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# Sundevil Beat

*Director's message...*



**W**elcome to the New Year!

We are excited about the full slate of opportunities ahead of us and we are eager to continue to share the good news about the value of music education for your students.

Often a single concert measures the success of a program. While it is true that a performance demonstrates the students' mastery of skills, it is only one aspect of our comprehensive curriculum. Music classes at Mt. Carmel are designed to prepare students to be responsible citizens in tomorrow's society. What is it about music learning that offers young musicians a head start over their non-musical counterparts?

1) Music develops interpersonal skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication, negotiation and working with others; the basic personal attributes required for problem-solving in our modern workplace.

2) Music stimulates the creative, curious, and imaginative mind-the mental building blocks for critical thinking and self-motivation.

3) Since much of music is active learning, it links the creative thought process to reality. The following quote is an excerpt from *The Value of the Arts*, created by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

"Some skills taught only in the arts are as important to science as they are to arts. Among these tools are playing, abstracting, building models and recognizing pat-

terns. Non-verbal skills allow people to imagine and visualize new realities before they can be proven by logic or scientific experiment."

When students are in the act of making decisions based on present moment choices, they replicate the same thought processes used in expressing music. This is a human quality that must be developed; it is the foundation for all problem solving skills.

When we take a holistic view of music learning, we develop a new perspective and appreciation for our overall program. Music is important in the life of your child.

Congratulations are in order for the following students. Matt Waters, Scott Michel, Stephen Wu and Melanie Krieg were selected as members of the National Honor Orchestra! They will be performing with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra as a part of their subscription series and presenting a final concert with the National Honor Band.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Booster Meeting, January 28th at 7:30 in the "T" Bldg.

Stay in Tune,  
**Warren Torns**



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# COLOR GUARD NEWS...

Both Varsity and Junior varsity are working hard rehearsing and learning the pieces for this years Winter Guard Performances. These competitions are held in gymnasiums, where most units haul in a vinyl floor, as well as various props, and perform to music. Varsity competes in the Scholastic A division, Junior Varsity in Regional A. Last year, JV was moved up a division to Regional AA during the season. Although this is a competition, ALL units are very friendly and cooperative with each other. The same is expected of the parents. There are several rules of etiquette to be followed at these events which you should have or will receive shortly.

Mount Carmel will be hosting a Winterguard tournament on Sunday, April 6th. We will be needing lots of parent volunteers to help in organizing and putting on this event. Stay tuned for further updates!

## Winter Guard Practice Times and other Calendar Notices

JV Tues 6-8pm at Adobe Bluffs Elementary & Thurs after school (MC) 2:45~4:30pm  
Varsity Wed 5:30-9pm & Sat 9am-5pm at Adobe Bluffs Sat/Sun Jan 12 - 13 Floor Painting 9am MCHS

**Winterguard floor painting on Jan 12th and 13th, please wear older clothes and bring a bottle of baby powder.**

**Mon & Tues Jan 21-22 - No School- No practices**

**Mon Jan 28th - Color Guard parent Meeting 6:45pm Band Room**

**Mon Jan 28th - General Band Booster Meeting 7:30pm Band Room**

## Assessments

All Colorguard assessments are now classified as past due. The first Winterguard assessment of \$125 is due on 1st of January for both Varsity and JV. For further assessment information or schedule see members page on website, [www.mchsguard.com](http://www.mchsguard.com), or previous handouts. Assessments and travel fees must be mailed or delivered to Babette Baltazar (checks made out to MCBB).

### Varsity Show Schedule

<b>Feb 2nd</b>	Eastlake HS (eval)
<b>Feb 16th</b>	Mission Hills HS
<b>Mar 1st</b>	San Diego WGI Regional @ RB
<b>Mar 7th</b>	Lealta Show @RB
<b>Mar 15th</b>	WGASC Invitational @ Westview
<b>Mar 29~30th</b>	RCC Regional
<b>Apr 6th</b>	MCHS Tournament
<b>Apr 8th -13th</b>	WGI World Ch – Ohio
<b>April 19~20th</b>	WGASC Championships

### Junior Varsity Show Schedule

<b>Feb 2nd</b>	Eastlake HS (eval)
<b>Feb 16th</b>	Mission Hills HS
<b>Mar 7th</b>	Lealta @RB
<b>Mar 15th</b>	WGASC Invitational @ Westview
<b>Apr 6th</b>	MCHS Tournament
<b>Apr 18~20th</b>	WGASC Championships

## Chaperones

Chaperones will be needed for both Varsity and JV events. Local events we will carpool (drivers required), see website, [www.mchsguard.com/chaperones.htm](http://www.mchsguard.com/chaperones.htm), to download private vehicle transportation form and submit ASAP to Jaycee. If interested in driving or chaperoning please contact Jim Woodward via the Guard-Chaperone web page.

# A Message from the President

New Year's greetings everyone,

I would like to thank all of our generous donors who have rallied to help minimize the financial hardship caused by the cancellation of our annual tournament. We have had generous donations from many of our Sundevil families, members of our local community, as well as those involved in the marching band community in Southern California. Along with the financial contributions received, we have received letters and email acknowledging how much the tournament has meant to the donors, either as former participants, alumni parents, and former audience members. Kathy Gima, President of the Westview Gold Booster Club said that the deciding factor for their members in choosing to donate their preordered ticket revenue was because "in the end, it was all about the PUSD kids." Alumni parent, Terri Risolo Flannery donated, saying in part, "the organization had "left a deep impact and always has a place in my heart." In addition to donations from parents and booster organizations, the band students from Poway High School's Emerald Brigade passed the hat at their practice, and came to our final Wednesday night rehearsal to make a presentation to our students of the amount collected (\$270). We would also like to thank those of you who donated the funds from your trophy sponsorships and program ads. You didn't have to do that, but we appreciate your generous donations. Our strength is in the collective heart of our organization. I am thankful to be affiliated with an organization with as much heart as the Mt. Carmel Instrumental Music Program.

The second half of the year brings a change to the face of our program, and a move from the outdoor venue to the indoors. The instrumental ensembles perform at various festivals, and the Winterguards (varsity and JV) continue with their own tournament season. This year, in addition to our regular festival schedule, our Wind Ensemble I students have been selected to perform at the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival, held in Indianapolis. Mt. Carmel was selected to perform as one of the 16 schools chosen following a taped audition process, which had tapes submitted by nearly 100 schools. In addition to performing for a

knowledgeable audience, the students will be receiving input and attending clinics with a panel of leading music educators, and will also be participating in Master Classes with professional musicians.



Our varsity winterguard competes in the Scholastic A division of WGI and placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation last year at the national competition, held in Dayton, Ohio. They will be attending the national competition again this year, a great opportunity to see their show will be at the last WGI event held before nationals, which will be held at Mt. Carmel on Sunday, April 6th. Please take time to make a note of it on your calendar, and plan on attending and supporting our guard!

We are lucky to have our very own videographer, George Sullivan, an alumni parent, who attends every event, faithfully taping the performances with high quality equipment. He has various DVD's available for purchase, and George donates a portion of every sale back to MCBB. Please support MCBB by continuing to purchase the great DVD's produced by George, and Old Harbor Video.

Another generous sponsor of our program is Bertrand's Music, located in the Vons shopping center. Bertrand's has been an active supporter of the music program for many years, and gives a discount on many purchases through their store if you are a booster member (any level). Please let Bertrand's know how much you appreciate your support of our program.

Thank you again to each and every family who participates in our program. Your support is truly appreciated.

Best regards,

*Kit Moses*

MCBB President



## Winter Concert

Join Wind Ensemble 1 and Orchestra as they perform Friday evening, **January 11th** at Poway Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Remember, in lieu of tickets, donations will be taken at the door and concessions will be available before and during intermission.

### MCBB Elections for 2008-2009

We are just in the early stages of forming the 2008-2009 Election Nominating Committee. The committee is made up of 3 current board, the First VP (Tim Swann, non-voting member), and 2 booster members (to be selected at a booster meeting) at large. The purpose of the committee this year is to identify and nominate booster members to fill the open positions. Filling the open positions on the Board is important to the function of our organization. The ideal candidate is a parent who is a member of the boosters and has a student that will be a freshman, sophomore, or junior next school year. If you would be interested in being nominated for one of these positions please contact Tim Swann (858-829-3186) for more information.

## What's Your New Year's Resolution?

Now that the cheer from the Holidays has faded, it's time to think about those New Year's resolutions that you made, well, so resolutely. Familiar resolutions like exercising more or losing weight are important but we hope that you will consider another resolution for 2008: **become a chairperson for the 32nd Annual Mt. Carmel Invitational Tournament of Bands.** The tournament is the single most important fundraiser for the instrumental program at Mt. Carmel. Many of the chairs from last year's tournament committee have graduated and some of their positions are open and it is important to fill these positions before school ends.

It is really not as daunting as it may seem. Since this is the 32nd Annual event, we have years of experience to draw from. The former chairmen have kept great records and many are available as consultants. This is a terrific opportunity to be part of something great and work with a tremendously talented and dedicated group of people. As a bonus, serving as a chairman is a significant addition to your resume.

There are openings in the following committees. Please contact the person listed next to the committee about the job and to get answers any questions.

**Advertising** - please contact Gayle Case [gcased@yahoo.com](mailto:gcased@yahoo.com) or (858) 672-3682

**Concessions** - please contact LeAnn Waters [leannah20s@aol.com](mailto:leannah20s@aol.com) or (858) 672-5690

**Ushers** - please contact George Green [ggreen@san.rr.com](mailto:ggreen@san.rr.com) or (858) 780-8973

**Setup/Tear-down** - please contact George Geller [george\\_geller@speakeasy.net](mailto:george_geller@speakeasy.net) or (858) 538-5760

**Parking/Security** - please contact Dave Sitler [dsitler@cox.net](mailto:dsitler@cox.net) or (858) 883-2156

**Parade** - please contact Kevin Warneke [kwarneke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kwarneke@sbcglobal.net) or (858) 672-2394

**Field Show** - please contact Jeff Anderson [jaaz4atan1@san.rr.com](mailto:jaaz4atan1@san.rr.com) or (858) 538-1785

**Announcers** - please contact Roxanne Nuhaily [rnuhaily@ucsd.edu](mailto:rnuhaily@ucsd.edu) or (858) 538-1614

Lastly, we are graduating after our third year as tournament co-chairs and would like to have shadows. Please contact Brian Findley [findleybc@gmail.com](mailto:findleybc@gmail.com) or (858) 538-8624 and Art Moses [artimoses@gmail.com](mailto:artimoses@gmail.com).

*Thank you and Happy New Year!*

### 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 Schutte	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), Jan Brouwer	538-6264
Equipment, Art Moses	484-6241
Equipment, Kevin Warneke	672-2394
Escrip-Vons, Kevin Engfer	618-5845
Historian, Denise Eaton	679-8328
Membership, Jan Brouwer	538-6264
Merchandise, Margaret Morales	538-1701
Merchandise, Kathy Schmidt	484-3657
Merchandise, Darlene Mallec	484-1455
Newsletter, Lydia Schultz	748-8004
Orchestra Rep., Cyndy Macshane	538-2713
Publicity, Gayle Case	672-3682
Grocery Scrip, Daniela Ito	538-0797
Retail Scrip, Patricia Tracy	484-4822
SAT Admin., Cindy Watson	672-1762
SAT Admin., Barb Romano	672-3825
SAT Admin., Jane Findley	538-8624
See's Candy/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
Webmaster (Guard website), Jim Woodward	538-9111

# WISH LIST

## Help our kids and the music department!

Did you know that Mt. Carmel's Music Program is supported almost entirely by the Mt. Carmel Band Boosters' fundraising efforts, by student assessments and by generous donations from our members? Unfortunately, Poway Unified School District covers only a small fraction of the expenses for the MCHS's Grammy Award-winning Music Program. A recent evaluation of the Music Program's supplies and equipment showed that we urgently need the items listed below in the quantities shown. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ways & Means, Holli Helenschmidt, at 486-4841 or [hollihelenschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto:hollihelenschmidt@hotmail.com).

**Please help our kids by helping to provide supplies & equipment for the music program this year.**

**What do we need?** Here is a list of most urgently needed items.

**How do I donate?** It's easy – donate as much or as little as you want.

Just write a check to **MCBB** for the amount you wish to donate and put "Wish List" in the memo. We will collect all the "Wish List" money and use it to buy the items from the list. (You can also designate "**Band Wish List**," "**Orchestra Wish List**," or "**Color Guard Wish List**" and the money will go for supplies for that program.



Send checks to our Treasurer, Kerry Kamita, at P.O. Box 720188; San Diego, CA 92172-0188

**Items** (Note: Asterisks \* indicate that items are standard issue and must be ordered through vendor.)

<b>General Music Department Needs</b>	<b>Quantity needed</b>	<b>Approx. cost</b>
Copy paper (case) 20#, 8-1/2 X 11		21.00
*Music stands ea		25.00
*Music stands (6 pack)		143.99
*Music file folders	100	60.00
*Stand lights	10	149.50
<b>Orchestra Needs</b>	<b>Quantity needed</b>	<b>Approx. cost</b>
*String Brass Rack		426.00
*Viola (\$270 ea)	5	1,350.00
<b>Band Needs</b>	<b>Quantity needed</b>	<b>Approx. cost</b>
Bach Flugelhorn	1	1,800.00
<b>Color Guard Needs</b>	<b>Quantity needed</b>	<b>Approx. cost</b>
Flag poles (ea)		15.00
Rifles		30.00
Sabers		65.00

# 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. Mark your calendars now with these deadlines for ordering:

January 28th

March 24th

May 19th

To place an order or ask questions, contact Patricia Tracy at [mcbbre-tailscrip@yahoo.com](mailto:mcbbre-tailscrip@yahoo.com). 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

Scrip is available for purchase!

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.

Mark your calendars with the 2007-08 Test Dates:

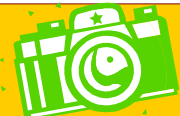
**March 1st; May 3rd; and June 7th**

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](mailto:findley@san.rr.com)), Barb Romano at 672-3825 ([bromano@san.rr.com](mailto:bromano@san.rr.com)), or Cindy Watson at 672-1762 ([cinwatson1@sbc.global.net](mailto:cinwatson1@sbc.global.net)) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



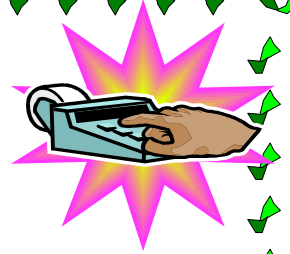
# Fundraising Snapshot

## Ways to build your student account



WHO AND WHAT	PHONE	WHO AND WHAT	PHONE
VONS/RALPHS ESCRIP Barbara Engfer	618-5845	SAT TEST PROCTORING Cindy Watson Jane Findley	672-1762 538-8624
RETAIL SCRIP Patricia Tracy	484-4822	GROCERY SCRIP Daniela Ito	538-0797
SEE'S CANDY Barbara Engfer	618-5845	SEASONAL FUNDRAISING Holli Helenschmidt	486-4841

# Treasurer's Corner



**ALL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS ARE NOW PAST DUE!**

**BAND & COLOR GUARD— 2 Payments of \$225.00/sibling \$175.00**

**ORCHESTRA —1 Payment of \$300.00/sibling \$200.00**

**PLEASE SEND ALL PAYMENTS TO OUR ASSESSMENT CHAIRMAN ASAP!**

**Please do NOT place your Assessment payment or any other payments in the Band Room. After the first day of Band Camp, 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

It is very important that each Band, Guard, and Orchestra student pay his/her assessment in full and on time. The assessments help cover the cost of the following expenses incurred by the Booster organization on behalf of your student:

1. The additional instructors and clinicians arranged by the directors.
2. Transportation to the tournaments and concerts.
3. The music arrangement, drill, and equipment for the field show.
4. Instrument purchase/repairs for the music program.
5. Sheet music for all the Concert and Orchestra Bands
6. Uniform cleaning and maintenance.
7. Various administrative expenses required for us to operate the Music and Guard programs and which are not covered by the District



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

## **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](mailto:Jcsandison@san.rr.com) or 538-1762*

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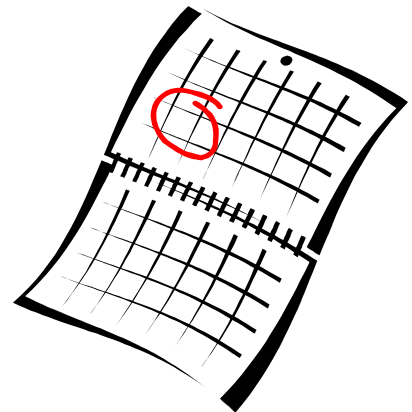
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## Dates to Remember...

- Jan 11—** Wind 1/Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 21—** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 22—** Semester Break
- Jan 28—** Color Guard Parent's Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
Booster General Meeting 7:30 p.m.



## Mark Your



## Calendars!

**Boosters General Meeting**  
**Monday, January 28th, 7:30 PM**