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"Music, even in situations of the greatest horror, should never be painful to the ear but should flatter and charm it, and thereby always remain music."

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# Sundevil Beat

*Director's message...*



**M**t. Carmel is truly a special place to be. In our music program we provide an opportunity for artistic expression that students could not experience on their own. But our program attempts to go beyond the development of these basic skills and artistic talent.

We are dedicated to the following values:

- 1) Individual responsibility
- 2) Group and individual respect
- 3) Personal trust
- 4) Genuine caring
- 5) Commitment to our musical family

The implementation, reinforcement, and integration of these disciplines serve as the foundation of our program.

Our mission is to develop a musical community. Before we can attain that harmony, balance and blend within the music, we must establish it with one another. To build and strengthen our musical performances, we have to build and strengthen our personal relationships within the group. We must

create a safe atmosphere that encourages risk, growth, failure, persistence and a focus on excellence. In our musical family everyone counts. Our winning combination is:

Parental Support + Student Desire + Teacher Guidance = **CERTAIN SUCCESS**

Success creates success. Success in music translates to success in life. Our students experience being a part of this successful musical community by:

- 1) **CARING** for other students who share a similar dream
- 2) **RESPECTING** self and fellow musicians
- 3) Manifesting **TRUST** by being dependable and honest
- 4) Role modeling the standards of our musical **FAMILY**

We thank you for your support, and remind you that **YOU** are a key ingredient in our success recipe!

Stay in Tune,  
**Warren Jorns**

## SPRING TRIPS

Our **Concert Bands** will soon be making plans to travel to Disneyland for a clinic at backstage Disney with a Magic Music Days Professional musician. The students will get an inside look at what it takes to be a Hollywood movie musician. The students will sight-read music in a studio setting and record their performance with an animated Disney segment just as professional musicians do for the movie studios. This will be a wonderful experience for our young musicians and really give them a hands-on experience as to what a professional musician does as a professional. Oh, and of course, they will have time to play and go on rides at the park too.

**Wind Ensemble 2** will be traveling to San Francisco on May 21<sup>st</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> where they will participate in the Heritage Festival Band Competition. The Ensemble will be competing against other high schools and judged by a panel of esteemed judges and will be given a clinic after their performance. The Ensemble will also have plenty of time to see the sights in San Francisco, enjoy some great cuisine and explore this wonderful city. Stay tuned for details soon!

# COLOR GUARD NEWS...

Hello guard parents and supporters,

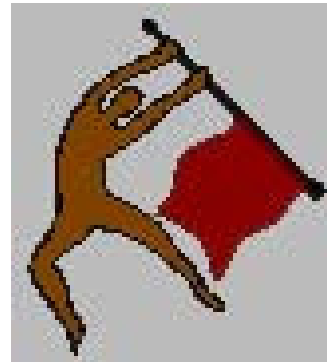
The guard painted the "floors" on Saturday, January 12th. This was hard work and a long day that developed team building skills and bonding experience to boot for free. They are continuing learning the "work" and "drill" for this year's show. Please support your child and the guard having them arrive at practice and upcoming shows on time. This means at the required location 15 minutes **before** call time.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the April 6th Tournament and to help with chaperoning ALL upcoming shows please see website for sign-up and details. For the tournament to be a success, we need everyone to participate student and adult alike during the peak of the day. Approximately fifty volunteers will be needed, so if you haven't done so already, go ahead and sign-up today for one or more shifts. Your efforts will be rewarded with a deposit in your students account and some fun time.

Arrangements for the spring break Ohio trip are being finalized so watch your mailbox for more information on that event.

## Winter Guard Practice Times and other Calendar Notices

- |           |                                                                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| JV -      | Tues evenings 6-8pm at Adobe Bluffs Elementary &<br>Thurs after school 2:45~4:30pm |
| Varsity - | Wed evenings 5:30-9pm &<br>Sat 9am-5pm at Adobe Bluffs                             |



Varsity and JV will be performing at the following shows in February:

- Sat, Feb 2nd - Evaluation Show Eastlake High School
- Sat, Feb 9th - Great Oaks High School
- Sat, Feb 16th - Mission Hills High School

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 1st of February for both Varsity and JV and a \$75 travel fee for returning guard students. For further assessment information or schedule see members page on website or previous handouts. Assessments and travel fees must be mailed or delivered to Babetta Baltazar.

## Chaperones

Are required for both Varsity and JV events as listed above for information on chaperoning and sign-up please see guard website. In town events we will carpool (drivers required), see website to download private vehicle transportation form. To be submitted ASAP. If interested in driving or chaperoning please contact Jim Woodward or Denise Whitener.

## 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)).

# A Message from the President

Hello fellow parents,

It's February, when a parent's mind turns to....volunteering. That's what you were thinking, right?? Just in case you weren't thinking of that, now is a good time to start. Believe it or not, we are already looking for new volunteers for next year's board positions and committee chairpersons. Although we have a competent and able group, all of us will be moving on at some point, some in 2008, and quite a few more in 2009. Now is the time to take a look at the various jobs and think about where you would like to make a contribution to the organization. All that is required is that you have a student currently enrolled in the program and that you join the boosters at one of the membership levels, which starts at just \$15. And of course, it helps to bring some enthusiasm to the job! We look forward to talking to you about the various opportunities that we have available. Please feel free to contact any board member about the various positions and attend our monthly meetings to find out where you can volunteer.

If you just can't wait to volunteer, we just can't wait to have you join us! On Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Carmel is hosting one of the largest winterguard tournaments of the year. It is the last Southern California tournament that will be held before the national tournament. We will potentially be hosting up to 40 guard units. It is bound to be an exciting day. This year, we have decided to try something new – having the entire tournament staffed by both guard parents as well as band/orchestra parent. Since our fall tournament was cancelled, we were unable to train our new tournament volunteers, but by combining forces to host the spring winterguard tournament, we can use this as an opportunity to train volunteers in the intricate details of hot dog preparation and ticket sales. So if you are a guard, band, or orchestra parent

(that ought to cover our bases) we'd love to have your help on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jim Woodward for more information at [jwoodwar@san.rr.com](mailto:jwoodwar@san.rr.com).



Our students will be participating in many festivals (band/orchestra) and competitions (guard) this spring, and will have the opportunity to travel to various locations to perform. Please come out and support them. They work very hard to put on high caliber performances, and nothing is more rewarding than having an appreciative audience. Also, if you or your student enjoys writing about their experiences in the program, we'd love to feature these articles on our website. Please feel free to submit your articles to our webmaster, Brian Findley, at [findleybc@gmail.com](mailto:findleybc@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone who has made our program continue to thrive. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Best regards,

*Kit Moses*  
MCBB President



## ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS!!

The Instrumental Music Program at Mt. Carmel depends heavily on the collection of Assessment payments in order to pay the many expenses it takes to run the program. We operate on a very tight budget and, as such, delinquent Assessment Payments have an impact on everyone in the program.

There are still several Orchestra and Band Families who have yet to pay their assessment fees. If you are among those who still have not paid your assessments for the 2007-08 band/orchestra season, please contact Julie Anderson ASAP @ 538-1785 to make payment arrangements.

*Thank You*

The Concert Committee would like to thank all those who brought in goodies and/or drinks and those who helped at our winter concerts. Where would we be without your faithful support! A big thank you, too, for all those who made generous donations in lieu of ticket sales. This new process has been a huge success and relieves a huge paper trail.

THANK YOU!!

**Aaron Copland was quoted as saying:**

*The whole problem can be stated quite simply by asking, 'Is there a meaning to music?' My answer would be, 'Yes.' And 'Can you state in so many words what the meaning is?' My answer to that would be, 'No.'*

What is the meaning of music to you? How do you feel when you hear it performed so well by your student? Whatever words are used to describe these feelings, it can be said that music is important to us all. The benefits of musical education are known. And we are privileged to have a such a high quality instrumental music program offered at Mt. Carmel High School.

What this means to me is that we need to support this wonderful instrumental music program to the best of our ability. Many resources are needed to provide a high quality instrumental music program to your student, resources that are provided by the dedication of our volunteers.

The annual fall band tournament is the single most important fundraiser for the instrumental music program. The band tournament needs many volunteers to make it successful. Please take time to consider the words of Mr. Copland and consider taking a tournament committee chair position for the 32nd Annual Mt. Carmel Invitational Tournament of Bands. Details may be found on page 4, of the January 2008 Newsletter.

Thank You.

**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.

**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, 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

# *Orchestra News*

Our first concert of the year was on Friday, January 11th at the Poway Performing Arts Center (PAC). The concert featured the Wind I and Orchestra. The audience was treated to the works by Holst, Ravel, and Tchaikovsky under the direction of Warren Torn.

We would like to thank all of the parents and students who donated goodies for the Winter Concert, and big thank you to all of the parents that helped with setup, concessions support, and clean up at the concert. Your generous support is appreciated by all who attend and especially by the students.

During the Christmas break many of the orchestra students spent time playing Christmas music in front of the Ferguson's house on Christmas Card Lane. If you had the opportunity to hear them play you may even have found yourself singing along with the festive music. The players collected donations for the music program. The orchestra students would like to thank the Ferguson's for there generosity of treats while they played and for the use of their drive way.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer your time to support the MC Orchestra please contact:

Tim Swann ([timothy.swann@gte.net](mailto:timothy.swann@gte.net)) 538-6135



## *Capture the Moment*

### Order a DVD of the *MCHS Music Program*

(10% of your order will be donated to the school program)

Qty.	DVD Description	Cost	total
	MCHS Wind I and Orchestra at PCPA - Jan 11, 2008	\$15*	
	Graduation - June 12, 2008	\$20	
	Grad Nite - June 12, 2008	\$20	
	End of Year Guard DVD	\$25	
	End of Year Band DVD	\$25	
	MCHS at Poway Festival - April 2&3 2008	\$15	
	MCHS Wind Ensemble I and Oak Valley Middle School Bands - December 18, 2007	\$15	
	MCHS Wind Ensemble 2 and Concert Bands 1 and 2 -December 19, 2007	\$15	
	Add \$3 per DVD if you prefer to have it mailed directly to you	\$3 per DVD	
		<b>Total</b>	

\*Special: 90% of the Jan 11th Wind I & Orchestra DVD will be donated to the MCHS Music Program

**Please print your student's name and mailing address.**

(Please allow 4-5 weeks for delivery)

School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Old Harbor Video"  
 and mail to:  
 Old Harbor Video  
 8778 Elford Court  
 San Diego, CA 92129

# 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:

**March 24th**

**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.

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.



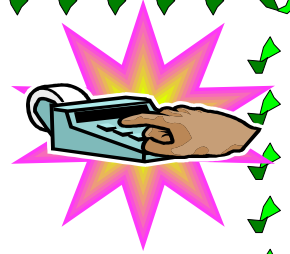
# Fundraising Snapshot

## Ways to build your student account



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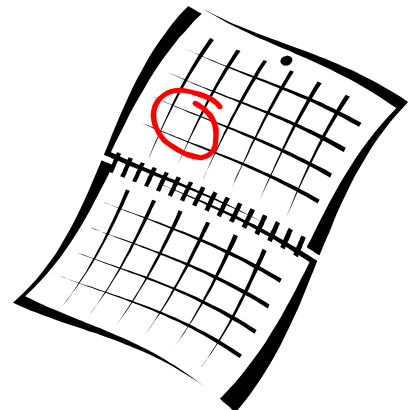
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## Dates to Remember...

- Feb 2nd**— Winter Guard Evaluation Show at Eastlake
- Feb 4th**— Booster Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 9th**— Winter Guard Competition at Great Oaks
- Feb 16th**— Winter Guard Competition at Mission Hills
- Feb 18th—Feb 22nd**— PUSD District Break (No School)
- Feb 25th**— Booster General Meeting 7:30 p.m.



## Mark Your



## Calendars!

**Boosters General Meeting**  
**Monday, February 25th, 7:30 PM**