



# EHS BAND NEWSLETTER

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## *From Your Director...*

I would like to thank everyone for a very exciting marching band season. We got off to a slow start but ended very strong.

We were quite sure that Pageant of Bands did not display the talent we saw in our students on a daily basis. Many people were overly surprised with our ZIA show and the amount of improvement that was made in one week. The judges also confirmed the quality of our show by putting us 5th in state and 6th overall in preliminaries. Although we gave a fine performance in finals, Belair gave an even better one. We moved down one slot to 7th place. At TOB we made finals and were 10th place in preliminaries and finals. We were very proud of all of our students for stepping it up and perfecting a fun marching band show.

A special thanks goes to all the parents that helped with uniforms, drinks & snacks, pit crew, truck driving, and chaperoning, and all the folks that built things and kept them up and running through the season. Jason Owen, Brian Weller, Lawrence Garcia, Lisa Dudasik, and Jordan Sayre were great staff members who gave up many hours to help our students achieve their goals; they should be thanked over and over. One very incredible parent saved the day with the color guard. Mr. Bill Nordin jumped in after Pageant of Bands and made many improvements and brought our color guard up to an amazing level; he is AWESOME!

Thanks again to everyone for helping our students have a very successful marching season.

John C. Sanks  
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## EHS Band Honors for 2007-08

### Tournament of Bands

*10<sup>th</sup> Place!*

### Zia Festival

*7<sup>th</sup> Place!*

### Pageant of Bands

*5<sup>th</sup> Place*

*Drumline Led the Final Procession of Bands - Great Job!*

### Pomona Festival

*Made Finals!*

# Night Visions

## NMIAJE Honor Jazz Band

The Screamin' Eagles will be performing in Popejoy Auditorium on Wednesday, January 9, at 5:45pm. Admission is *free*. We will be performing with jazz legend Bobby Shew and vocalist Michael Herdon. It should be a great concert performed in front of approximately 1,200 students and music teachers.



# Pageant of Bands 2008

## Volunteers Needed

Pageant of Bands 2008 is in planning **now**. We are actively seeking volunteers to represent EHS to the POB board for next year. The range of duties is as follows:

### EHS Specific:

- Ad Gathering
  - Ad set up for the POB program
  - Money collecting and depositing
- Volunteer Coordination
  - Finding the 20-40 volunteers needed to make the day successful
- Ticket Coordination
  - Determining the tickets needed
  - Soliciting to band parents the sale of extra tickets
  - Distributing those tickets in a timely manner

### POB Board Duties:

- Trophy Coordination and Purchasing
- Coordination with EHS Band Director for Sound System
- Coordinate with Field Judges and Booth Judges
- Other Duties As Needed by the POB Board

You will need to be available to attend monthly meetings to represent EHS and to communicate the POB activities to the EHS Band Boosters and Band Parents.

You will be part of team of experienced volunteers who know how to make your POB experience fun as well as fulfilling.

For more information or to volunteer, feel free to contact Anne Zeter (237-1869) or Karen Sandoval (275-0904).

## Private Lessons

Now that marching season is mostly over, it's time to start getting a bit more serious about playing our instruments. Mr. Snowden and Mr. Sanks cannot give everyone the private attention it takes to really teach every member how to play well. They can do group instruction, which does help get the ensemble sounding much better. However, the only way to truly become proficient on an instrument is to get private tutoring from an expert.

There are many fine private teachers out there, and Mr. Sanks strongly recommends that all our students try to get some lessons. If needed, he can arrange for 1st period students to get lessons during 1st period. Also, some teachers will give a lesson every other week if finances are tight.

Mr. Sanks has always felt that the more proficient you are, the more fun you have. Please contact Mr. Sanks or Mr. Snowden if you need names of instructors.



# UNIFORM INFORMATION

**MARCHING UNIFORMS** will be used during any football game played in the district and state tournaments if Mr. Sanks so decides. Watch e-mails to see if we need to do any additional cleanings. Marching jackets will be collected after the final marching event and a final cleaning will be done by the uniform parents after inspection and check in. Two damaged uniforms have been brought to my attention, and we have taken care of them. Please inspect your items; and if you find any problems, tell us about them right away and we can see if they can be dealt with before turn in time (and possible fines).

**CONCERT UNIFORMS** will be issued after the results of placements in the Wind Ensemble or Symphonic bands. Wind students wear gold lettering and Symphonic wear white. The tentative dates for jacket disbursement are Tuesday, November 27, for upper classmen and Wednesday, November 28, for Freshmen. We will issue jackets to anyone who missed those dates on Thursday, December 6. Please note that this schedule is *tentative*. Watch your e-mails.

**CONCERT JACKET CLEANINGS** will not be required as often as cleanings for the marching jackets. We will, for certain, have them cleaned before all competitions. Remember, you are the one wearing them. If they ever need cleaning and a mandatory cleaning is not due, you should take it upon yourself to keep the uniform in good condition.



## ***Schedule of Events***

Saturday, November 10  
Duke City Drum Off 9 am  
Cibola HS

Monday, November 12  
Schwann's Fundraiser orders/money due

Friday, November 16  
Dodge truck ticket stubs/money due

Friday and Saturday, November 16 & 17  
District Honor Band Rehearsals

Saturday, November 17  
UNM Volleyball Game 4 pm  
Band 2

Sunday, November 18  
District Honor Band Concert

Tuesday, November 20  
Uptown Jazz Concert 7 pm

Wednesday - Friday, November 21-23  
NO SCHOOL  
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday or Saturday, November 23 or 24  
Football Playoffs - Details TBA

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 27-28  
Concert Uniforms Issued

Thursday and Friday, November 29-30  
All-State Auditions @ LCHS

Friday, December 7  
Jazz Band Concert 7 pm

Wednesday, December 12  
Band Winter Concert 7 pm

December 24 through January 4  
Winter Break - No School!

Monday, January 7  
Teacher In-service - No School!

Tuesday, January 8  
Spring Semester Begins

Wednesday - Saturday, January 9-12  
NMMEA All-State Music Festival  
Band/Orchestra/Chorus

April 17-20  
Spring Trip to San Antonio - Details TBA

## **10th Annual Duke City Drum Off**

**Saturday, November 10, 9 am  
Cibola High School**

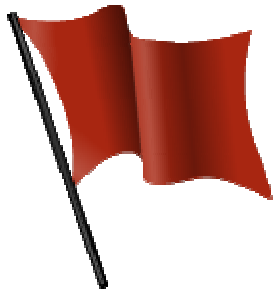
Although this newsletter will not reach you in time to make plans to attend the Drum Off this year, you might want to know what it's all about.

The Duke City Drum Off is an annual event involving some of New Mexico's finest high school marching drumlines! The drumlines perform anywhere from five to ten minutes of warm ups, cadences, or music from their marching band show while judges critique them on their musicianship and technical skills.

Upon completion of all high school performances, there is an exhibition performance exposing students to ensembles of higher caliber for entertainment and educational purposes.

Finally, there is an awards ceremony where there are participation plaques, caption awards, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies.

As representatives of the New Mexico National Guard, the 44th Army Band ultimately hopes to strengthen public awareness of the guard, promote educational activities, and to perform its mission in a musical capacity.



## CARRY ON, COLOR GUARD!

We are all proud of the band as well as the color guard kids these past weeks! You have really stepped it up with your performances! We were sorry to hear that Nicki and Eun-hae had to be taken to the hospital in Las Cruces, but we are happy that they are alright!. However, this brings up a good subject—everyone needs to be sure they drink plenty of water, get enough sleep, and try to stay warm during competition events. The jogging suits were handed out for this very reason—to keep warm. Make sure you keep your jogging suit in your color guard bag at all times; so if its cold, we can *all* put them on! We should have had them on at TOB!

Winter guard starts on Monday, November 12. Everyone in winter guard will be expected to show up for zero hour at this time. More information will be sent out as soon as we get it. If you can not reach Lisa, try calling me; I may be able to get answers to your concerns.

Cathy Rinehart (new color guard mom!) 298-3554

## All-State Music Festival and In-Service Conference

January 9-12, 2008, at University of New Mexico

**I**n case you were wondering what All-State is all about, here is the purpose of the Festival and Conference, as written in the New Mexico Music Educators Association (NMMEA) Handbook:

### SECTION I: PURPOSE OF THE ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL AND IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE IS:

- A. To provide the well prepared, talented high school music student an opportunity to participate in a fine musical organization under the direction of a recognized specialist not available in the student's local school music program.
- B. To provide the talented music student motivation for the highest achievement in his/her musical education and development.



C. To provide music teachers from the schools of New Mexico an opportunity to observe recognized specialists demonstrate successful teaching techniques in the field of music education and performance.

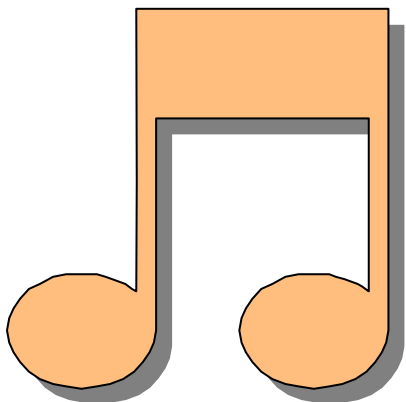
D. To provide music teachers with an opportunity to hear new music literature, and to review music learning materials, new instruments, textbooks and teaching techniques.

E. To provide music teachers with the opportunity to hear fine musical performing groups which they may not otherwise hear during the school year, and which may inspire them to achieve higher standards of instruction in their own education systems.

Plan now to attend at least one of the wonderful concerts on Saturday, January 12!

# *Inside!*

*Read about . . .*



- *the Band's Competition results for the season!*
- *why you should have private lessons!*
- *what to do with that band uniform!*
- *when to turn in fundraising orders & money!*
- *the Duke City Drum Off!*
- *when Color Guard becomes Winter Guard!*
- *and lots more!*

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