**Land of Band**  
   
**March Madness Continues…**  
Over the past few weeks, our program has performed over 20 times between Winter Guards, Winter Percussion, and Jazz Bands. It’s been a lot work preparing for these performances but a lot of fun seeing our kids perform. As always, I appreciate everyone’s effort and appreciate the parent support throughout this time. I’m looking forward to continuing on with March Madness!  
   
**Tuesday**  
**Pre-Festival Concert**  
**March 20**  
Performing Arts Center  
7p  
Admission: Free  
   
Please join us in the Performing Arts Center on March 20 for the Band and Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert. We will have two guest clinician/adjudicators who will evaluate our ensembles and provide feedback and constructive criticism to help us prepare for our District SCSBOA Festival the following week.  
   
Performance Order  
Symphonic Band  
Concert Orchestra  
Wind Ensemble  
**Concert Details for students**  
   
All percussion 6p – move instruments to the PAC  
   
Call time Symphonic Band Winds - 6:15p in the Band Room  
Call time Wind Ensemble Winds – 6:30p in the PAC  
   
**Concert Attire: “Concert Black”**  
   
**Boys:**All black: slacks, button down shirt, tie, dress shoes, belt.  
   
**Girls:**Same as the boys **OR**all black: blouse, dress pants, nice shoes. If you wear a dress or skirt, it must be of modest length (past your knees when sitting down).  
   
General rule: Look classy!\*  
**If you do not meet our expectations, you will be sent home to change.**  
\*If you have any questions, PLEASE ASK!!  
   
   
**Wednesday**  
**8th Grade Showcase**  
   
On March 21, El Dorado will host the 8th Grade Showcase. The Varsity Winter Guard and Pep Rally Drum Line will be performing.

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| **Winter Guard**   Best of luck to our Varsity Winter Guard as they compete at the WGI West Power Regional in San Diego. This is there last regional before heading to WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. For more info, go to [www.wgi.org](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=fd2cb65eb2&e=7dc0227750)   **WGI West Power Regional** San Diego University Jenny Craig Pavilion 5998 Alcala Park San Diego, CA   Saturday Prelims Prelims Performance Time - 2:12p   Sunday Finals Finals Performance Time TBD, pending qualification Scholastic Open Class Finals times – 11:00a-12:40p |
| **Winter Percussion**   This Saturday, the Winter Percussion Ensemble competes at the WGI West Percussion Power Regional at CSU San Bernardino. It’s been amazing watching the improvement this ensemble has made over the past year and we look forward to seeing them perform in this venue among the best percussion programs SoCal has to offer.   Saturday Prelims Prelims Performance Time – 11:40a   Sunday Finals Finals Performance Time TBD, pending qualification Percussion Scholastic Open Class Finals times – 11:25a-1:13p |
| **Jazz Bands**   **Irvine Jazz Festival**   The Jazz Program had a great day at the Irvine Jazz Festival. We had 5 groups perform throughout day. All 5 groups received Superior Ratings! We received many great compliments from adjudicators and clinicians.   Thank you to all of the parents who came to watch the bands perform!   **Jazz Scoreboard** Jazz 1 – Superior Rating, 7th place Heavy Division Jazz 2 – Superior Rating, 4th place Advanced Division Jazz 3 – Superior Rating, 1st place Intermediate Division Combo 1 – Superior Rating, 7th place Intermediate Combo Combo 2 – Superior Rating, 6th place Intermediate Combo   **Special Recognition** Jazz 1 – Most Outstanding Sax Section, Heavy Division Jazz 3 – Most Outstanding Rhythm Section, Novice Division   The following students were recognized with “Outstanding Musicianship” certificates:   Sean Beckman Matt Sullivan Brandon Ofenstein Max Gomes Ashley Alvarez Giselle Hernandez Jessica Clark Iris Lu Chris Frobenius Evan Moh Joseph Jaime Chris Parks Maddie King     Next Up: April 19, Visit from the Wolongong Conservatory of Music   The WCM is from Australia and will be stopping by El Dorado to hang out with our jazz program. We will perform for each other after school, have some pizza, then have a combo jam. |

   
**Google Classroom and Remind 101**  
   
All members of Concert Bands should now be subscribed and linked to the Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band Google Classroom and Remind 101. If you are not subscribed to them, do so now! Scroll down for the codes.  
   
We will continue to develop ways to use Google Classroom to benefit the program.  
   
   
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**Practice Tips**  
   
Every week, I will be adding practice tips to this list. Please check it out and apply them to your practice routine.  
   
1. Make time to practice.

* Practicing should be part of your daily homework routine.

2. Create a good Practice Environment!

* Create a good practice environment that will allow you to be productive. Use a music stand, sit in a good chair, have a tuner and metronome, and focus!

3. Create a Practice Routine!

* Establish a good practice routine, like what we do in class. Start with long tones, play some velocity exercises, then some articulation exercises.
* Spend a few minutes on “maintenance practice”. Meaning, go over skills that need to be kept up on a consistent basis such as arpeggios, lip slurs (brass), etc.
* Most importantly, PRACTICE SECTIONS IN YOUR MUSIC THAT YOU STRUGGLE WITH! Work on these things at home so that you can contribute more to your performance ensemble!

4. Record Yourself!

* Record yourself playing your instrument, go back and watch the video or listen to the recording, and give yourself some feedback! You will hear things that sound better than you expected them to be and things that aren’t as good as you think they are! Use these recordings to help guide your improvement.

5. Practice with a friend or two!

* Get together with other people in the band and practice together. Come up with ways to make playing your instrument fun!
  + Perform for each other and give feedback.
  + See who can sustain a single note the longest with only one breath.
  + See who can get through their major scales the fastest with the least mistakes.
  + Be creative, come up with your own ideas, and share them with us!
* Get together with other instruments from your band and play your music together! You can create your own smaller ensembles and play through your music. You will begin to hear how your part fits with everyone else and will encourage you to have your part down!

6. Find a recording or video online of the piece you are working on!

* Most of the music we play has been performed before. Go to youtube and look up your piece! Find different ensembles playing it and listen!! You can also play along.
* Go to jwpepper.com and search for your piece. Most of these compositions have recordings on this website.

7. Break. Things. Down!!!

* Take difficult “licks” slow and break them down. Take one count at a time MULTIPLE TIMES SLOWLY! Then add counts and gradually speed them up until you exceed the intended tempo, then slow it back down to the actual tempo.
* This is tedious and somewhat annoying, but super helpful!

8. Analyze your music!

* Take small phrases and analyze it. Figure out what the rhythmic counts are and count them out loud. For example, figure out if the notes are on the down beat vs. upbeat, “e’s and a’s” of the 16th note variations, etc. Then sing/clap/play rhythms to a metronome.
* Go through your music and really understand how the accidentals fit into the line that you are playing and practice them “slowly”, repeating many times.
* Most important, after you read this, email me at [esamson@pylusd.org](mailto:esamson@pylusd.org) to let me know that you read this.

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**Google Classroom and Remind 101**  
   
All members of Concert Band should be subscribed to their ensemble’s Google Classroom and Remind 101. If you haven’t done so already, subscribe now!!

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| **Group** | **Google Classroom Code** | **Remind 101** **(text code to 81010)** |
| Wind Ensemble | 364e58 | @eldowe |
| Symphonic Band | z3ww4xg | @eldosb |

   
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Upcoming Events   
(this does not include weekly rehearsals)

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  
Booster Meeting                         April 10  
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  
Booster Meeting                          May 8  
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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**Winter Rehearsals This Week**  
**Winter Guard and Percussion**  
  
Please check your calendars that were passed out by your instructors.  
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**Here’s what’s up for this week…**  
Monday  
0 period – Wind Ensemble in Band Room  
Symphonic Band in Theater  
Color Guard with Staff  
Tuesday  
0 period – Wind Ensemble in Theater  
Symphonic Band in Band Room  
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 Band Room  
Symphonic Band in Theater  
Color Guard with Staff  
Friday  
0 period – Wind Ensemble in Band Room  
Symphonic Band in Theater  
Color Guard with Staff  
Saturday  
Winter Guard -  Varsity, WGI Regional, San Diego  
Winter Percussion – WGI Regional, San Bernardino  
  
  
Thanks,  
Samson

**Student Accounts  -  CHARMS**  
  
We are already into March and only have 3 months left of school.  Within our program, there are still several unpaid expenses.  In order to keep this program running at its current level, we need to make sure all expenses are paid by the end of the year.  We need the financial support to make this happen.  
  
  
An easy overview of your students account is available in CHARMS.  Please log in to  **[https://www.charmsoffice.com/](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=869f4bf741&e=7dc0227750" \t "_blank)** .  If you need the school code, it is **ElDoradoBand.**Once you log in, several icons should appear.  Choose finances.  With that, your student's financial statement should appear.   Noted are any fixed payments still outstanding (expenses due), any partial payments / amount on-hand that is currently being applied toward those expenses (misc. balance) and then the total balance due.   Please check out your student's account.  If you currently have any balance due, please send in payment over the next couple of months.  If you happen to have a credit for the overall total, that can carry over to next year.  Please let us know if you have any questions.   If Charms is too confusing, I can send a complete detail of your student's account to you directly.  Thank you for your help in this matter.  
  
Kristan  
[finance@eldoradoband.com](mailto:finance@eldoradoband.com)

**WAYS AND MEANS REPORT**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!**

El Dorado High School will be hosting the  
**Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) Music Festival**  
**on Tuesday 3/27/18 and Wednesday 3/28/18**

Please click the link below to sign up to cover a shift or shifts.  
  
[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a8a82babfe3-volunteers1](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=e4959bf08b&e=7dc0227750)

Shifts still available:

* Tuesday 3/27/18 (7:30am ~ 10:30am) - 2 parents needed
* Tuesday 3/27/18**(12:30pm ~ 3:30pm) - 3 parents needed**
* Tuesday 3/27/18 (5:30pm ~ 8:30pm) - 2 parents needed
* Wednesday 3/28/18 (7:30am ~ 10:30am) - 1 parent needed
* Wednesday 3/28/18 **(12:30pm ~ 3:30pm) - 4 parents needed**
* Wednesday 3/28/18 (3pm ~ 6pm) - 1 parent needed

Many of our district instrumental ensembles plus a few from out of our

district will be performing for a panel of adjudicators.

We will have concession stations to provide snacks and drinks for the students and staff.  Students will be working these stations, but we need parent volunteers to oversee and handle money.

**Donations Needed :**[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a8a82babfe3-donation1](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=ac270902fe&e=7dc0227750)

If you have any problem or questions, feel free to call Wendy Lee at [714-234-1429](tel:(714)%20234-1429)

**We are still looking for parents to help lead & coordinate the Quartermania!**

**\* Community Event Fundraising - Gift Card Quartermania** (tent date in May 5) - *Read all about what Quartermania is below*. Looking for a lead and support for the event. Fun  way to make $ for the band.

       [Quartermania Gift Card](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=bffb6c3b70&e=7dc0227750): [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee/files/ad432dd1-0591-4d28-bd57-daec185df20f/Gift\_Card\_Quartermania.02.pdf](https://eldoradoband.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a2cf9ba99e9fb137bf4b114ee&id=3b7babec69&e=7dc0227750)

**Fundraising Products**

**Ways & Mean plans to put various Band & Color Guard fundraising products on the band website (i.e., Booster Wear, Bling Spirit Shirts, See's Candy order form, Perfectly Posh etc.). More info to come!**

**ONGOING FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

**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  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=fcfdbf99d5&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=7e60d797a7&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=11cfa63c44&e=7dc0227750) and Amazon donates to El Dorado High School Band Boosters Inc.