**Land of Band and Color Guard**

**Last week before Winter Break!**

Although it’s our final week before winter break, it is still a busy one! We have our Holiday Concert on Tuesday and the Jazz Breakfast on Thursday. Plus, Jazz 1 and the Drum Line will be performing at the Winter Rally on Friday. Please **practice** to prepare your part for your performance!

**Upcoming Events**
Dec. 13 – Band and Orchestra Holiday Concert
Dec. 15 – Jazz Breakfast
Dec. 16 – Winter Rally – Jazz 1 and Drum Line perform

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**Band and Orchestra Holiday Concert**
**Tuesday, Dec. 13**
**PYLUSD Performing Arts Center, 7p**
**General Admission, $5**
**Join us in the PAC for our annual “Band and Orchestra Holiday Concert”.**
**This concert will feature the…**
***Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, and Concert Band***

**We will also be having our ­Holiday Gift Basket Raffle throughout the concert.**
**YES, WE HAVE 0 PERIOD ON WEDNESDAY!
We will be turning in all of our Holiday Music.**
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**Jazz Breakfast**
**On Thursday morning, the Jazz Program hosts our annual Holiday Jazz Breakfast for the El Dorado Staff, District Administration, and friends of the program. All 3 Jazz bands will perform beginning at 6:45a in the morning!**
**Jazz Students: Wear your Holiday Attire for the gig!**
**All non-jazz band students: No 0 period for you that morning.**

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**Attention Parents**

**All members of our program must PRACTICE at home! We no longer have after school rehearsals, weekly sectionals, or weekend rehearsals to help the ensembles improve. My expectation is for students to be practicing their instruments at home on a daily basis for a minimum of 25 minutes, preferably more. This expectation IS the daily homework for our program. If your student says that they do not have anything to practice, they are lying! They always have something to practice!**

**Here are some NEW practice tips for students:**
**After playing some long tones for warm-up and reviewing scales, identify parts in your music that are difficult to play such as 8th and 16th note runs, passages with many interval leaps, or phrases with many accidentals. Go through the passage slowly, hold out each note in order of the passage, then play at a slow tempo. Continue to repeat the phrase and gradually pick-up the tempo. This requires a lot of patience and discipline but will get you the musical results you are looking for.**

**Find the piece on-line on Youtube or**[www.jwpepper.com](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=4944862c6e&e=7dc0227750)**and listen to a recording or live performance of the piece. Play along to it as if it were your performance.**
**Before you start your homework from other classes, set-up your instrument and get out your band music. Work on another classes’ homework, take a 10-minute break and play your instrument. Then go back to hitting the books and take another break to play.  This will give you a chance to take a breather from your books and cut loose a bit on your instrument! It’s a great way to study!**

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**Here’s what’s up for this week…**

Monday
0 period – Wind Ensemble in Band Room, Symphonic Band in Theater
Guard with Staff
Tuesday
0 Period – Wind Ensemble in PAC, Symphonic Band in Band Room
Guard with Staff
Evening: Holiday Concert
Wednesday
0 period – All Band in Band Room
Guard with Staff
Thursday
0 period – Jazz Breakfast
Guard with Staff
Friday
0 period – All Band in Band Room
Guard with Staff

Thanks,
Samson

**SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to all who participated in our See's Candy Fundraiser! Candy will be ready to pick up this Wednesday at the home of Chrystine Amari from 4:30-6:00 p.m.  2621 Cambridge Ave Fullerton , CA. If you are not able to pick up at this time please contact Angie Gunter to make alternate arrangements at

**Have you signed up for our HOLIDAY WRAP BOOTH yet?**

 Sign Up Genius emails were sent out to ask for volunteers to help with our Holiday wrap booth at Walmart. Parent participation is key to the success of this fundraiser! We need several parent volunteers to help supervise along with the kids. We will also need help towing the trailer to and from Walmart each day. The dates for the fundraiser will be Dec.16th through Dec. 24th. Thank you in advance for helping us in this fun and interactive fundraiser! Thank you in advance! Please email angiedgunter@gmail.com for more information.

**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 for senior

Thank you!!
Carrie

**CURRENT COLOR GUARD FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!**

The Color Guard is selling delicious Butter Braids and yummy-smelling Yankee Candles.  See your favorite Color Guard member to order, and thanks for your support!

**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=af721f7924&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 starting in 2017!

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=71d35da073&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=e0cb5946c5&e=7dc0227750).   Additional information can be found at: [smile.amazon.com/about](http://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=feff9df0b4&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-manage2.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=d85bd9a69f&e=7dc0227750)and support the Band & Colorguard!