**Land of Band and Color Guard**

**Thank you**

May is finally here and the craziness of Feb/March/April is over! It was a memorable season for sure with so many great performances, accolades, and memories. As I enjoy my first weekend off in a while from El Dorado, I can’t help to feel so proud of all that we have done. Thank you to all of our performers, boosters, staff, and spectators for making the Winter and Spring seasons a great one.

On a personal note, I have experienced some highs and lows during the madness of the season. I recently moved back to the ElDo attendance area with my family and we are really enjoying the short drive to work! Being closer to our friends and our kids’ activities is an added bonus.

Also during this time I experienced the loss of a dear friend and fellow band director. It was shock to the music education community and my circle of friends. However, it has brought us closer together and we are working on being there for each more in light of his passing. I would like to say thank you to the many students who reached out their hand to me as I dealt with this loss. As much as I try to be there for our students, they were there for me this time and I truly appreciate that.

Again, thank you for a wonderful season. I look forward to ending the year with a few more great performances!

Hugs, Samson
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**Monday**
**May 6**

Jazz Workshop, Band Room, 3p-5p
Tyler Blanton Trio

We are hosting a FREE event at the school with New York based jazz vibraphonist Tyler Blanton and his trio. It will be from 3p-5p. Tyler will be performing with his trio, speaking about his career in music, and will have students sit in. It will be a great afternoon of music!

This is open to ALL of our music students. This event is sponsored by Bertrand’s Music, Innovative Percussion, Remo, and the El Dorado Band Boosters. Prizes from IP and Remo will be raffled off during the event. I am expecting to see many of our jazz and percussion students there!
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**Wednesday**
**May 8**

Percussion Clinics continue in the band room!
3p-6p

The El Dorado Percussion section continues their clinic series as we prepare for the 2019 fall season. All percussionists interested in being in the section must attend! Clinics and auditions continue next week.
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**May 13**

**“Fall Member Rehearsal”**
**6p-8p**

All students who plan on participating in the Fall 2019 Marching Band must come to this rehearsal! We will be passing out pep band music, the parade march, and the first movement of the 2019 Field Show! We will have many staff members in attendance and will reveal the 2019 show!

If you know anyone at the middle schools who are joining us, reach out to them and make sure they are there!
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**Upcoming Events**
**(not including weekly rehearsals)**
Performance times will be updated as they are confirmed.
Performance time does not include call time, set-up time, etc.

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| **Date** | **Ensemble** | **Event** | **Location** | **Perf. Time** |
| May 13 | 2019 Marching Band | Fall Member Reh | Band Room | 6p |
| May 14 | Boosters | Booster Meeting | EDHS | 7:30p |
| May 31 | All Jazz Bands | JMC | PAC | 7p |
| June 4 | Concert Bands | Spring Concert | PAC | 7p |
| June 7 | Everyone | Band Banquet | Phoenix Club | 6p |
| June 12 | Jazz 2 | Graduation Gig | Bradford Stadium |   |

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**Here’s What’s Up for This Week**

**Monday**
0 period
Wind Ensemble – Band Room
Symphonic/Concert Band - Theater
Guard in gym

Afterschool: Tyler Blanton Jazz Workshop – 3p-5p

**Tuesday**
0 period
Wind Ensemble – Band Room
Symphonic/Concert Band – Theater
Guard in gym

**Wednesday**
0 period
Wind Ensemble – Theater
Symphonic/Concert Band – Band Room
Guard in gym

Afterschool: Percussion Clinic 3p-6p

**Thursday**
0 period
Wind Ensemble – Band Room
Symphonic/Concert Band - Theater
Guard in gym

**Friday**
0 period
Wind Ensemble – Band Room
Symphonic/Concert Band - Theater
Guard in gym

Thanks,
Samson

**SENIOR PARENTS!!**

Senior photos for the banquet slide show were due last Friday - if you haven't turned yours in, please due so ASAP -

in the black box or preferably scanned and emailed to
photo@eldoradoband.com.

**FALL 2019 DRUMLINE CLINICS HAVE STARTED!**

Click below for the schedule.

[**Fall 2019 Drumline Clinic Schedule**](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=30704d6e78&e=7dc0227750)

**FINANCIAL NOTES**

Fairshare/Drumline/Jazz:  For anyone who has not yet paid - in full -  for their fairshare, drumline or jazz, please work on paying the remainder of your balance over the next two months.  The school year is quickly coming to an end.  In order to keep these programs running next year at this same level, we need to cover all our expenses this year and we are not able to do that without everyone's help. We are currently short in covering this year's costs.   If we cannot cover all our expenses, we will be forced to cut-back on our program going forward.  Emails / Letters will be going out with specific account information.

**SPRING FUNDRAISERS!!**

**SAVE THE DATE**: Gift Card Quartermania -
June 1, 10-11:30
at the Backs Building
- Kraemer Park -

[Quartermania Flyer](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=067b5c3b31&e=7dc0227750)

Gift cards in any denomination now being accepted in the Black Box.
**Ticket sales are underway!**

Please click [here](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=25ef08184f&e=7dc0227750) for information about our other Spring Fundraising opportunities.  And as always, thank you for your support!

**Let's Go Hawks!**