



BAND AND COLORGUARD BOOSTER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2010



DIRECTOR

Dear Students and Boosters,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! As you may already know, we have had a very significant change to our staff. I am very excited and honored to have been named the Director of Instrumental Music here at El Dorado High School. However, we cannot move forward without properly thanking Mr. Richard Watson for all of his efforts and dedication to this program over the past 35 years. Without his passion and drive, none of us would be able to experience the EDHS Band and Colorguard as it is today. Although retired from the

full-time position, Mr. Watson will continue to work with our Jazz ensembles throughout the school year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Mr. Watson for being a mentor and a dear friend. I look forward to the challenge of continuing the standard of excellence that he has set.

In other news, EDHS administration has decided to hire a full-time assistant band director. At the time of this writing, we have sifted through 60 applicants, interviewed 8 and have decided upon someone who I think will contribute a great deal to our program. We will introduce him to you at band camp. Speaking of band camp...

Band Camp begins the week of Aug. 16 with Percussion and Colorguard from 8am-1pm. Our freshmen, new members and student leaders will join us for "New Member" camp on Aug. 19-20 from 8:30am-noon. Then beginning Aug. 23, our full camp begins with everyone for the next two weeks, 8am-1pm. We are also planning on having a rehearsal Monday, Aug. 30 from 6pm-9pm at our newly-renovated stadium! And of course, what would band camp be without our annual pool party on the last day!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at band camp. If you receive this newsletter and you are not planning on being in band, please let us know ASAP. We are currently designing the show and it is very important that we know how many people we have and what section they are in. Please email me or John and Sara Sperling, Booster Presidents. Enjoy the rest of your summer and let's have a great year!

Sincerely,

Eric Samson, Director

**FIRST BOOSTER MEETING:
TUESDAY, SEPT 14, 2010 7:30 P.M.
IN THE BAND ROOM.**

BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year for the El Dorado Band and Colorguard program! As booster president we would like to give a special welcome to all new band and colorguard students. You are now part of a very special program; the experience you gain and the friendships you make will last you a lifetime.

The El Dorado Band and Colorguard has consistently shown itself to be one of the top programs in all of Southern California, and that success is in large part due to the hard work and dedication from the staff, year after year. We would like to congratulate Eric Samson as he now assumes the Director position for the program, and at the same time give our heartfelt thanks to Rich Watson for his 35 years of service. We are glad to see him back working with the jazz students this year. And let's not leave out Corkie Keys, who returns to lead our fabulous colorguard.

The job of the Booster organization is to support the staff in helping to run the Band and Colorguard program. It is important to realize the value of parent help -- it would be extremely difficult to achieve the high standard that is expected of the El Dorado Band and Colorguard without the commitment from parents throughout the year. Parents, please take a look at the "Parent Guides" posted on our web site

www.eldoradoband.com for information about the program and how you can help out, and also plan to attend our booster meetings which occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the band room.

It promises to be an exciting year of new experiences, culminating in a trip to the Hawaii Invitational International Music Festival in April. We look forward to seeing all of you as the year gets under way.

Aloha! Let's have a great year!

John & Sara Sperling

SIGN UP FOR THE FOOD COMMITTEE!

Come work with this wonderful group! We feed the kids several times during the competition season. You never miss the kids perform. You're not obligated to help every single time. Emails go out approximately a week before the event listing what & where help is needed.

Some of our duties are:

1. Set up & clean up
2. Preparing the food (before & at the event)
3. Serving/assisting the kids
4. Ice Runner (preferably someone with a truck or large SUV. We have 6 to 8 coolers)

Our first event will be the pool party on September 3rd. (pending school approval). That is the last day of band camp and traditionally we feed the kids around noon then they get to swim until approximately 3pm. Set up starts around 11am. If you're able to help out, please email me at food@eldoradoband.com

Since this is my last year with the El Dorado Band & CG, I'm looking for an 'apprentice' to take over for next year. Keep this in mind and let me know if you're interested.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you this year! Cheers!

Karen Dodson
Food Committee Chairperson
714-993-1906 (h)
food@eldoradoband.com



COLORGUARD NEEDS HELP FAST!!!

The colorguard uniforms for parade are changing this year so the red scrunchies they used last year will not work. Corkie needs someone to make new hair scrunchies for this year's parade uniform. If you can help, please contact:

Corkie Keys

EDHS Colorguard Director/Instructor

corkie@mindspring.com,

If you can help, please contact her today!

BOOSTER BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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**If you are interested in helping
on any of these committees, and you
have not already signed up, please
contact the appropriate committee head.**

MEN IN BLACK

Hope everyone has been having a great summer! As we near the beginning of band camp, I wanted to remind everyone that our annual Wax On, Wax Off event will be held on August 28th at 8:00am in the parking lot at El Dorado. We will be meeting the new dads, going over the schedule for the upcoming school year, washing and waxing the trailers and enjoying a barbeque lunch. Please pass on the information to any incoming dads that might be interested in learning about the MIB and what we do. For those of you, who can't wait until the 28th to learn about the MIB, go to eldoradoband.com, click on boosters, and then click on MIB Info for everything you wanted to know and more. I look forward to seeing you all and if there are any questions please contact me at 562 833-8710 or mib@eldoradoband.com.

Mike Kent

MIB Committee Chairperson

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Many hands make light work. We need lots of adults to help measure the kids for uniforms during the first week of band camp and then come back the next week when the uniforms are actually fitted. Interested? *Email us on the El Dorado Band Website. We are listed under Boosters and then click on uniforms.* We provide everything you need to do this very important job. It is also a great way to get to know all the kids.

UNIFORMS AND GROOMING COMMITTEE

Enjoying your summer? Soon it will be time for Band Camp and uniform fitting. It is very important that all students be fitted for marching uniforms during Band Camp. For those returning students, you already know the drill. For our new members or any of you who may have forgotten, please remember the following:

Since hair must be short enough to not hit the collar, please



consider your hairstyle, as it will look in about 6 weeks. You must be able to pull hair up into your hat or have it short enough for a little skin to show above your collar.

If you are planning on any new piercings, please remember that earrings and other facial jewelry must be removed for all performances. Band-aids are not the answer.

For actual performances, all students must be clean-shaven without makeup, jewelry or nail polish; NO exceptions.

You will be measured for your marching uniform during Band Camp. Please make sure you have acquired the following (what we call your "Band Whites") before then:

White V-neck (NOT crew neck) t-shirt WITH sleeves. You



can purchase these in packages of 3 at Wal-mart, Target, Kohl's or J.C. Penney for a reasonable price. Having 3 saves you time doing laundry during those busy weeks with multiple performances.

Black or navy blue shorts of lightweight material, NOT jean shorts. The best are basketball, running or PE shorts. These can also be purchased at the stores that have t-shirts as well as Big 5 or Sports Chalet.

Black nylon or nylon-blend socks. Cotton socks fade to purple, which clashes with the uniform. These can also be purchased at the stores mentioned above and a 3-pack would be a good idea for those weekends with a football game on Friday and parade and field show tournament on Saturday. Your fellow band members will appreciate your clean, sweet-smelling socks.

This may seem obvious, but for those who may be wondering: You are responsible for washing your t-shirt, shorts and socks after every performance.

If you have your Showstopper black patent shoes from last year, make sure they are spotless for inspection during measuring the first week of Band Camp. If you have outgrown your shoes and they are in good condition, you can donate them back to the band. These will be passed on to students who may not have the resources to purchase new shoes.



New shoes will again be \$25. Shoes are ordered by the Uniform Committee.

You will be issued one pair of black gloves (included in your band fees). We encourage you to purchase an additional pair or 2 for emergencies for those weeks with multiple performances. At Band Camp, gloves are \$2 per pair. On the day of a performance, the same gloves will cost you \$5 per pair. You are responsible for keeping track and washing your gloves after every performance.

If you have any questions, please use the email address under Boosters, click on Uniforms on the El Dorado Band Website.



HAWAII

Aloha! Are you ready to experience the feeling of gentle tropical breezes, the warm island sun, waves crashing on the sands of Waikiki Beach, and the sound of music in the air? Well then get ready to pack your flip-flops and sunscreen, as the El Dorado Band & Colorguard will be travelling to Hawaii to participate in the 2011 Hawaii Invitational International Music Festival!



The Band and Colorguard will be taking this tropical adventure from April 16th through April 22nd, 2011. A trip such as this, with over 200 of our closest friends, requires much planning and preparation. It is still very early in the process and many details of the trip will come later, but here are a few highlights that we can all look forward to:

- * Concert group performances at the bandstand at Kapiolani Park at the foot of Diamond Head.
- * Visit to Pearl Harbor, the historic site of the United States entry into World War II.
- * Hawaiian Luau Dinner and show at Paradise Cove.
- * The Salute to Youth Parade - Marching down Kalakaua Avenue, along the sands of Waikiki Beach...at sunset!
- * Time on the beach in Hawaii with your friends.

Payments for the trip will be made over the several months leading up to the trip.

The schedule of payment dates will be as follows:

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| July 15, 2010 | \$50.00 per person |
| September 15, 2010 | \$150.00 per person |
| October 15, 2010 | \$150.00 per person |
| November 15, 2010 | \$250.00 per person |
| January 3, 2011 | \$300.00 per person |
| February 1, 2011 | \$350.00 per person |
| Final Payment: | |
| February 15, 2011 | Final Balance Due |



To help defer some of the individual costs of the trip, the Band Boosters will be offering optional fundraising opportunities for students who are participating in the trip. All monies raised from these special fundraisers will be credited toward the student's individual trip balance. These fundraisers will be in addition to our normal annual fundraisers.

For more information on the trip, the Band Boosters will be holding a Hawaii Parent Information Meeting before the start of school. We will have a representative from Coastline Travel Advisors available at the meeting to answer any questions you may have regarding the travel portion of the trip. The date and time of this meeting are yet to be determined, but it will likely be an evening meeting during the last week of August. Meeting information will be provided by e-mail and will also be given to the students during band camp. If you have any questions at this time, please feel free to contact Jim Lamon by e-mail at treas@eldoradoband.com. We are looking forward to a great and memorable trip. Mahalo!





UNIFORM FITTING SCHEDULE

Week 1: We will only be measuring, so please bring your band "whites" with you to change into after the morning practice as well as your sparkling clean Showstopper shoes if you are a returning band member. New band members will be fitted for shoes this week. Checks for shoes (\$25) can be made payable to: EDHS Band Boosters. This part will go quickly.

Tuesday, August 24, 1:30-until done
Senior and Junior boys and girls

Wednesday, August 25, 1:30-until done
Sophomore boys and girls

Thursday, August 26, 1:30-until done
Freshman boys and girls and any makeups

Week 2: We will actually be fitting the uniforms on these days. By measuring the first week, we hope to avoid having you try on more than one uniform. Bring your Band Whites again for fittings.

Monday, August 30, 1:30-3
All girls

Tuesday, August 31, 1:30-3
Senior and Junior Boys

Wednesday, August 1, 1:30-3
Sophomore Boys

Thursday, August 2, 1:30-3
Freshman boys and makeups



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What an exciting year is planned for our Band and Colorguard! Along with all of the fun activities, there are many costs. Your band fees cover a portion of those costs, with the Band Boosters running several fundraisers to cover the rest.

The Ways and Means committee is planning the usual fundraisers for the basic costs of the band, including Cow Chip Bingo on September 28th, the Holiday Gift Basket Raffle at the Holiday Concert in December, and hopefully the Gift Wrap booth in December also. We will also be doing the 50/50 raffle at the three home football games, if a parent or two will volunteer to sell the tickets.

Since we are planning to go on a major trip this year, the Ways and Means committee will be asking for several other parents to run specific fundraisers for the Hawaii trip, including selling cookie dough and See's Candy, a similar postcard campaign from last year, a "walk-a-thon" at the Brea Mall or ?????.

All band and colorguard members are expected to participate in the Band Booster fundraisers, but only the kids who need some help meeting the costs of the Hawaii trip will work on the secondary fundraisers. We will need to pull together to make all of the fundraisers as successful as possible.

If you are interested in taking the point or lending a hand on any of the fundraisers for the Band and Colorguard, please contact Kelli Llewellyn at (714) 854-9935 or kelli1rose@aol.com



FORMS & FEES ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY OF BAND CAMP!

GETTING THE WORD OUT!

To make sure all El Dorado Band and Colorguard students and parents are aware of all the events going on through the year, we have three electronic ways to communicate with you – e-mail, the web site, and the phone tree. When you register for band and colorguard, make sure the contact phone number and e-mail you provide are the ones where you would like to receive your communications – provide multiple numbers or e-mail addresses if desired.



E-MAIL

The majority of messages from the Boosters will come to you as E-mail communications throughout the year. These messages will come from edhsbandboosters@roadrunner.com. You can respond back to this address if you have any questions about the message or would like to change your e-mail address.



WEB SITE

Our web site is www.eldoradoband.com. The web site has lots of valuable information including latest news, calendar, contacts, event call sheets and results, pictures from events, and electronic copies of the newsletter. Bookmark the site and check back often to see what's happening, especially the calendar which contains the full schedule of events plus a record of all Phone Tree messages. For questions or comments on the web site please e-mail webmaster@eldoradoband.com.



PHONE TREE

The Phone Tree is an automated messaging system that calls your phone. When you first answer the phone you will hear a chime, followed by the recorded message. Our messages will always be identified as coming from El Dorado Band Boosters. If you don't answer in person and you have an answering machine, the Phone Tree will attempt to leave a message. When you are listening to the message you can have it start over by pressing the star (*) key before the message is complete. You can also check Phone Tree messages at any time on the web site calendar!



El Dorado High School Marching Band and Colorguard

Schedule for Fall Season 2010 (Published May 17, 2010)

August:

Monday 16th - Friday 20th Guard and Percussion Camp

8am-1pm

Thursday 19th Freshman Band Camp w/ Section Leaders

8:30am-noon

Friday 20th Freshman Band Camp w/ Section Leaders

8:30am-noon

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th Band & Colorguard Camp

8am-1 pm

Monday 30th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford

Stadium 6pm-9pm

Monday 30th - Friday Sept 3rd Band & Colorguard Camp

8am-1pm

September:

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd Band & Colorguard Camp

8am-1 pm

Friday 3rd Band & Colorguard Pool Party at EDHS

Tuesday 7th School Starts

Monday 13th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford

Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 14th Booster Meeting 7:30pm

Friday 17th Picture Day 3pm- full band & colorguard

Monday 20th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford

Stadium 6pm-9pm

Friday 24th Away Football Game vs. Valencia (The Bell Game)

Monday 27th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford

Stadium 6pm-9pm

October:

Monday 4th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium

6pm-9pm

Saturday 9th Placentia Band Review/Parade.

Monday 11th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford

Stadium 6pm-9pm

Tuesday 12th Booster Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 14th Home Football Game

Saturday 16th Field Tournament TBA afternoon/evening

Monday 18th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford

Stadium 6pm-9pm

Saturday 23rd Field Tournament TBA all day

Monday 25th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford

Stadium 6pm-9pm

Friday 29th Homecoming Football Game- perform show at pre-game

Saturday 30th Homecoming Dance - no band events

November:

Monday 1st Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium

6pm-9pm

Wednesday 3rd PYLUSD Band Pageant 7pm

Friday 5th Home Football Game (Senior Game)

Saturday 6th Chino Band Review and Field Tournament

Monday 8th Full Band and Colorguard at Bradford Stadium

6pm-9pm

Tuesday 9th Booster Meeting 7:30pm

Saturday 13th Field Tournament at Roosevelt HS all day event

Monday 15th Full Band & Colorguard at Bradford

6pm-9pm

Saturday 20th Arcadia Festival of Bands: Band Review & Field Tournament

December:

Wednesday 1st Tentative Disneyland performance

Event Information Updates available at

www.eldoradoband.com

