



EHS BAND NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2009



From Your Director...

Starting the second semester is such a challenge. We have so many interruptions during the first four weeks and so many lost rehearsals. Then we are faced with the fact that our concerts are upon us in surprisingly short notice. Hopefully, everything will settle down and we can get some consistency soon.

Our students did a great job with auditions this year. We had 20 students selected to the NMMEA All-State Convention, 15 students selected to All-State Jazz, and 15 students selected to Southwest Honor Band. These are great accomplishments for these students, our school, and our band program. You will find these students listed later in the newsletter.

We have a very fine band program here at Eldorado and it is because we have so many dedicated students and parents. Our students could not do what they do without the support from their parents, and we appreciate it greatly.

As we get close to our busy concert season I would like to say just a word about concerts, festivals, and trips. Every member of the band is equally important, and we count on them to do their part so everyone can achieve at a very high level. When students don't show up for performances, it effects the entire group. We have concerts coming up—the State Band Contest and the District Large Group Band Festival. We also have the trip to Los Angeles which is for a music competition. When students decide not to go, we don't sound like the Eldorado band, and it will have an effect on the competition. If we can't sound like the Eldorado Band, I don't know why we should compete. We know that the trip is not cheap. If you have some concerns over money, please come talk to me and Mr. Snowden. We want this to be a rewarding and

fun trip that will leave life-long memories for everyone.

Please check your calendar for coming events; we are getting rather busy now. The end of the school year will be here before we know it, and we don't want it to surprise us.

As I walk around school or do testing on campus, I am reminded how fortunate we are. I get to work with some of the finest students at Eldorado. This also means that your students are in an organization with some of the finest students in our school. This is a win-win situation for us all. We are all very lucky to be doing such a rewarding activity with so many fine people. Sometimes we all tend to take some of the special things in our lives for granted.

Thank you for your continued support of these students and the Eldorado Band Program

Sincerely,

John C. Sanks



From Your Booster President

Big I update: The promotions director with Big I 107.9 has been in contact with the band. The fundraising concert will hopefully take place before school ends in May. They are still in search of an act.

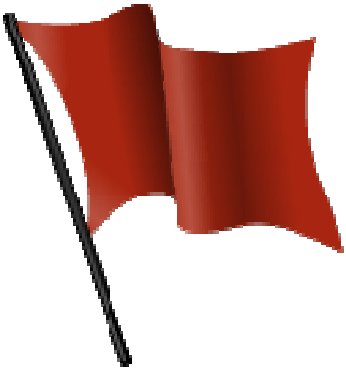
There will be many positions opening up on the EHS Band Boosters Board. Please consider taking a position—Secretary, Fundraising Chair—we will also need a new Webmaster. Also, the Pageant of Bands Committee can always use help. Sheryl Anello has agreed to continue on the committee for next year, but she will need some help. There are monthly meetings starting now to get ready for next year's POB. Let Sheryl know if that is something you are interested in (821-3486).

Contact me (Karen) with any questions.

ksandoval3@comcast.net

Winter Guard/Color Guard

Winter guard needs new members! If you know someone who is interested in joining our team, please let Rachel Rinehart know, or you can have them call Cathy Rinehart at 217-4625.



If we can get some new kids for winter guard, it would help for the next year of marching because they would then have their basics down!

Please help! Word of mouth goes a long way!

From the Treasurers

The last statement sent was emailed on 1/12/09. If you did not receive a statement, please update your email address at

ehsbandtreasurer@gmail.com

The spring trip will be here before you know it. The cost for the trip is \$550.00, and it must be paid in full by April 1. Please feel free to make payments as you can; we recommend once a month.

Keep in mind there are still many fundraising opportunities to take advantage of.

Thank you,
Shannon Luce and



*Congratulations to these
Eldorado Band Members
selected for the following bands:*

All-State Jazz

Band I

Ariel Foster (trumpet), Becca Pickett (trombone), Michael Sandoval (trumpet) and Joe Schripsema (trombone).

Band II

Sam Carr (tenor sax), Stephen Lanza (trumpet), TJ Seaman (trumpet) and Josh Smith (percussion).

Band III

David Denman (trumpet), Beau Foster (trombone), Colleen Gross (trombone), Katie Hamill (tenor sax), Nathan Mayes (piano) and Kevin Morris (trumpet).

Brett Reece was selected as one of the set drummers, but we won't know which band he is in until later.



Southwest Honor Band

Band I

Colleen Gross (trombone), Nicole Kendrick (horn), Luke Murray (bass trombone), Michael Sandoval (trumpet), Callie Schaub (horn), Joe Schripsema (trombone) and Harry Simmons (euphonium).

Band II

Sam Carr (oboe), Michael Christmas (alto sax), Julia Eichel (flute), Ariel Foster (trumpet), Julie Goeckel (clarinet), Becca Pickett (trombone), Cathryn Siegrist (oboe) and Shannon Wahl (tuba).

Fundraising

We will be having some last chance fundraising to help students pay on their band accounts.

The first one will be starting February 9th and running through February 20th. We will be having a cookie dough sale. Students will be taking orders for frozen cookie dough and will earn 50% of what they sell. Packets will be passed out in the band room prior to the start date.

Information about a Schwann's fundraiser, the Taco Dinner, and the End-of-the-Year Drawing will be coming soon. Keep an eye on the Yahoo group messages and the Website for more information.

Donations are needed!

I am now accepting donations for the End-of-the-Year Drawing. So far, we have a Dan Stouffer watercolor painting of the Sandias (retail value of \$1000), a 12" x 12" handmade stained glass window hanging, some spa pampering sets and some jewelry.

If you (or someone you know) have your own business or work for someone who can donate products, gift certificates or services for our drawing, please contact me asap.

In the past we have had items such as: Southwest Airlines tickets, paintings, massages, gift baskets, etc. The options are unlimited!

Tina Perseo
505-296-6996

Congratulations to the following students chosen for this year's NMMEA All-State!

Symphonic Orchestra

Michael Sandoval (trumpet) and Joe Schripsema (trombone)

Symphonic Band

Ariel Foster (trumpet), Julie Goeckel (clarinet), Luke Murray (trombone), Callie Schaub (horn), Julie Stuart (oboe) and Ben Zeter (trombone)

Concert Orchestra

Julia Eichel (flute), Katie Hamill (clarinet) and Becca Pickett (trombone)

Concert Band

Josh Brenner (trumpet), Sam Carr (oboe), Colleen Gross (trombone), Nicole Kindrick (horn), Shannon Murray (clarinet), Cathryn Siegrist (oboe), Harry Simmons (euphonium), Kyle Walker (horn) and Kathleen Weichman (flute)

GO EAGLES



REMINDER

Senior Students: Your student account *must* be paid in full by **May 1, 2009**. If any funds remain due after that date, a hold will be placed on your cap and gown, and they will not be released until full payment is made.

WEBSITE

Need to know what is going on? Visit us at:
www.nmeldoradoeaglesband.com.

The website is up and running, and the calendar is up to date. Visit early and visit often!

2009 Pageant of Bands

Were you sitting in the stands at Pageant of Bands (POB) last fall thinking, "I would love to work on POB"? If you said yes, or if you would like to know more, we are currently looking for POB representatives.

We would like to have three individuals to represent EHS. Duties include attending a monthly meeting (along with reps from nine to ten other high schools helping with POB) and performing the duties assigned to EHS the day of POB. We are also responsible for getting EHS parent volunteers to help on the day of POB. Sounds like a lot but it really isn't. It is a great experience to work with the other high school band parents and to be a part of such a grand competition. POB cannot happen without parent help.

Volunteering as a POB rep also benefits the band financially. Each of the bands with reps who help with POB share in the proceeds. Last year EHS band was given a \$1600 check for our help.

Please consider helping and please ask questions. Feel free to contact any of the present reps: Sheryl Anello (821-3486), Karen Sandoval (238-1159), Cheri Stromberg (299-8591) or Anne Zeter (237-1869).

Thank you for your consideration!



Albuquerque Jazz Festival in February

The Albuquerque Jazz Festival will be hosted once again by Eldorado but will be held at Manzano High School on Friday and Saturday, February 20-21. All three Eldorado Jazz Bands will be performing for ratings and individual honors. The finale of the festival will be a performance of *Thrascher* with the Albuquerque Jazz Orchestra at the African-American Performing Arts Center (Expo NM fairgrounds) at 8:00 pm on February 21.

Thrascher pushes the boundaries of the "traditional" saxophone quartet. Founded in 1998, *Thrascher* performs original music (composed and improvised) combining Jazz and other contemporary styles of music, and incorporating improvised spoken word and even choreography. *Thrascher* has performed for audiences throughout the U.S., including the North American Saxophone Alliance conference in Tucson, Arizona. They were invited to perform at the World Saxophone Congress in Montreal in 2000 and have done countless concerts and clinics for high school and college students nationwide. The Group is comprised of Randy Hamm, Soprano; Tim Ishii, Alto; Ed Petersen, Tenor; and Glen Kostur, Baritone. Tickets for this concert are **\$25 / \$20 NMJW Members / \$15 Students** and are available from the New Mexico Jazz Workshop.

Parent volunteers are needed to help on both Friday and Saturday at Manzano High School. Concessions and T-shirt/patch sales support the band's general fund. If you could spend a few hours on one of those days helping with concessions, setup on stage, or doing administrative duties please contact Tom Schripsema: amespirhcs@msn.com or 298-8974.



Schedule of Events

Tuesday, February 3

Basketball Game report time 6:15 pm
Band 1

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Booster Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 6

Basketball Game report time 6:15 pm
Band 2

Friday - Sunday, February 13-15
Southwest Honor Band @ NMSU

Tuesday, February 17

Band Concert 7 pm

Thursday, February 19

Jazz Band Concert 7 pm
EHS Cafeteria

Friday - Saturday, February 20-21

Albuquerque Jazz Festival @ Manzano HS

Tuesday, March 3

Booster Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 4

Taco Dinner/Talent Show TBA

Thursday - Saturday, March 5-7

Fort Lewis Jazz Festival, Durango, CO

Saturday, March 7

Solo & Ensemble Competition @ Albuq. Academy

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Winter Guard Competition @ Manzano HS

Monday - Friday, March 23-27

Spring Break—NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 7

Booster Board Meeting 6:30 pm



Wednesday - Sunday, April 15-19

Spring Trip to Los Angeles (Details TBA)

Thursday - Friday, April 24-25

NMAA State Band Festival @ Los Lunas HS
Wind Ensemble

Tuesday - Wednesday, April 28-29

District VII Large Group Festival @ LaCueva HS

Sunday, May 3

EHS Band/Color Guard Awards Banquet 1 pm
Marriott Hotel

Tuesday, May 5

Band Concert 7 pm

Thursday, May 14

Class of 2009 Graduation Ceremony
Report time 1:30 pm

Tuesday, May 26

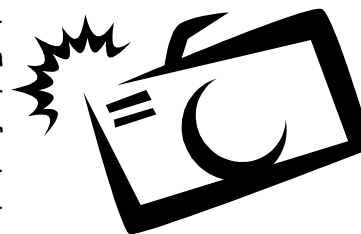
Last Day of School

Band Yearbook

It's time to start organizing pictures for the band yearbook. The yearbook staff tries to get pictures of every event, but that covers a LOT of territory; so we rely on band parents to provide pictures, too. In fact, that's the best way to ensure your student is in the yearbook. We prefer actual photos since that cuts down on our developing costs, but we will take a CD of pictures or you can e-mail them to Kathy Wahl at kamgwahl@comcast.net.

For your convenience, there is a box in the band room marked "08-09 Band Yearbook Photos." You can leave photos and CDs in there. Whatever you've got, we can probably use.

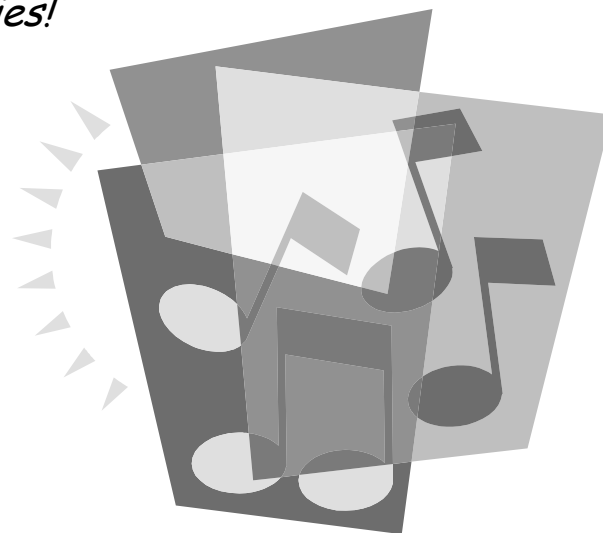
The Yearbook Committee



What's Inside?

Read about . . .

- *NMMEA All-State and Southwest Honor Band chosen participants!*
- *the Spring Trip to Los Angeles!*
- *how to join Color Guard/Winter Guard!*
- *upcoming fundraising opportunities!*
- *the Albuquerque Jazz Festival!*
- *volunteer opportunities!*
- *and lots more!*



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