



BAND AND COLORGUARD BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2009

Dear parents and students,

DIRECTOR

Welcome back for the 2009-2010 school year. It is going to be a great year with our much anticipated performance in this year's Tournament of Roses parade. For me personally it is my 35th year as the director of the El Dorado Band and Colorguard. I plan on it being one of the finest ever in our school's history. The marching season is very demanding, so learn to manage your time right away. Please check all of the dates of rehearsals and performances and clear those dates of any potential conflicts. It is really important that everyone makes an honest effort to be at all rehearsals, especially Monday nights at Bradford Stadium.

As usual, I am expecting you to have been working on your music during the summer so that we can have a productive band camp.

I have scheduled the rehearsals for the Rose parade after Christmas Day where we can all enjoy time with our families and friends prior to our final preparation.

I know you are all eagerly anticipating another great year of memorable performances and achievement as a member of the El Dorado Band and Colorguard.



Sincerely,

Richard Watson, Director



BAND CAMP DETAILS

During band camp, all performers will prepare for the field show and be fitted for their uniforms. Band camp will begin promptly at 8:00am on Monday, August 24. Freshmen

begin Thursday August 20. All percussion and colorguard members start August 17. Please report to the band room at 7:15am the first day to turn in completed forms and your check made out to: **EDHS Band Boosters**

Wear comfortable and cool clothing. Shoes should **not** have an open back (no sandals please). Eat breakfast before arriving. These days are likely to be hot and a good breakfast is a must!

CHECK LIST

- Completed Forms
- Copy of Health Insurance Card
- Band Fee Check
- Comfortable Shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Water – LOTS!
- Snack
- Instrument
- Music
- 3-ring binder with 6 clear page protectors

BOOSTER PRESIDENT



Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year for the El Dorado Band and Colorguard program! It will truly be a special year as we make our "Sweet Repeat" at the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1st. El Dorado is the

only school from Orange County to have performed in this prestigious parade in the past quarter of a century. As every band director throughout the country will tell you, being in the Tournament of Roses parade is the equivalent of the Super Bowl for Bands. It is the biggest honor for any band to be in the biggest parade in the world which is watched by millions. An estimated one million people will line the 5 ½ mile parade route down Colorado Boulevard and an estimated 350 million viewers around the world will watch on television.

We would like to give a special welcome to all new band and colorguard students. You are now part of a very special program; the experience you gain and the friendships you make will last you a lifetime.

The El Dorado Band and Colorguard has consistently shown itself to be one of the top programs in all of Southern California, and that success is due to the hard work and dedication from Rich Watson, Corkie Keys, Eric Samson, and the rest of the staff, but also due to very strong parent support through the El Dorado Band Boosters. It is important to realize the value of parent help -- it would be extremely difficult to achieve the high standard that is expected of the El Dorado Band and Color Guard without the commitment from parents throughout the year. Parents, please take a look at the "Parent Guides" posted on our web site www.eldoradoband.com for information about the program and how you can help out, and also plan to attend our booster meetings which occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Let's have a great year!

John & Sara Sperling

FOOD! FOOD! AND MORE FOOD!

Welcome to another great year with the band if you are returning, or welcome to the band if you are new. The food committee is a great way to get involved in the band. We prepare and serve the food for the kids at all the away tournaments. Many of you signed up at the meet and greet, but for those of you that didn't have that opportunity, I will be sending a sign-up sheet around at the first booster meeting of the year. See you at the meeting.

Kathy Peterson

Food Committee



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Many hands make light work. We need lots of adults to help measure the kids for uniforms during the first week of band camp and then come back the next week when the uniforms are actually fitted. Interested? Call Mona Crispen (714) 524-3395. We provide everything you need to do this very important job. It is also a great way to get to know all the kids.

COLORGUARD



Welcome to the 09/10 El Dorado Colorguard and their families! I am very excited about this upcoming year- we have lots of fun things planned for the field show and parade routines. I think that our audiences will definitely be entertained!

We will be handling field and parade shoe orders as a group again this year. The girls will get a chance to be sized during camp. Field shoes will be a new style this year, but we are keeping the same parade shoes as last year- which is the same shoe both TMS & YLMS guards wore for parades. Members do not have to buy new parade shoes unless theirs don't fit or are not in performance shape. If you aren't sure, bring them to rehearsal and I'll look at them.



Final uniform fittings will happen during August camps! Please have your daughter's field and parade uniforms hemmed to be even with the ground when she is in bare feet. A

large hem is good on the parade uniforms since we will wear them again next year. Members will also need a black tank style unitard and a tan body tight to wear under their costumes. Body tights are available at Discount Dance Supply- be sure to get one with feet in it. The black ones can be ordered through us and we'll fit for those at camp too. We are also in the process of shopping for hairpieces- look for information to come home about those in August.

Some people to thank: Yolanda Wheat & her flag making crew who have been hard at work on our performance flags. Annette Cano has been busy making us a new set of practice flags. Bonnie Wagoner has again taken on the rhinestone application to the parade uniforms. **Thank you** to all who help on these projects- you save the band boosters a LOT of money every year through your volunteer efforts. Thank you too to Beth Goldberg for keeping track of

the student accounts for the guard! As we prepare for band camp, please remember **Sunscreen & Water**. Parents please help your band & guard members by making sure they have a water jug with them at camp. Many of our health issues at camp are caused by dehydration. One 20 oz bottle of water

MEN IN BLACK

TRANSPORTATION

"Men In Black" (MIB), its time to ready our equipment and welcome the new dads at our annual "Wax On, Wax Off" event. Please mark down Saturday, August 29th on your calendar. We will meet in the main parking lot at 8:00 AM to begin our day and will finish with a barbecue around noon. I will be confirming hat and shirt sizes and going over the new season's events.

So, come out and have some fun as we start a very busy and exciting marching season!

Michael Kent, MIB



is not enough to get through a five hour hot summer day rehearsal. Please help us make sure your band/guard member eats a good breakfast each morning and brings a nutritious snack with them to camp. A cup of Starbucks doesn't count as breakfast!

Looking forward to meeting all the new parents at our first booster meeting! Until then, see you all at camp!

Corkie Keys
EDHS Colorguard
Director/Instructor
corkie@mindspring.com
714-679-1695



UNIFORMS AND GROOMING COMMITTEE



UNIFORMS

Enjoying your summer? Soon it will be time for Band Camp which means UNIFORM FITTINGS and UNIFORM RULES!! Good times.

It is very important that all students be fitted for marching uniforms during Band Camp. For returning students, you already know the drill. For our new members or any of you who may have forgotten, here's the drill:

Since hair must be short enough to not hit the collar, please consider your hairstyle, as it will look in about 6 weeks. You must be able to pull hair up into your hat or have it short enough for a little skin to show above your collar.

If you are planning on any new piercings, first let us ask "WHY!?" and then please remember that earrings and other jewelry must be removed for all performances. Band-aids are not the answer. You will be asked to remove all jewelry.

Also for performances, all students must be clean-shaven, no makeup and no nail polish; NO exceptions.

You will be measured for your marching uniform during Band Camp. Please make sure you have acquired the following (what we call your "Band Whites") before then:

White V-neck (NOT crew neck) t-shirt WITH sleeves.

You can purchase these in packages of 3 at Wal-mart, Target, Kohl's or J.C. Penney for a reasonable price. Having 3 saves you time doing laundry during those busy weeks with multiple performances.



Black PE shorts. For incoming freshmen you can use your middle school PE shorts until you purchase the El Dorado black PE shorts.

Black nylon or nylon-blend socks. Cotton socks fade to purple, which clashes with the uniform. These can also be purchased at the stores mentioned above and a 3-pack would be a good idea for those weekends with a football game on Friday and parade and field show tournament on Saturday. Your fellow band members will appreciate your clean, sweet-smelling socks.

This may seem obvious, but for those who may be wondering: You are responsible for washing your t-shirt, shorts and socks after every performance.

If you have your Showstopper black patent shoes from last year, make sure they are spotless for inspection during the first week of Band Camp. If you have outgrown your shoes and they are in good condition, you can donate them back to the band. These will be passed on to students who may not have the resources to purchase new shoes.

New shoes will again be \$25. Shoes are ordered by the Uniform Committee and you will be sized for shoes during your uniform measuring. If your shoes fit, but don't look perfect, keep them to use at football games and other non-judged events.

You will be issued one pair of black gloves (included in your band fees). We encourage you to purchase an additional pair or 2 for emergencies for those weeks with multiple performances. At Band Camp, gloves are \$2 per pair. On the day of a performance, the same gloves will cost you \$5 per pair. You are responsible for keeping track and washing your gloves after every performance.

If you have any questions, please call Mona Crispen at (714) 524-3395 or Terri Hipwell at (714) 290-6750.



UNIFORM FITTING SCHEDULE



Week 1: We will only be *measuring*, so please bring your band “whites” with you to change into after the morning practice. This part will go quickly. By measuring the first week, we hope to avoid having you try on more than one uniform later. Bring your sparkling clean Showstopper shoes if you are a returning band member. New band members will be fitted for shoes this week. Checks for shoes (\$25) can be made payable to: EDHS Band Boosters

Tuesday, August 25, 1:30

All Girls – Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores & Freshmen

Wednesday, August 26, 1:30

Senior & Junior Boys

Thursday, August 27, 1:30

Sophomore & Freshmen Boys

Week 2: We will actually be *fitting* the uniforms on these days. Don't forget to bring your Band Whites.

Monday, August 31, 1:30

All Girls – Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores & Freshmen

Tuesday, September 1, 1:30

Senior and Junior Boys

Wednesday, September 2, 1:30

Sophomore and Freshman Boys

Thursday, September 3, 1:30

Make ups if needed



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To have a quality organization like the El Dorado Band and Colorguard we need all band and colorguard families support with participation in our fundraisers. We will have our annual Cow Chip Bingo, Holiday Wrap Booth, and Holiday Gift Baskets

A lot of information will be coming to you in the future to explain all the ways you can help with these and other fundraisers.

Everyone must participate to help keep our band fees as low as we can.



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19
NEWSLETTER@ELDORADOBAND.COM

**FORMS & FEES
ARE DUE THE
FIRST DAY OF
BAND CAMP!**

50/50 HELP!

We are looking for booster parents interested in helping out with the 50/50 fundraiser at Home Football games. Help at as many or as few games as you like. This has got to be one of the easiest ways to be an involved band parent. Look for the sign-up sheet at the 1st Booster meeting or call Kathy Peterson at 996-5077



GETTING THE WORD OUT!

To make sure all El Dorado Band and Colorguard students and parents are aware of all the events going on through the year, we have three electronic ways to communicate with you – the phone tree, e-mail and the web site. When you register for band and colorguard, make sure the contact phone number and e-mail you provide are the ones where you would like to receive your communications – provide multiple numbers or e-mail addresses if desired.

PHONE TREE



The Phone Tree is an automated messaging system that calls your phone. When you first answer the phone you will hear a chime, followed by the recorded message. Our messages will always be identified as coming from El Dorado Band Boosters. If you don't answer in person and you have an answering machine, the Phone Tree will attempt to leave a message. If you don't have an answering machine it will try to call back several times before giving up. Be sure to tell those in your family how the system works so you don't miss your messages. When you are listening to the message you can have it start over by pressing the star (*) key before the message is complete. You can also check Phone Tree messages at any time on the web site calendar!

E-MAIL



We will also use E-mail communications throughout the year. These messages will come from edhsbandboosters@roadrunner.com. You can respond back to this address if you have any questions about the message or would like to change your e-mail address.

WEB SITE

Our web site is www.eldoradoband.com. The web site has lots of valuable information including latest news, calendar, contacts, event call sheets and results, pictures from events, and electronic copies of the newsletter.



Bookmark the site and check back often to see what's happening, especially the calendar which contains the full schedule of events plus a record of all Phone Tree messages. For questions or comments on the web site please e-mail webmaster@eldoradoband.com.

**HELP
WANTED**

If you are interested in helping on any of these committees, and you have not already signed up, please contact the appropriate committee head.

**FIRST BOOSTER MEETING:
TUESDAY, SEPT 15, 2008 7:30 P.M
IN THE BAND ROOM.**

students that drive themselves to jazz events must complete this form.

The enclosed packet is the required paperwork for all band and colorguard students that must be filled out in its entirety and returned on the first day of band camp (which is August 24th). There will be tables set up in front of the band room where the packets will be collected. It is *strongly* urged that students arrive at 7:15 that day to get in line for turning in packets. There are over 200 kids and each packet is checked, page by page, to make sure it's complete. This takes time!
PARENTS: If your student's packet is complete (including any monies due, **copy of insurance card**, etc) there's no need for you to stay. Students will not be allowed to participate until all paperwork is complete. Please double check your packet prior to August 24th.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.
See you soon!
Karen Dodson
993-1906

FRESHMAN BAND CAMP

Welcome Freshman! This year we're giving you a head start at marching forwards, backwards, sideways, etc. You need to report to the band room by 7:45am on Thursday and Friday, August 20th and 24th for training. You'll be here until noon so eat a good breakfast, bring a snack and plenty of water! Wear a hat and plenty of sunscreen as well. Please, no sandals or flip-flops. Only closed toed shoes are allowed.



WELCOME BAND & COLORGUARD FAMILIES!



To a lot of you, it's 'Welcome Back'! Once again we're gearing up for another busy but rewarding season. But, you can't get started without all the correct paperwork.

There are new forms and policies this year. 1.) All band and colorguard students are required by the district to obtain a physical prior to participation. *Please try to have this done before band camp starts.* At the latest, have this done before the beginning of school. The form for the physical is included in the band registration packet. 2.) School Driver Reg. Form; This must be filled out by all parent volunteers who may drive student(s) to/from an event. Also, jazz one

BOOSTER BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President	John and Sara Sperling	990-3990
Vice President	Danette Stephen	985-9788
Vice President- Ways and Means	Karen Dodson	993-1906
Treasurer	Jim Lamon	529-0739
Secretary	Daisy Bennett	993-5788
Newsletter	Kathy and Lyle Bidler	528-6270
Transportation (MIB)	Mike Kent	572-2557
Student food	Kathy Peterson	996-5077
Uniforms and Grooming	Mona Crispen	524-3395
	Terri Hipwell	985-0105
Phone tree/Email/Webmaster	John & Sara Sperling	990-3990
Yearbook	Karen and Lee Dodson	993-1906

El Dorado High School Marching Band and Colorguard Tentative

Schedule for Fall Season 2009 (Updated tentative schedule, July 22nd, 2009)



August:

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st

Freshman Band Camp 8am - Noon

Monday 17th - Friday 21st Colorguard and Percussion Camp 8am-1pm

Monday 24th- Friday 28th Full Band and Colorguard Camp 8am-1pm

Monday 31st Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Monday 31st - Friday Sept 4th Full Band and Colorguard Camp 8am-1pm

September:

(TBA: Band & Colorguard Picture Day)

Monday Aug 31st - Friday Sept 4th Full Band and Colorguard Camp 8am-1pm

Friday Sept 4th End of Band Camp Pool Party following camp

Tuesday 8th School Starts

Friday 11th Home Football Game

Monday 14th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 15th Booster Meeting 7:30 PM

Thursday 17th Home Football Game

Monday 21st Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Friday 25th Home Football Game

Monday 28th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

October:

Monday 5th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Saturday 10th Placentia Band Review/Parade. Evening Field Tournament TBA

Monday 12th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 13th Booster Meeting 7:30 PM

Saturday 17th Field Tournament at Rowland High School

Monday 19th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Monday 19th Rose Parade President visits rehearsal

Thursday 22nd Homecoming Football Game Pre-Game Performance

Saturday 24th Homecoming Dance

Monday 26th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Friday 30th Home Football Game

Saturday 31st Yorba Linda Parade & Loara Band Review & Field Tournament

November:

Monday 2nd Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Wednesday 4th PYLUSD Band Pageant 7pm

Saturday 7th Chino Band Review & Field Tournament

Monday 9th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 10th Booster Meeting 7:30PM

Saturday 14th LaPalma Parade and Vista Field Tournament

Monday 16th Full Band & Colorguard at Bradford 6pm-9pm – no school that day

Saturday 21st Arcadia Festival of Bands: Band Review & Field Tournament Combined

December:

(TBA: Disneyland Parade performance)

Saturday 5th SCSBOA Field Championships

Saturday 19th Rose Parade rehearsal time/location TBA

Saturday 26th Rose Parade rehearsal time/location TBA

Monday 28th Rose Parade rehearsal time/location TBA

Tuesday 29th Rose Parade rehearsal time/location TBA

Wednesday 30th Rose Parade activities and Bandfest all day/evening

January 1st Rose Parade

Event Information Updates available at www.eldoradoband.com



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.eldoradoband.com