**Land of Band**

**Second Semester Begins**

This week marks the beginning of the second half of the year! I look forward to the MANY events we have on our calendar. As always, we will have high expectations for each member of our program and for each performing ensemble.

**Attend Performances!**

Yes, of course attend your performance… but I highly encourage you to attend performance of groups that you are NOT in. Many of our performances are local and easily accessible. It would be great to have Golden Hawks in the audience for these performances and I’m sure you will be thoroughly entertained by the event. Check out the upcoming events of a list of upcoming performances.

**Practice**

Of course, I want you to all be great performers. But most importantly, I want you to be **IMPROVING** performers. This means that each individual, band and color guard, must practice. Each week, I will be giving some advice on “practicing”. Here’s the first one….

1. If you wait to have time to practice, then you will never have time to practice. **MAKE TIME TO PRACTICE**! “Practicing” should be a part of your daily homework routine. Spending a little bit of time each day practicing is better then cramming in a lot of time just before a performance. Set aside 20-30 minutes to practice your instrument. Do this consistently and over time, you will grow tremendously!!!
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Upcoming Events
(this does not include weekly rehearsals)

WGASC Show, Chino HS              February 10 – JV Winter Guard
SCPA Show, Monrovia HS             February 17 – Indoor Percussion
Florentine’s Jazz Gig                  February 24 – Jazz Bands 1 & 2
Western States Jazz Festival       March 3 – All Jazz Bands
WGASC Show, Valencia HS          March 3 – Both Winter Guards
SCPA Show, Rancho Cucamonga  March 4 – Indoor Percussion
WGI Regional, Chino Hills HS       March 10 – Winter Guard, Varsity
Irvine Jazz Festival                     March 17 – All Jazz Bands
Pre-Festival Concert, PAC           March 20 – Concert Bands
8th Grade Showcase, Raya Gym    March 21 – Varsity WG and Indoor Percussion
WGI – CSUSB                              March 24-25 – Indoor Percussion
WGI – University of San Diego      March 24-25 – Varsity Winter Guard
SCSBOA District Music Festival     March 27-28 – Concert Bands
District Winter Guard Show         March 29 – Both Winter Guards
WGASC Show, Rancho Cuc          March 31 – Both Winter Guards
SCPA Prelims                             April 7 – Indoor Percussion
WGASC, Valencia HS                   April 7 – JV Winter Guard
WGI World Champs, Ohio           April 10-15 – Varsity Winter Guard
SCPA Championships                  April 14 – Indoor Percussion
Australian Jazz Band Visit           April 19 – Jazz Bands
Angels 5K gig (tentative)            April 21 – Pep Band
WGASC Championships               April 21 – JV Winter Guard
WGASC Championships               April 22 – Varsity Winter Guard
Road to Reno Concert                April 23 – Jazz 1 and 2
Reno Jazz Festival                      April 26-29 – Jazz 1, 2, and Combos
Area Night Concert, VHS             April 30 – Concert Bands, Jazz Bands
Jazz Master Concert                   June 1 – Jazz Bands
Spring Concert                           June 5 – Concert Bands
Band Banquet                            June 8 – Everyone
Graduation                               June 13 – Jazz 2

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**“Help-a-Hawk” Drive**

Thank you to all of our students who participated in the “Help-a-Hawk” Drive. We have sent out a ton of letters and brochures and we hope to hear back from our supporters!

The “Help-a-Hawk” program is available year round at…

[www.eldoradoband.com/fundraising](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=f78e40cbe5&e=7dc0227750)

…if you would like to participate on your own!

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**Winter Rehearsals This Week**

**Winter Guard and Percussion**
Please check your calendars that were passed out by your instructors.
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**Monday, January 29**
**Special Event!**
On Monday, January 29 there is a special event happening in our Performing Arts Center.
EDHS Alumnus **Alex Hahn** will be performing original music with the “All-Star Studio Orchestra and Voices” made up of string and vocal students from our district.
The show begins at 7p and General Admission is $10.
Please try to make it out to this great concert!
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**Here’s what’s up for this week…**
Monday
0 period – All Band in Band Room
Color Guard with Staff
Tuesday
0 period – Wind Ensemble in Band Room
Symphonic Band in Theater
Color Guard with Staff
Wednesday
0 period – Wind Ensemble in Band Room
Symphonic Band in Theater
Color Guard with Staff
Thursday
0 period – Wind Ensemble in Theater
Symphonic Band in Band Room
Color Guard with Staff
Friday
0 period – Wind Ensemble in Band Room
Symphonic Band in Theater
Color Guard with Staff

Thanks,
Samson

**A NOTE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Our school year is almost half over, but our band expenses have not all been paid yet.   In regard to just marching band, we are still $21,000 short in payments vs. expenses.  As a group, we must cover all our expenses and need the support of everyone involved.  If we cannot self-support our program, we may be forced to discontinue some aspects.

We do understand financial situations may be a concern and appreciate payment plans.  Every donation payment amount helps in some way.

Please remember you can access your student's account information via "**Charms**" online.  If you need more information on that or have any questions, please let us know or check out the instruction information on the website at:
[http://www.eldoradoband.com/parent-info](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=8fc5f6aa3a&e=7dc0227750)

Payments may be made with cash, check or charge.  Please make checks payable to El Dorado Band Boosters.  Place cash or check payments in the black box in the band room.  Credit card payments may be made via paypal online at:
[http://www.eldoradoband.com/paypal](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=d7bd331a19&e=7dc0227750)

Thank you for your understanding and support.
Please let us know if you have any questions.

**WAYS AND MEANS REPORT**

**Ways & Means needs your help!**

We are looking for parents to help lead & coordinate the following fundraising activities:

\* SCSBOA District Music Festival 3/27/18~3/28/18
     (plan on selling a healthy snack, drinks etc.)
\* Gift Card Quartermania (tent date in May) - *Read all about Quartermania below*.
           [Quartermania Gift Card](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=d0fcf20c11&e=7dc0227750" \t "_blank)
\* E-Waste Recycling (tentative date May-June)

Please contact Wendy Lee or Brenda Emrick at waysandmeans@eldoradoband.com

**UPCOMING EVENTS

Improv Show - A Fun Night for Grownups!**(Individual Student Account Fundraiser)
See the show dates & times through the signup genius account listed below. Please sign up & turn in the money to the black box - Mark your envelope with "Improv Show"  so that Wendy Lee can secure your tickets.
[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a8a82babfe3-fundraising](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=874dc91590&e=7dc0227750)

**Scrip:**(Individual Student Account Fundraiser)
The El Dorado Band Boosters are pleased to offer a great fundraising program to help students **raise funds** **for their individual accounts**. Profits from this program will first be used for any unpaid Marching Season Fair Share Donations for Band and Color Guard. Funds can then be used for Winterguard, Winter Drumline, Jazz Band, or next year’s Marching Season Fair Share Donations. Seniors who have paid all of their Fair Share Donations can use their profits for end of year extras, such as Banquet Tickets, Yearbooks and DVDs.

ABOUT UNITED 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 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 either ordering gift cards directly from you (they pay you, then you write one check for entire order), or they may set up accounts online, being sure to **specify that they are a supporter of your student**, and pay with their credit card.

**Scrip order deadline**will continue in February on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

**For details about how to place an order, click**[here](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=b3582d8157&e=7dc0227750)**.**
Scroll down to the Scrip section and look for "How to Purchase".

This is a great way to earn funds for your student's account - remind your friends and family that in addition to buying gift cards as gifts for birthdays and holidays, the gift cards can also be used for their everyday purchases at grocery stores, gas stations, Target, etc. And restaurant gift cards can be very nice to have handy for those nights that no one wants to cook.
Happy Ordering!

**Help A Hawk:**(Individual Student Account or General Fund Fundraiser)
Great **Tax Deductible** means to support the El Dorado Band Boosters, a non-profit 501(c)(3) booster parent organization. If you or know of any individual, business & or corporation  looking to support a worthwhile, meaningful organization and at the same time benefit from a tax deduction, please send this "[Help A Hawk El Dorado Band Brochure](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=6b671a6294&e=7dc0227750)"

**AmazonSmile: (General Fund Fundraiser)**
Need to shop for gifts, decorations, or household items? Don't forget to select our booster organization as the recipient for a financial donation. Use the Amazon Smile holiday at [smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0858888](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=99ab091882&e=7dc0227750) and Amazon donates to El Dorado High School Band Boosters Inc.