**Land of Band and Color Guard**

**February/March Madness Continues…**

February comes to a close and the madness of March is upon us. We have many events over the next few weeks and time will fly by fast. Just a reminder to be aware of upcoming events and continue to prepare your performance skills by practicing and plan ahead logistically so you are aware of the day’s events.

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**Jazz Bands**

**Western States Festival**

Great job to all three jazz bands for their outstanding performances at the Western States Jazz Festival. For many of our students, this was their first jazz festival experience. We received great comments from all three clinicians in our feedback sessions. We will use those comments as well as the recorded commentary from the adjudication panel to help guide our rehearsals over the next few weeks.

Jazz 3: 3rd Place, Novice Division
Jazz 2: 3rd Place, Intermediate Division
Jazz 1: 9th Place, Heavy Division

Next Up…

Aztec Jazz Festival
Esperanza High School

*For your planning purposes…*
Performance Times
Jazz 3 – 8:55a
Jazz 2 – 11:35a
Jazz 1 – 3:45p
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**Varsity Winter Guard**

Congratulations to the Varsity Winter Guard for taking **1st Place** in the Scholastic Open Class at their competition at the **WGI Riverside Regional!**

The guard had a great Finals performance! This is a great step as they continue their journey towards WGI Championships in Dayton, OH.

Next up…
March 11 – WGI Regional at Ayala HS

**Junior Varsity Winter Guard**

And great job to the JV Winter Guard for taking 2nd place in the Scholastic AAA Division at the WGASC Show at Marina HS!

Next up…
March 19 at Azusa HS
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**Indoor Percussion**

Indoor Percussion competes for the first time this season on Saturday at the Southern California Percussion Alliance Show hosted by Monrovia HS.

We are looking forward to debuting this year’s show and wish the staff and students of this ensemble the best of skill!

**Monrovia HS**
**845 W Colorado Blvd**
**Monrovia 91016**

**Saturday, March 4**
**Performance Time: 7:45p**
*Rehearsal at EDHS: 10a-1p*

http://www.sc-pa.org/admin/system/files/schedule/04MonroviaSchedule.pdf

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**Challenges**

“Challenges” continue this week.

Challenges are set-up to encourage friendly competition within the band program for seating placements.  Students will have the opportunity to challenge a student within their section who are placed higher than them. Ultimately, this motivates students to practice music and fundamentals as they prepare for the challenge date.

Challenges will take place on Fridays at lunch. Thursday at lunch will be added if needed. Due to the time constraint, only a limited amount of students will be allowed to challenge per week.

Students can download Challenge Forms in Google Classroom.

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**iTunes Card Drive**

As we dive into Concert Band and Jazz Season, we will begin playing new literature and perform them at various concerts and festivals. With our new Apple TV and iPad technology that has been provided by the district, I would like to continue to build our iTunes library of these pieces and educational apps to use in our music classroom.

If you would like to contribute to this cause, please send in an iTunes card and it will be applied to the program’s iTune account. It will be greatly appreciated!

**Thank you to the following families for donating iTunes cards!**

**The Wolf Family**
**The Johnson Family**
**The Beckman Family**
**The Beach Family**
**The Lyons Family**

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**Upcoming Events**
(this does not include practices/rehearsals/etc…)

March 4                  Indoor Percussion at SCPA Show, Monrovia HS
March 11                Jazz Bands at Aztec Jazz Festival, Esperanza HS
March 11                Varsity Winter Guard at WGI Regional, Ayala HS
March 14                Concert Bands at Pre-Festival Concert, PAC
March 18                Jazz Bands at Irvine Jazz Festival
March 18                Varsity Winter Guard at WGASC Show, Valencia HS (Placentia)
March 19                JV Winter Guard at WGASC Show, Azusa HS
March 19                Indoor Percussion at SCPA Show, Rancho Cucamonga HS
March 24-26            Winter Guard at WGI Regional, Las Vegas
March 28-29            SCSBOA District Music Festival
March 30                District Winter Guard Exhibition Show
April 1                   Indoor Percussion at SCPA Show, Damien HS
April 2                   Both Winter Guards at WGASC Show, Rancho Cucamonga HS
April 4-9                 Varsity Winter Guard at WGI Championships, Dayton, Ohio
April 9                   Indoor Percussion at SCPA Prelims, CSUSB
April 15                  Indoor Percussion at SCPA Finals, Citizens Bank Arena (tentative)
April 15                  JV Winter Guard at WGASC Show, Chino HS
April 22-23             Both Winter Guards at WGASC Championships, Site TBD
April 24                  Jazz 1 and 2 at Road to Reno Concert, PAC
April 27-30             Jazz 1 and 2 at Reno Jazz Festival
May 8                     2017 Fall Marching Band Rehearsal at EDHS
May 15                   Area Night Concert, Valencia HS
June 2                   Jazz Master Concert, PAC
June 6                   Spring Concert, PAC
June 9                   Band Banquet at The Phoenix Club
June 14                  Jazz 2 at EDHS Graduation, Bradford Stadium

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**Here’s what’s up for this week…**
Monday
Band – Everyone in Band Room
Tuesday
Wind Ensemble, Band Room
Symphonic Band, Theater
Guard with staff
Wednesday
0 Period
Wind Ensemble, Theater
Symphonic Band, Band Room
Guard with Staff
Thursday
0 Period
Wind Ensemble, Band Room
Symphonic Band, Theater
Guard with Staff
Friday
0 Period
Wind Ensemble, Band Room
Symphonic Band, Theater
Guard with Staff
Saturday
Indoor Percussion at Monrovia HS

Thanks,
Samson

**TIME MARCHES ON...**

**Senior Parents**

It is that time again- to start looking through photos.
Please start getting 7 pictures ready for the end of the year video.
6 from baby to current and 1 in portrait format

Photos are due in the black box or preferably scanned and emailed to
photo@eldoradoband.com **no later than April 19, 2017**.

Thank you!!
Carrie

**ONGOING BAND & COLORGUARD FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

All Ralph’s shoppers can earn money toward their student’s account every time they shop! Simply sign up for your reward card at [www.Ralphs.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=4d82e937bf&e=7dc0227750), and swipe your card with every purchase. At the end of each quarter, send in your earnings statement from your on-line account to the Treasurer (treas@eldoradoband.com), and your earnings will be credited to your student’s account. You can also ask friends and family to link their cards to El Dorado Band & Color Guard and send in their earning statements as well! To ensure that our organization continues to receive the benefits of the Ralphs Rewards program, our supporters will need to register and/or re-register as quickly as possible on or after September 1, 2016.

SCRIP

UnitedScrip is a program that allows band supporters to purchase gift cards from hundreds of retailers and restaurants including Amazon, Best Buy, iTunes, Arco, Albertsons, Macy’s, Wendy’s, Subway, Target and more. Supporters get to spend 100% of the amount they paid for the gift card. The retailer pays the band a percentage of each gift card sold. The percentage varies from retailer to retailer, but ranges from 1% to 50%. Family and friends can help out by including their order with yours.

If you have any questions about the Scrip program, please contact the
Scrip Coordinator at scrip@eldoradoband.com.

Thank you for doing all you can do to help support our kids in the
El Doard Marching Band and Colorguard!

Scrip orders will be accepted again on the first and third Mondays of the month.

AMAZON SMILE

Attention all Amazon users, even Prime members! Amazon provides a way for you to donate to the El Dorado Band & Colorguard with every Amazon.com purchase you make.

Simply log in to [smile.amazon.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=af56e9144c&e=7dc0227750) using your normal Amazon log-in account name and password. All your account information will be there, just like your normal Amazon account, and your Amazon Prime benefits work on this website as well. The first time you log-in this way, it will ask you to designate your beneficiary. Select “El Dorado High School Band Boosters” (make sure it’s the one in Placentia, CA, not Texas!), and at the end of your purchase transaction, it will give you the following message confirmation:

Amazon will make a donation to **El Dorado High School Band Boosters Inc**.  To support this charitable organization, always shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=5c43602522&e=7dc0227750).   Additional information can be found at: [smile.amazon.com/about](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=c93cc071e1&e=7dc0227750)

Amazon will give the El Dorado Band Boosters 0.5% of all purchases registered to our group! (This is a general fundraiser; Amazon does not keep track of individual user purchases.)
So please shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=628abafcec&e=7dc0227750)and support the Band & Colorguard!