**Land of Band and Color Guard**  
   
**March Madness, we’re about halfway through…**  
   
It has been an eventful month so far and we’ve had many great performances with many more to go. We’ve had some great placements and some not-so-great placements at different competitions and festivals. However, as an educator, I am more concerned with the **quality** of performance and the growth within each ensemble. Yes, taking 1st place is always a great thing, but it’s not in our hands! As long as we put out the best performance possible and continually assess our performance to find opportunities to improve, we are doing the right thing.  
   
Keep practicing! It’s a never-ending task…  
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**Pre-Festival Concert**  
**Performing Arts Center**  
**7:00p**  
**Admission: Free**  
   
Join us this Tuesday night, March 14, for our annual “Pre-Festival Concert”. This concert is intended for our Concert Bands and Orchestra to perform our festival music for a panel of judges so that they can critique our ensembles and give us things to work on as we approach our District Festival.  This concert’s performance will feature music that are “works in progress”.  
   
**Concert Details**  
Concert Black Attire  
Boys: All black – dress shoes, socks, slacks, button down shirt, tie  
Girls: All black – dress shoes, dress slacks, blouse, or appropriate length dress/skirt  
   
**Call Time**  
All Percussion: 5:45p to move equipment to the PAC  
Symphonic Band: 5:45p in PAC, set up chairs and stands  
Wind Ensemble: 6:30p, seated in PAC  
   
**Attention All Students**  
   
All students are to stay for the entire evening. Wind Ensemble will watch the Symphonic Band perform and Symphonic Band will watch the Wind Ensemble perform. We will be able to learn many things by watching the clinicians speak after each performance.  
   
When not performing, students are to be seated in the PAC in the designated area. This means that you are**seated in the PAC in the designated area.** Cell phones are to be put away during the performance and clinic time.  
   
**If any student is found not complying to these rules, they will receive detention. Cell Phones will be confiscated for the duration of the concert.**  
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**Symphonic Band**  
   
**Rehearsal on Monday will begin at**  
**7:30a**  
   
**Don’t be late.**  
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**Jazz Bands**  
   
**Aztec Jazz Festival**  
   
Thank you to all 3 Jazz Bands for their great performances over the weekend at Esperanza HS. We received great compliments from all of our adjudicators and clinicians. We will continue to work on our music as we approach our next performance and use commentary from this festival to help guide us.  
   
   
**Results**  
Jazz 3: 1st Place, Novice Division  
Jazz 2: 5th Place, Intermediate Division  
Jazz 1: 7th Place, Heavy Division  
   
   
Next up…  
   
**Irvine Jazz Festival**  
   
This weekend, the Jazz Bands perform at the Irvine Jazz Festival, hosted by Irvine High School. We hope to see a lot of our friends and family there!  
   
Irvine High School  
4321 Walnut Ave  
Irvine, 92604  
General Admission: $5  
Rhythm Section: We will need to bring, cymbals (with hi-hat clutch), and drum throne.  Bass/Guitar Amps are provided.

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| Band | Call Time – Meet by check in table | Warm-up | Performance |
| Combo 1 | 8:30a | 9:00a | 9:30a – Drama Room |
| Jazz 2 | 10:25a | 10:55a | 11:30a – Student Center |
| Jazz 3 | 12:00p | 12:30p | 1:00p - Student Center |
| Combo 2 | 1:45p | 2:15p | 2:45p - SLG |
| Jazz 1 | 2:30p | 3:00p | 3:30p – Theater 4:00p – Clinic, Band Room |

**Varsity Winter Guard**  
   
Congratulations to the Varsity Winter Guard for another great day at the WGI Riverside Regional! Once again, they were in 1st place in Prelims and placed 1st in Scholastic Open Class Finals. Thank you to the performers for their efforts, the staff for their leadership, and to the many parents and family members who attended to support this team!  
   
**WGI Riverside Regional**  
**Scholastic Open Class Champions**  
   
**Varisty and JV Winter Guard**  
Next up (both Winter Guards), March 18  
   
WGASC Riverside Regional  
Great Oak HS  
32555 Deer Hollow Way  
Temecula  
   
Performance Times  
JV Guard: 3:13p  
Varsity Guard: 7:54p  
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**Indoor Percussion**  
   
Our Indoor Percussion Ensemble performs at their next SCPA Show this Sunday at Rancho Cucamonga High School. Come out and support this ensemble!  
   
Sunday, March 19  
   
Rancho Cucamonga HS  
11801 Lark Dr.  
Rancho Cucamonga, 91701  
   
Performance Time: 4:01p  
   
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**8th Grade Showcase**  
   
This Wednesday is “8th Grade Showcase” at El Dorado High School.  
   
We will set up an information booth for potential members to visit.  Later that evening our **Varisty Winter Guard and Drumline**will perform in the gym. This is always a great event and hopefully will help us recruit students into our program.  
   
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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 (twice)**  
**The Sperry Family**  
**The Cooper Family**  
**The Vellanoweth Family**  
**The King Family**  
   
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**Upcoming Events**  
(this does not include practices/rehearsals/etc…)

March 14                Concert Bands at Pre-Festival Concert, PAC  
March 15                8th Grade Showcase – Varsity Guard and Drumline Perform  
March 18                Jazz Bands at Irvine Jazz Festival  
March 18  (updated) Both Winter Guards at WGASC Show, Great Oak HS, Temecula  
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  
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 19 (updated)  District Winter Guard Exhibition Show  
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 – Symphonic Band in Band Room – **7:30a**  
Wind Ensemble in Theater – 7:53a  
Tuesday  
Wind Ensemble, Band Room  
Symphonic Band, Theater  
Guard with staff  
Evening – Pre-Festival Concert  
Wednesday  
0 Period  
Wind Ensemble, Theater  
Symphonic Band, Band Room  
Guard with Staff  
8th Grade Showcase – Varsity Guard and Drumline Performs  
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  
Winter Guards @ Great Oak HS  
Jazz Bands @ Irvine Jazz Festival  
Sunday  
Indoor Percussion @ Rancho Cucamonga  
  
  
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](mailto:photo@eldoradoband.com) **no later than April 19, 2017**.  
  
Thank you!!  
Carrie

**MARCH BOOSTER MEETING RESCHEDULED TO 3/21/2016.  SEE YOU THEN!**

**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=4d22d0e987&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](mailto:treas@eldoradoband.com?subject=Ralph%27s%20Rewards)), 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](mailto:scrip@eldoradoband.com?subject=Scrip%20Order).  
  
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=88d055d6eb&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=8e8af90978&e=7dc0227750).   Additional information can be found at: [smile.amazon.com/about](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=55142b21fd&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=471304013b&e=7dc0227750)and support the Band & Colorguard!