



# Sundevil Beat

Director's message...



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**F**rom the podium..oops...from the floor, the podium is part of the budget cuts. Once again we are faced with cuts in the high school and middle school programs. We are looking at reduced staffing, elimination of classes and reduced funding for classroom supplies. How much we won't know until May at the earliest. It is imperative that YOU make your voice heard in an effort to preserve what we have at Mt Carmel. The addresses of our public officials and a sample letter are located on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter to give you some ideas about our concerns. Please write to your Legislators and let them know of our displeasure with these cuts. More information will be presented as it becomes known to us. Please don't wait for someone else to write...do it now!

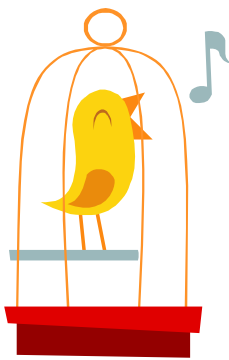


Musically yours,  
**Warren Jorns**

**Congratulations!**

Wind 1, Wind 2, & Concert 2 all received "Unanimous Superior" ratings at the El Camino Festival in March!

Good Job!!

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**Newsletter Editor Needed for 2008-2009**

Here is a great opportunity to make a tremendous contribution to the Music Booster Organization while working from your home computer at the time you choose! If you enjoy creating interesting and informative projects on your computer, this job could be right for you.

Editing the newsletter involves collecting articles and information from the various Committee Chairs and entities involved in the MCHS music programs-Band, Color Guard, and Orchestra. Timely information is put together and mailed to all parents. The current newsletter is created in MS Publisher, printed at the PUSD Publications Department, and mailed through the Bulk Mailing division of the post office.

This job could easily be shared by dividing the responsibilities: One person put the newsletter together on the computer and e-mail the finalized version to PUBS and another person (or persons) pick up, label, and mail the finished products.

If you are interested, 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 cheerfully given.



# COLOR GUARD NEWS...

It looks like we are on for another great year for Winterguard competition! Both Varsity and Junior Varsity have taken 1<sup>st</sup> or second places in the shows so far this season. Varsity was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Scholastic A division, out of 36 squads, at the San Diego Regional's at Rancho Bernardo HS March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, fantastic job! We wish them well at the West Power Regional's San Bernardino March 29/30th!

The month of April is a busy one with the hosting of our tournament on the 6<sup>th</sup>, traveling to Ohio (8-13) to attend the World Championships, and the WGASC Championships (18-20) here in Southern California. As I have said before come on out and give them your support, they are a great bunch! Check out the guard website "news" for competition schedule and the "results" page for up-to-date results!

Many thanks (yes, thank you, thank you, thank you!) to all the parents who have been helping with the props and chaperoning duties. Your support has been vital to the students and coaching staff. And speaking of the coaching staff, what a fantastic job have they done!!!! All I can say is...WOW! And last, but not least, kudos to all the students who have put in a lot of practice time and hard work. "Team work makes the Dream work!"

## Winter Guard Practice Times and other Calendar Notices

**JV** Tues evenings 6-8pm at Adobe Bluffs Elementary & Thurs after school 2:45~4:30pm

**Varsity** Wed evenings 5:30-9pm & Sat 9am-5pm at Adobe Bluffs

Varsity and JV will be performing at the following shows in April

April 6<sup>th</sup> Mount Carmel Tournament All Day

April 8<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> Varsity Winter Guard Internationals Ohio

April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> WGASC Championships

April 27<sup>th</sup> Guard Dinner

Dress Attire for rehearsals is black bottoms and a white top or warm-up suits, bring a jacket or sweatshirt for after practice.

## Assessment

Prior assessments are now classified as past due, the next assessment of \$125 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> of April for both Varsity and JV and a \$200 for Varsity Ohio Trip. For further assessment information or schedule visit the "members" page on the guard website. Assessments and travel fees must be mailed or delivered to Babette Baltazar.



## Chaperones

Chaperones are required for both Varsity and JV events as listed above. For information on chaperoning and sign-up, please check out the "chaperones" page on the guard website. In town events we will carpool (drivers required), see website (top of chaperones page) to download private vehicle transportation form, to be submitted ASAP. If interested in driving or chaperoning please contact Jim Woodward or Denise Whitener.

# A Message from the President



April is set to be a busy month for everyone in the program. The month will get off to a musical start with performances by each of our groups performing at the Poway Festival. Winterguard's season will come to an end with the varsity squad performing in Dayton, Ohio in the national Winterguard tournament. It seems like it was just yesterday that we were speaking about the upcoming season and now we are discussing the end of another successful season.

I think that we have all come to expect, and take for granted, the caliber of program that has been developed over the past thirty + years at Mt. Carmel. One day when you are in the band room, take a look at the pictures on the walls. We've come a long way from the 70's, but one thing that has been consistent is the commitment to excellence that has been maintained for over thirty years. Many of us have had multiple children pass through the program, and you have seen your neighbor's kids go through as well. I think that we all understand what it has meant to our kids to not only have learned to play a musical instrument, but to have learned about personal responsibility, the importance of being a contributing member of a large group, and the sense of accomplishment felt when a common goal is achieved. The music program is a special part of the fabric of life at Mt. Carmel.

The current budget crisis in Sacramento threatens to fundamentally change this, and other enriching experiences that we would like our children to experience at Mt. Carmel. Specific cuts are in flux since we are in the early stages of the budget negotiations, but because of the scope of the cuts, not one single department will remain untouched at Mt. Carmel (or any other school in the district for that matter). The district has announced their proposed staffing cuts, and those will

translate into cuts in areas such as reduced AP class offerings and elimination of certain elective classes, coupled with increased class sizes in the core curriculum classes. Rather than sitting in our living rooms worrying about this or feeling helpless, please take a few moments to be part of the solution to this problem. Luckily, we are at the beginning of the discussion, so you have an opportunity to make a statement to our elected officials in Sacramento. Any one individual voice will not make a difference, but a large group of concerned citizens with the same consistent message will be noticed.

A sample letter is printed in the newsletter on page 6 and there are also samples available in the email that I sent out on March 27<sup>th</sup>. You can find additional resources on the PTSA website: <http://www.mtcarmelptsa.org/CompletedFiles/upcomingevents.html> , as well as the PUSD website: <http://www.powayusd.com/budget/> .

Please take this opportunity to speak up about how you feel about the education being offered to your student in the Poway Unified School District. Our kids only get one chance to be in high school. Let our legislators know that you would like them to receive a high caliber education complete with instruction in the arts. It's now or never.

*Kit Moses*  
MCBB President



## JOIN IN THE FUN!

We are lucky to run our organization with the help of A LOT of wonderful volunteers. Many of them have been doing their jobs for a few years now, and we truly appreciate all of their hard work. We have a few volunteers who have reached their final year (darn those graduating kids!) so we have some openings on our board. These positions are not elected positions, so we won't be voting people into those positions at our meeting at the end of April, but they are critical to our continued success as a program. Most of our positions do not require any specific skills, just a good work ethic and a desire to support our kids. Most of our positions are co-chaired, so you will have someone who will train you and split the workload. We have openings in the following areas:

Colorguard Representative, Concert Coordinator, Historian, Membership, Merchandise, Newsletter Editor, Orchestra Representative, Publicity, E-scrip, Uniforms (Band) Webmaster (Guard). Please feel free to call or email me or Holli Helenschmidt if you are interested in any of the positions. Thanks!

Kit Moses  
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858-484-6241

Holli Helelnschmidt  
[hollihelenschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto:hollihelenschmidt@hotmail.com)  
858-486-4841

# Eighth Notes— *News and Information for Middle School Families*



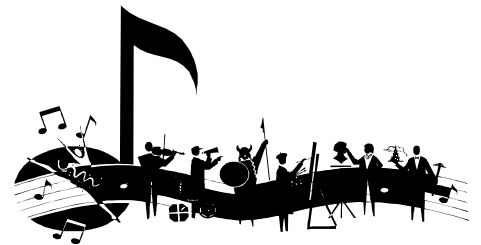
The instrumental music program at Mt. Carmel is known for being an excellent, well-rounded program. The Parade Band, Field Show Band, Wind Ensemble I and II, Concert Band I and II, Orchestra, Color Guard, and Winter Guard consistently earn high honors. Mt. Carmel has performed in Europe, Indianapolis, San Francisco, New York, Canada, and Australia.

Mt. Carmel is proud of its musical achievements, and has also established a reputation for scholarship and leadership within the San Diego community. We have alumni at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, MIT, Johns Hopkins, all the UC's and CSU's, and many other major universities. Many of these students participate in summer music programs and college bands. The philosophy of the Mt. Carmel Band Program is to develop all facets of a student's potential, using music as the common element.

And just in case you need some additional reasons to be glad that you chose Mt. Carmel High School, please consider the following:

- You will be a part of an established Band, highly-regarded in both Southern California and the nation.
- You will play alongside some of the finest musicians in Southern California and receive instruction from professional musicians.
- You will have a great opportunity to meet new friends and maintain old ones.
- You will play some of the most difficult and rewarding music literature.
- You will have the opportunity to travel with your friends!
- You will have noteworthy experience to place on college applications.
- You will have opportunities to play in ensembles including:

MARCHING BAND (FIELD SHOW AND PARADE) - HONOR GROUPS - WIND ENSEMBLE - CONCERT BAND  
ORCHESTRA - CHAMBER ORCHESTRA - PIT ORCHESTRA - PEP BAND - JAZZ BAND



*You will have the experience of a LIFETIME!*

## *Orchestra News*

Several of the Orchestra musicians performed recently in the MCHS Spring Musical Hello Dolly. If you did not have an opportunity to attend one of the showing you missed out on a wonderful show. The show was a big hit with the audiences and received regular standing ovations.

The Orchestra students are continuing there hard work as they prepare for the next festival at the Poway Performing Art Center in April. If you have not had an opportunity to hear the students perform at festival I would recommend coming out to hear and support them. This will also give you an opportunity to hear the other local high schools and compare the quality of performance ours delivers under Mr. Torns.

As a final note, this is my last year with a MCHS student and my last year with the MCBB supporting the Orchestra. Over the last nearly 4 years I have seen the Orchestra parent involvement in the MCBB drop to its current level of only 2 parents (Cyndy Macshane and me and we both have graduating seniors). There have been efforts to encourage more parent involvement but there has been very little response. Moving forward, it will be your Orchestra students who lose out without parent representation on the Booster Board. Your questions and concerns will go unheard and unanswered if you don't take the initiative to be involved. At a minimum the Orchestra needs 2 parents to fill positions on the Booster Board next year. The positions that will be vacant next year are Orchestra Concert Coordinator and Orchestra Liaison. **Please consider taking on one of these important roles!** For more information contact me, Tim Swann, at (858) 829-3186.



**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), **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, 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

**Join the Uniform Moms!**



On Wednesday, April 23, at 7 PM, we will hold a class on how to fit uniforms on a bando, or, **How to Give a Bando Fits.** Together, we will uncover arcane information about replacing icky shako straps, plume angles, playing positions, and more. We'll open our bag of tricks and show you what we carry up our sleeves and in the pockets of those attractive red aprons. Everything you learn will help the Marching Sundevils look their best when they take the field next year.

This much excitement shouldn't be legal, but it is. And you're invited. RSVP to Chris Haden at 484-1610, or [cghaden@earthlink.net](mailto:cghaden@earthlink.net).

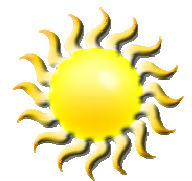
**MCBB Election for 2008-2009**



The Nominating Committee held its first meeting and has successfully identified candidates to fill all but 2 open positions for next year. We are in the process of talking to other potential candidates to fill the Auditor and 2nd Vice President positions before we make our recommendation to the Booster Board. The committee is made up of Art Moses, Holli Helenschmidt, Chris Haden, Wendy Morris, and Tim Swann. The purpose of the committee this year is to identify and nominate booster members to fill the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Auditor, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. All of these positions are important to the function of our organization and are a 1 year commitment to the board. Elections for the new Board officers will take place at the April General Booster meeting the month following the nomination slate being presented. This is an opportunity for all Band, Orchestra, and Color Guard parents to become involved in their students school and support a fantastic organization at Mt Carmel. I encourage you to come to the April General Booster meeting and make sure you vote in the upcoming election for the new Booster board positions. If you feel you are missing out on your chance to fill one of these positions a floor nomination can be made before the election take place. Please contact Tim Swann (858) 538-6135 if you have questions or feel you have been left out of the election process.

**Its Not too Early to Ponder. .**

**Band Camp!**



Even though Spring is barely in the air, Summer is not far behind and then comes Band Camp! It is not too early to ponder for a moment the wonders of Band Camp and how much fun you would have joining the energetic bunch who put it all together. If you would like to help organize and be a part of your child's band experience, please think about being on the Band Camp committee. We will meet in May to get started. Feel free to email with any questions! I need about 6 people to help. Thanks!

Wendy Morris, 484-1319 or [wendymorris14@yahoo.com](mailto:wendymorris14@yahoo.com)

# URGENT BUDGET ALERT – Your IMMEDIATE Action is Needed!!!

To address the state's estimated \$14 billion deficit, Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed the largest reduction to education funding in California history. For 2008-2009, the Governor has proposed that the Legislature suspend Proposition 98 (the minimum funding guarantee for schools) and cut \$4.4 billion (more than (9%) in education funds. The Governor has also proposed \$400 million in education funding reductions in the current 2007-08 budget year. When spread across the 6 million students enrolled in California's public schools, \$4.8 billion in cuts equates to \$800 per student or:

- \$24,000 for a classroom of 30 students
- \$500,000 for an elementary school of 625 students

\$2 million for a high school of 2500 students

The County Office of Education estimates that these cuts will force half of San Diego's school districts to file a qualified or negative certification stating they cannot meet their financial obligations. School districts are required by law to provide layoff notices by March 15. If these cuts go through as proposed, we can expect:

- Class sizes to increase by as much as a third
- The loss of reading specialists and other interventions
- Fewer counselors and class selections for middle and high school students
- Significant cuts in transportation, *music* and art programs.

*(taken from a letter dated 2/13/08 from Ninth District PTA)*

## What Can You Do???

**Contact your California State Legislators and let them know this is not acceptable!** Our children deserve better than this. Write letters, fax letters, call, share this information with others. DO IT TODAY!!!! Not in the PUSD area go to [www.ninthdistrictpta.org](http://www.ninthdistrictpta.org) and find your local representative.

### Elected Representatives for Poway Unified School District

**The most effective means for contacting your representative is a personal letter/appeal. You can also fax or call their office. *Email is easily ignored and is not a good choice for this endeavor.***

#### **Governor:**

The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4905  
Ph: (916) 445-2841 Fax: (916) 445-4633

#### **State Assembly:**

The Honorable Assemblyman George Plescia (R) 75th District  
(all of PUSD)  
Sacramento:  
State Capitol, Room 3141  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Ph: (916) 319-2075

#### **District Office:**

9909 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #130  
San Diego, CA 92131  
Ph: (858) 689-6296

#### **State Senate:**

The Honorable Senator Dennis Hollingsworth (R) 38th District  
(east of the I-15 in PUSD)  
Sacramento:  
State Capitol, Room 5064  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Ph: 916-445-9781 Fax: 916-447-9008

#### **District Office**

27555 Ynez Road, #204  
Temecula, CA 92591  
Ph: (951) 676-1020 Fax: (951) 676-1030

#### **State Senate:**

The Honorable Senator Mark Wyland (R) 38th District  
(west of the I-15 in PUSD)  
Sacramento:  
State Capitol, Room 4066  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Ph: (916) 445-3731 Fax: (916) 446-7382

#### **District Office**

1910 Palomar Point Way, Suite 105  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Ph: (760) 931-2477 Fax:

**Your Name  
Your Address  
Your City, CA ZIP**

**Date**

**Legislator Information  
Address  
City, State ZIP**

Dear **Insert Legislator name HERE**:

I am a(n) **(employee/parent/grandparent/volunteer/teacher)** at Mt. Carmel High School in the Poway Unified School District. I want you to know how deeply troubled I am by the Governor's proposal to cut education by \$4.8 billion and suspend Proposition 98. I join with the 100,000 concerned citizens in San Diego and Imperial Counties who respectfully request that you take all needed steps to prevent these cuts from happening.

Despite having high accountability standards, California already spends almost \$1,900 less per student than the national average, and our student-to-staff ratio is one of the highest in the country. How can a state with the 8th largest economy in the world be content to rank 46th nationally for education funding? Expecting our schools to do more with less simply defies logic and is fundamentally inconsistent with the state's goal of improving student achievement.

It doesn't take a budget expert to know that at an estimated \$800 per student, these cuts will have a profoundly negative impact on our children. In February, the County Superintendent of Schools announced that the Governor's proposal would force at least half of the school districts in San Diego to file a qualified or negative certification because they won't be able to meet their financial obligations. At PUSD that will mean increased class sizes, the elimination of many AP classes, the elimination of many extra curricular and sports programs, and devastating cuts to art and music programs.

While it is clear there are extraordinary challenges in balancing the state's budget, our students and schools did not create this budget problem, and their progress should not be undermined because of it. The governor's proposal for across-the-board cuts and the suspension of Proposition 98 contradicts California voter's unwavering support for this minimum funding guarantee and their consistent ranking of public education at the top of their priority list.

A state budget proposal that looks at cuts alone is not a real solution. All options need to be on the table, including revenue enhancements. The Legislature must find a long-term solution to California's roller coaster system of financing and the chronic under-funding of our schools. Until we confront the downward spiral of our public education funding system we risk not only the future of our children, but the future of our state's economy and its ability to compete in an increasingly competitive global environment.

When you campaigned for election, you expressed to your constituents that education was one of your top priorities. Now we need your help in keeping that promise to our children and the six million children attending California's public schools.

Sincerely,

# 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

**Mt. Carmel High School  
Band, Orchestra and Color Guard Parents,  
You're Invited to Attend...**

the 2008 Mt. Carmel Instrumental Music Awards Banquet  
Saturday, June 7, 2008 in the Grand Ballroom  
Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley  
7450 Hazard Center Dr.

Reception - 5:00 pm      Dinner - 6:00 pm

*Come and enjoy an exciting evening of awards, dinner, music, dancing and silent auction!  
Celebrate our award-winning students!*

Number of People attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your entree choice:

- Grilled Marinated Flank Steak and Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables  
 Cheese-Filled Tortellini with Marinara Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables

*all dinners include  
Mixed greens garden salad with choice of dressing, rolls, beverage and dessert*

Price for the evening is \$43.00 per person.  
This order form is for parents and other adults or family members.  
Students will be provided a separate invitation in the bandroom.  
Please return this reservation form and check payable to MCBB to:  
Elmari Galope, 13227 Lingre Ave., Poway, CA 92064  
Tickets will be held at the door of the banquet  
Questions? Contact Elmari at 748-8992 or [Elma@ElmariGalope.com](mailto:Elma@ElmariGalope.com)  
Reservation deadline April 25, 2008

*parent form*

**THE SILENT AUCTION IS COMING!**

We will be holding a silent auction at our upcoming banquet on June 7, 2008. This is a chance to get some great deals, and benefit the music program. So far, we have spa gift certificates, museum passes, and restaurant gift certificates.

If you are interested in donating items or volunteering to help with the Silent Auction, please contact Holli Helenschmidt (619-992-4841 or [hollihelenschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto:hollihelenschmidt@hotmail.com)).

# 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

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.

Parents of current Eight Grade Students:

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

Mark your calendars with the Test Dates:  
**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 ([cinwatson@sbc.global.net](mailto:cinwatson@sbc.global.net)) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



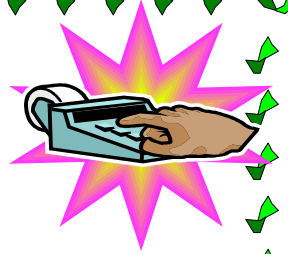
# Fundraising Snapshot

## 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



**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

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 SENIORS** ... May 30th is the last day seniors may submit Student Account Withdrawal forms. 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:**

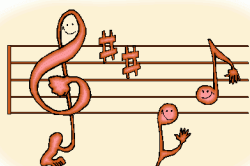
- The Request must be signed by the student and one of the Directors before it can be given to our Student Account Chair, Cathie Sandison. You may place this form in the Student Account envelope in the Band Room, or you can mail it to Cathie Sandison at 12189 Brickellia Street, SD 92129. DO NOT MAIL 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](mailto:jcsandison@san.rr.com) or 538-1762*

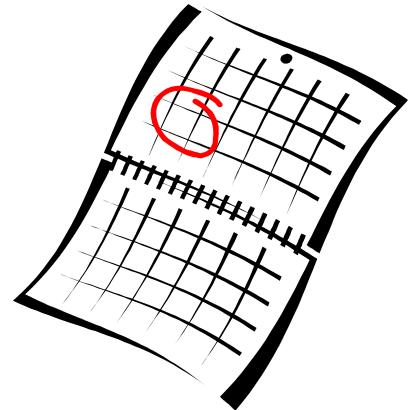


## Dates to Remember...

- April 2nd**— Orchestra at Poway Festival 8:00 p.m.
- April 3rd**— Poway Festival Performances:  
Concert I 9:30 a.m.  
Concert II 11:00 a.m.  
Wind II 2:15 p.m.  
Wind I 8:00 p.m.
- April 6th**— Winter Guard Spring Tournament
- April 28th** — Booster Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Booster General Meeting 7:30 p.m.



## Mark Your



## Calendars!

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