel Tournament	4
Committee Members	5
See's Candy	5
Band Camp Dates	5
Fundraising Info	6
Treasurer's Corner	7
Dates to Remember	8

Time is Running Out!



Those students who have not paid their assessments in full will not be eligible to attend the Band Banquet. Please process your Student Account transfers ASAP, or send your payment to Julie Anderson (see page 7 for complete instructions!)

As the academic year nears the end, there will be many added last minute responsibilities for your student. Once again, we appeal to you for your parental influence in helping your child focus their energies at this time.

Throughout the year we have communicated with you about the importance of music education for every child. We in turn count on you to help remind administrators, legislators, and community leaders about the importance of QUALITY music programs in our schools. Your outspoken support of music is worth more than words can describe! Never underestimate your influence.

The public's perception of music education is shaped by the various performances of our groups. But the concerts are merely a demonstration of skills learned in class. The essence of our program lies in the development of artistic appreciation, musical expression, communication skills, and responsible citizens for tomorrow.

We see our music students at the head of their academic classes, taking leadership roles in the school, and being courted by the finest institutions of higher learning. We continue to discover the correlation between EXTENDED study of music and higher level achievement.

In every child there is a desire to learn that deserves to be nurtured and developed. Music has a magical way of opening the mind, linking the thought patterns and creating a sense of awareness. Please continue to support the study of music, but also share the good news about music with others who are a part of your social and professional life. Together we can be certain our young artists will enjoy the lifelong benefits of a quality music education curriculum.

Stay in tune,
Warren Torns



Now Showing:
Archived Photos

George Sullivan, of Old Harbor Video, created archive copies of pictures from the years he served as the Booster Historian from 2000-2003.

You can check them out on the internet by visiting:
<http://mchsband.shutterfly.com/action/>

Thanks, George,
for all that you do for the Mt. Carmel Music Boosters!!



Watch for information on end of year uniform fittings! The Directors will be announcing dates by the end of May.

This is the
May 2008
Sundevil Beat
Monthly Newsletter
Issue No. 130
Permit No. 674
Mt. Carmel High School
Band Boosters
9550 Carmel Mtn. Rd.
San Diego, CA 92129

COLOR GUARD NEWS...

Wow, what a season for Mount Carmel Color Guard and what a busy month to finish! Let's recap the highlights of the past month:

The last weekend of March had Varsity competing in the WGI West Power Regional's at Cal State University San Bernardino. We placed first in the division during the Saturday preliminaries, so it was back for the finals on Sunday and yes, they did it. First place in Scholastic-A! This placement gave us good seeding in the World Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

Before heading of to Ohio there was a tournament to host at the "Mount"; this was on April 6th. Thirty-one units competed at this event and I am glad to say we had no injuries, problems, or complaints. The concession stand was kept busy from early morning up until the last unit left, then we had our own little picnic supper. **Thanks to all who helped to make this day the success it was!**

During the tournament, we had to load props and equipment onto the "East lake" truck so it would arrive in time for the "Worlds". Then, it was up early Tuesday for a travel day, we were off to Dayton for the "Worlds"! Wednesday was practice and the Onyx Preview at Stebbins High School. Thursday was more rehearsals to prepare for the prelims, which were at University of Dayton Arena. Another great show led to the semi finals on Friday, which were held at the Dayton Convention Center in Downtown Dayton. We did it again: first place in our division onto the Finals later that night.

The Mt. Carmel had a fantastic performance at the finals; hopefully many of you were able to watch it on your computers at home. We received the only complete-house standing ovation of the night. Great job! That performance earned the Silver, Second place in the Nation! **Congratulations!**

The team arrived home on Sunday to a large welcoming crowd at Lindbergh Field, it was a fantastic way to end a great trip. We were home but no time to rest as the Southern California Championships were the next weekend. Three schools in the Mission Viejo/ San Juan Capistrano area hosted the Championships. The prelims were held on Saturday and Varsity took 1st place in the division earning a gold medal. Meanwhile, Junior Varsity competed in the RAA championship placing 8th with their best performance of the year. During the finals on Sunday, Varsity came in with the A game and had an outstanding performance scoring the season high of 96.5! This was a well-deserved Gold winning performance, with another full-house standing ovation.

Well done and congratulations again for placing FIRST in Southern California.

We will wrap-up the year with the "Dinner" Sunday on the 27th of April at Villa Capri and the Band Banquet on June 7th.

Next year the Varsity will be promoted to Scholastic Open, but first, enjoy some time off before "Band Camp" and the Marching Season. I would like to close with hearty thanks and grateful cheers to the students for their dedication and hard work. Without them, there would be no guard. Thanks to the coaches for their great instruction, inspiration, and guidance to deliver such great shows. Thanks also to the chaperones who keep the guard safe and fed and to the parents and supporters who cheer us on. All of whom, as a team, have made this season so successful for the Mount Carmel Color Guard.

May Events

Thurs, May 15th - Parent Student meeting, 7pm in the Band Room.

Mon, Tue, & Wed, May 19th, 20th, & 21st - Try-Outs, 6pm

No rehearsals or practices scheduled.

Lastly, All assessments are now classified as past due, please submit outstanding payments to the treasurer ASAP.



A Message from the President



It's hard to believe that we are down to the final few weeks of school. Looking back on the year, we are lucky as parents and family members to have seen our students accomplish so much and receive so many honors for their performances. All of our instrumental performance groups have continued to receive superior ratings at their festivals, and the winterguard has had a very successful season of competition! My term as your president is nearly over, and I sit here, contemplating possibly the most difficult part of my job. Is it recruiting volunteers to work one of our many fundraisers? Is it planning a budget for our large non-profit organization? Nope. It is writing this column every month. (My husband tells me that it is the only time that he has ever seen me speechless.)

Never fear though. As in real life, I can always depend on my volunteers, and for this column, I will use them as my inspiration. If you take a moment to look at the board/chairperson list, you will see many names on that list. Those are the people who keep our well-oiled music machine humming along. Without them, the program would continue, but it would look nothing like what we are accustomed to seeing. These people are truly our unsung heroes, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them. I would like to thank everyone individually, but there is not enough room on the page to accomplish that. (Trust me, I tried to do that in version one. Too long!)

As you read the list of names, if you are an incoming freshman parent, a sophomore parent, or even a junior parent, please pay close attention to the jobs that will be open next year, or those people who are looking for a shadow (see the April newsletter for the list). There are over 32 names on our board roster, and those 32 people hold over 40 positions. Of those people, eight will be graduating out this year, and sixteen more will graduate out in 2009, including our head band mom/head band dad,

as well as our tournament chairs, our banquet chair, our band camp coordinator, and our webmaster. As you can see, this is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference in the lives of over 250 students! If you are interested in getting involved as a band mom, please contact Amy Chapman. If you are a dad, perhaps you'd prefer to be a band dad so contact Art Moses. (On a side note, being a band dad is our only paid volunteer position. Traditional currency is the ubiquitous Snickers bar. Volunteer and be part of the tradition!) If you have what it takes to be a tournament director, please contact Brian Findley or Art Moses. They need shadows this year. Rumor has it that their wives will not allow them to volunteer after June 2009. If another job looks like something that you would be interested in, don't hesitate to contact me, Holli Helenschmidt or any other board member. We are a welcoming group, and as long as you are willing to work hard, you will fit right in!

I'll be looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming performances for band and orchestra, as well as our final meeting of the year on May 19th in the band room at 7:30pm.

Sincerely yours,

Kit Moses

Fearless leader,
MCBB President

*
* **Nobody CAN do EVERYTHING, but** *
* **EVERYONE CAN do SOMETHING.** *
*
* ~AUTHOR UNKNOWN *
*

Orchestra News

The Orchestra performed on April 2nd at the Poway Unified School District Band and Orchestra Festival held in the Poway Performing Arts Center. The selections included Holst's Juniper from "The Planets" and the First movement of Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4. To their delight, and those of the parents, the Orchestra received a "Unanimous Superior" ranking for their effort. The Orchestra, under the direction of Warren Torns, continues its long run of impressive awards in a fine MCHS tradition.

The Orchestra students are now turning their sights to their final concert that will take place May. Be sure to ask your student about the date and time. If you have not had an opportunity to hear the Orchestra perform, you are missing out! Please take advantage of this final opportunity to come out to enjoy the efforts of these talented students and give them a show of your support. This is also a good opportunity for incoming Orchestra students to hear what Mr. Torns & the MCHS Orchestra can do.



NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION HELP NEEDED FOR 2008-2009

Here is a great opportunity to make a tremendous contribution to the Music Booster Organization and spend only a few hours.

We need one person (or a small group) to take responsibility for getting the **Sundevil Beat** in the mail to our Booster Families. The job would involve simply picking up the completed newsletters from PUBS, labeling, and mailing the finished products. We are planning to cut our distribution to only SEVEN newsletters next year: Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, and May/June.

If you can find it in your heart to help with this valuable task, please call Lydia Schultz at 748-8004 with any questions you may have. Complete step-by-step instructions and directions on all aspects of this operation will be provided.





RENEWAL - THE ACT OR PROCESS OF RENEWING; THE QUALITY OR STATE OF BEING RENEWED.

As the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, we are reminded that some of our students will graduate to move on in life, more will return to continue their high school experience, and others will join us to start that experience. Our volunteers are renewed each year in the same way. We fondly say goodbye to the parents of those students graduating, soldier on with those remaining and welcome those joining our ranks.

The benefits of the instrumental music program are known. But more than the obvious benefits, the program provides special memories for your student's high school experience, and indeed your experience as well. Please let me share one of these memories with you.

It was Friday September 14, 2001. Most everyone was still shocked by the terrible tragedies of that week. We weren't at all surprised that the school district initially cancelled events for the rest of the week. It was understandable. There was still so much uncertainty. But later the school district decided to go ahead and play the football games anyway.

The fans were somewhat subdued when the Marching Sundevils entered the stadium playing the fight song. There was a large crowd that politely applauded. After both teams took the field, the announcer asked people in the stands to rise as the band was going to play the national anthem. Climbing to the top of the podium, Mr. Torns paused for a moment to look up in the crowd and then nodded to the students in front of him as if to say "everything is going to be alright." Then on the downbeat there was a drum roll and the notes that everyone needed to hear. Person after person in the stands joined in singing:

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?

...

After they were done playing, we were reminded about what was important in our lives and that nothing was going to change it. I always remember that evening because it was special, lasting and a slice of Americana. I share it with you to emphasize how important it is to be a part of this instrumental music program. But this program needs your help.

The Mt. Carmel Invitational Tournament of Bands is the single most important fundraiser for our instrumental music program. The profits gained from the tournament provide the resources that are vital to the program. Volunteers are essential to the success of the tournament.

Please help us renew and volunteer for the 32nd Annual Mt. Carmel Tournament of Bands, which will be held this year on Saturday, October 25th, 2008. There are several committee chairs that need to be filled now to begin planning the work, and many more volunteers needed for the day of the tournament.

When you make your decision, please send a message to Brian Findley findleybc@gmail.com or Art Moses artjmoses@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Senior Parents & Current Encore Members

Let's get together at the June 7th Band Banquet and get acquainted! We will be meeting out in the bar area of the Doubletree Hotel for a friendly social time and to welcome any senior parents into the group. Our party will be getting underway around 7:00 p.m. so that the Encore parents will still have time to bid on the silent auction and raffle items.

Come and join us, and see what we're all about!

MUSIC BOOSTER OFFICERS 2007-2008

President, Kit Moses	484-6241
1st Vice-president, Tim Swann	538-6135
2nd VP Ways & Means, Holli Helenschmidt	486-4841
Recording Secretary, Joanne Schutt	538-6222
Treasurer, Kery Kamita	679-3206
Corresponding Secy., Beth Wargo	312-1681
Auditor, Bill Findley	486-0914

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2007-2008

Assessments, Julie Anderson	538-1785
Band Camp, Wendy Morris	484-1319
Banquet, Jane Findley	538-8624
Chaperones (Band), Amy Chapman	538-5304
Color Guard Chaperone, Denise Whitener	484-3970
Color Guard Parent Rep, Alex Klotzback	538-6709
Color Guard Parent Rep, Steven Lundie	679-4875
Color Guard Finances, Babette Baltazar	312-1216
Color Guard Uniforms, Liz Schwieterman	748-8829
Concerts (Orchestra), Cyndy Macshane	538-2713
Concerts (Band), Wendy Morris	484-1319
Concerts (Band), Open	
Equipment, Art Moses	484-6241
Equipment, Kevin Warneke	672-2394
Escrip-Vons, Kevin Engfer	618-5845
Historian, Denise Eaton	679-8328
Membership, Open	
Merchandise, Margaret Morales	538-1701
Merchandise, Kathy Schmidt	484-3657
Merchandise, Darlene Mallec	484-1455
Newsletter Editor, Lydia Schultz	748-8004
Orchestra Rep., Cyndy Macshane	538-2713
Publicity, Gayle Case	672-3682
Grocery Scrip, Daniela Ito	538-0797
Retail Scrip, Mondy Hegwood	486-7310
SAT Admin., Cindy Watson	672-1762
SAT Admin., Barb Romano	672-3825
SAT Admin., Jane Findley	538-8624
See's Candy, Lisa Rebboah	484-9490
E-Scrip, Barbara Engfer	618-5845
Student Accounts, Cathie Sandison	538-1762
Tournament, Brian Findley	538-8624
Tournament Co-Chair, Art Moses	484-6241
Tournament Merchandise, Ellen Cardoso	513-8268
Tournament Merchandise, Denise Eaton	679-8328
Uniforms, Joann Pun	583-4820
Uniforms, Chris Haden	484-1610
Webmaster (Booster website), Brian Findley	538-8624

Help the Marching Sundevils Look FANTASTIC!



There is still an opportunity for two people to join the activity as we prepare for the Fall by coordinating the uniform fittings. This is a great way to get to know our terrific band students and help them look their best for the 2008 Marching Season!

Call Chris Haden at 484-1610 for more information

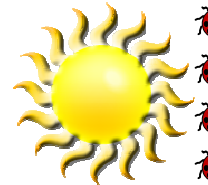
See's Candy Fundraising!



Earn money for your student's account by selling See's Candy! Candy boxes are available and the selection is milk chocolate, milk chocolate with toffee nuggets, milk chocolate with almonds, dark chocolate with almonds, and of course, lollypops. Remember, 80% of the profit goes into your student's account. I will have plenty of candy boxes ready to sell at all of the Booster General Meetings, so please don't forget your checkbooks!

Questions? Please feel free to call or email
Lisa Rebboah (858) 484-9490 or lrebboah@san.rr.com

BAND CAMP!



Band Camp Dates are now set and before you schedule your vacations mark off Band Camp! "New to Band" students will report to camp on Monday, August 11th, 2008. All returning students will start Band Camp on Tuesday, August 12th, and camp will continue for everyone through Saturday, August 16th. The traditional picnic/performance will be Saturday evening, August 16th. School begins on Tuesday, August 19th.

We will need lots of parent volunteers throughout the week to help set up, serve food, and help the kids. We will also need help with registration and check-in for the first two days of camp. If you would like to volunteer please email or call Wendy Morris at 858-484-1319 or wendymorris14@yahoo.com.

The student section leaders will be in contact with the kids throughout the summer to keep those skills honed!

Last Chance for Retail Scrip!

Buy Retail Scrip and a percentage is credited to your student's account while you enjoy shopping or dining at many locations in our area. Give Retail Scrip gift cards and certificates as gifts or use them yourself, it all adds to your student's account.

Visit <http://www.mchsband.com/fundraising/retail-scrip/> to print out the most recent order form. A new form will be available each month. The final deadlines for ordering:

May 19th



Gift cards are generally available one week after the order deadline. Watch the fundraising page of the Booster website or attend Booster meetings for more complete details.



GROCERY SCRIP

No Grocery Scrip available until August 2008!

Here is an easy way to put money in your student's account: buy grocery scrip from **Albertsons** or **Stater Brothers**. The scrip is available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. It comes in the form of prepaid gift cards and your student receives 4% of the value of the card in his student account. Scrip will be sold at all band booster meetings and at Wednesday night rehearsals or you can call me and arrange for pickup at my house. Simply make a check out to MCBB for the amount you wish to purchase, write your students name in the memo section and contact me! **Daniela Ito, 858-538-0797.**



S.A.T. Volunteers



The SAT Test Center at Mt. Carmel is run by the Band Boosters as part of the MCBB fundraising program. MCBB receives an honorarium from the testing company and those parents who volunteer receive a stipend that is credited to their student's account. The balance of the honorarium goes to the MCBB General Fund.

Parents of current Eight Grade Students:

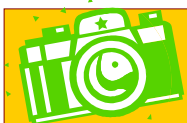
Get a head start on fundraising by volunteering for either of these remaining tests!

Final Test Date for this school year:
June 7th

For the SAT I, classroom supervisors will earn **\$52** and hall proctors will earn **\$42**. For the SAT II, classroom supervisors will earn **\$45** and hall proctors will earn **\$35**.

This is a great way to add a **large amount** of money into your child's student account as well as add to the General Fund. We need at least 35 volunteers for each test date, so many of you can take advantage of this desirable fundraiser. **Please be aware that no parent may volunteer to work at an SAT Test Center where their student is taking the test.**

Please contact Jane Findley at 538-8624 (findley@san.rr.com), Barb Romano at 672-3825 (bromano@san.rr.com), or Cindy Watson at 672-1762 (cinwatson1@sbc.global.net) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



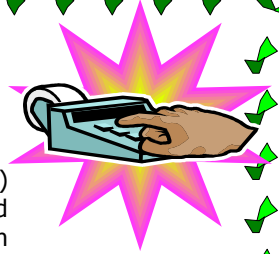
Fundraising Snapshot

Ways to build your student account



WHO AND WHAT	PHONE	WHO AND WHAT	PHONE
VONS/RALPHS ESCRIP Barbara Engfer	618-5845	SAT TEST PROCTORING Barb Romano Jane Findley	672-3825 538-8624
RETAIL SCRIP Mondy Hegwood	486-7310	GROCERY SCRIP Daniela Ito	538-0797
SEE'S CANDY Lisa Rebboah	484-9490	SEASONAL FUNDRAISING Holli Helenschmidt	486-4841

Treasurer's Corner



Seniors and students who will not be returning to the program next year-

Now is the time to begin thinking about your student account and withdrawing money (for trips, lessons, etc.) before the end of the year. Any amounts not requested by May 30th will revert to the General Fund to be used to support the program next year unless you have a sibling in the program or entering the program in September. Request for reimbursement for band related expense must be submitted within 30 days of the incurred expense.

****Any student who has not paid their assessment in full will not be allowed to attend the Awards Banquet in June. ****

Please do NOT place your Assessment payment or any other payments in the Band Room. You must MAIL your Assessment payment to Julie, as described above, and throughout the year all payments must be either mailed or delivered in person to the Booster parent in charge. This is for the security of your payments and your personal information.

All assessment payments must be mailed to our Assessment Chair, Julie Anderson at:

P.O. Box 720188
San Diego, CA 92172-0188

Please make all checks payable to "MCBB" and always write the following in the memo portion of your check:

Student's Name
Description—assessment, Band Camp, etc

Thank you in advance for helping the Booster organization run smoothly by paying your assessments on time. This helps us keep on time with the many expense that go with giving your music or Guard student an experience that will last a lifetime.

Kery Kamita, MCBB Treasurer

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS ... You can begin fundraising now! Money earned now will be placed in a Student Account for you. Once you join Band, Orchestra, or Color Guard, you may use these funds for Band, Orchestra or Color Guard-related expenses.

Attention SeniorsMay 30th is the last day seniors may submit Student Account Withdrawal forms. Request for reimbursement must be submitted within 30 days of lesson or purchase. Remember: All unused monies revert to the General Booster Fund.

Student Account Information:

If you want to pay for current, Band-related expenses from your student's account, please print the, "Request For Payment From Student Account" form located at the following link: <http://www.mchsband.com/uploads/file/SARRequestForPayment.pdf>

Please Remember:

- The Request must be signed by the student and one of the Directors before it can be given to our Student Account Chair, Cathie Sandison. You may place this form in the Student Account envelope in the Band Room, or you can mail it to Cathie Sandison at 12189 Brickellia Street, SD 92129. DO NOT MAIL YOUR REQUEST FORM TO THE TREASURER.
- Please check your student's account on the Booster website to verify the amount funds available for transfer.
- Student Account transfers for assessments, band shoes, etc. must be submitted to Cathie Sandison at least one week before the payment is due.
- Student Account Reimbursement for music lessons, instrument purchase/repair, etc. must include a copy of the receipt and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Request for reimbursement must be submitted within 30 days of lesson or purchase.
- **Please be patient, as it takes time for earnings to be routed to the student accounts.**

For Questions on Student Accounts, Contact **Cathie Sandison** at Jcsandison@san.rr.com or 538-1762

Sundevil Beat

Mt. Carmel High School Music Boosters
9550 Carmel Mountain Road
San Diego, CA 92129

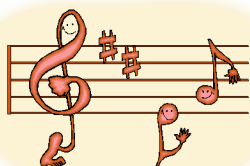


Nonprofit
Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
San Diego, CA
Permit #674

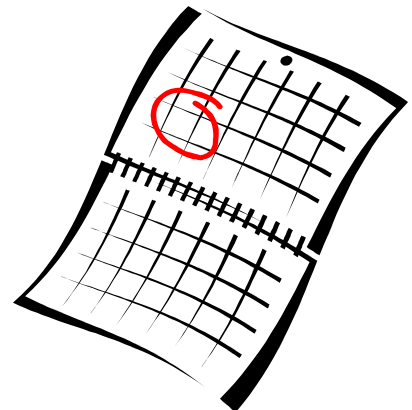
Dates to Remember...

May 19th — Booster Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Booster General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

May 26th— Memorial Day Holiday



Mark Your



Calendars!

**Boosters General Meeting
Monday, May 19th, 7:30 PM**