



EHS BAND NEWSLETTER

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From Your Director...

A great many thanks to everyone that helped out at the Albuquerque Jazz Festival. Tyler North did a fantastic job of hosting the festival at Sandia, and I thought our students and parents did an excellent job of keeping it running smoothly. Our students always do an outstanding job with this festival; it is really a feather in their cap. Many festivals run by adults are never run as well. I have been always been proud of the work that they do. Tom Schripsema, the mastermind behind the festival, always has the festival running in perfect motion. I don't think he can be replaced!

Our jazz bands received great ratings at the Albuquerque Jazz Festival and at the Fort Lewis Jazz festival. Jazz II and III received "Excellent" ratings at the Albuquerque Jazz Festival, and Jazz I received a "Superior" rating. Jazz I and II received "Superior" ratings at the Fort Lewis Jazz Festival and the Screamin' Eagles received 2nd place. Congratulations!

Don't forget about the upcoming San Antonio trip, it is just around the corner and will be here before you know it. We will be leaving the evening of April 17 and returning the morning of April 21. We will send out a more exact itinerary soon.

Enjoy the remainder of the school year!

Mr. Sanks



District VII Band Festival

This year's festival will be held at Albuquerque High School. Concert band should be performing on Tuesday, April 8; and Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are currently scheduled for Thursday, April 10. We have one bus reserved on Tuesday and two buses reserved on Thursday.

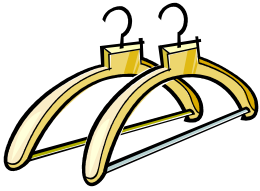
Mr. Sanks would like to encourage all of you to feel free to come into the sight-reading room to watch what we do. The sight-reading room is one of the toughest rooms at festival. We have eight minutes to look over a piece of music and then play it straight through. It is an interesting test of music literacy.



State Band Contest

The NMAA State Band Contest will be held at Cibola High School on Saturday, April 26. Wind Ensemble will be the only Eldorado band competing again this year. We will have one bus to take the students to Cibola.

FROM THE UNIFORM CLOSET



Something for me to clear up....the tax charge for \$20.00 on your statements are for the button up shirt that goes under the kids' concert jackets. It is mandatory as the kids wear them all four years, as they do their marching shoes.

PLEASE HELP US :-) Our uniform mom is leaving next year. Our new policy is to have a uniform parent from each grade so three parents will know the position at all times. Let us know if you'd like to be more closely involved with the uniforms. I promise it is easy enough; the position has almost always been covered by one person with no problems. Four people will make your committed time very little. The greatest thing about this position is the kids. They all look at the uniform mom as their mom away from home. They say hi, give me high five's and even yell, "I love you, Mrs. C".



Lastly, remember cleaning receipts due 4-7-08. Clean uniforms between 3-21-08 and 4-7-08.

For any questions or information, contact Shawna Ciddio at 239-3700 or shawna@teamciddio.com.

COME SUPPORT OUR WINTERGUARD!

Our colorguard has a new teacher as of this semester. His name is Chris Martinez, and he attended Manzano H.S. and was in their guard. He is now attending UNM and is in their guard. He is very talented and has been working very hard with the colorguard to get them ready for our upcoming competitions. The kids really like and respect him, and they have come a long way since marching season. We are all very proud of them! Thank you, too, to Mr. Demas for helping with the choreography and for coming once a week to help Chris with improvements to our show.

The colorguard looks great, and it would be very nice if we could get some more support for our last competition in April at Cibola High School. It will be Saturday, April 5, starting at 10 am, but the time we perform is yet to be determined. We will have some flyers up in the band room when we find out the time.

ALSO, if you know someone who will be an incoming freshman to Eldorado, please encourage them to join the colorguard. The more we have the better it looks during competition time! And they will have a lot of fun too!

Thank you!

Cathy Rinehart (colorguard and band mom)

Graduation

Graduation is on Wednesday, May 14, at 7:30 pm at the UNM Pit.

We will have buses for this event. The band will be made up of all zero-hour students that are not seniors.



GO EAGLES



Spring Trip to San Antonio

Get your bags packed and prepare for an exciting trip to San Antonio, Texas. We depart on our spring trip after school on **Thursday, April 17, 2008**. Be sure to eat before departure as we will not be stopping for any meals (only rest stops) until 8:00 a.m. the next morning. After breakfast in San Antonio on **Friday** morning, we will be heading to Sea World for the day. Our evening meal will be at various restaurants on the famed San Antonio Riverwalk.

Saturday, April 19, will be a day filled with many performances by band, chorus and orchestra. Saturday evening will be the awards/dance/dinner at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. All attendees at the festival will be at the park for a fun filled evening.

Sunday morning will be a chance to sleep in. Then after breakfast, we are off to Six Flags Fiesta Texas for the day. We will depart San Antonio after dinner on Sunday and arrive home at EHS sometime on **Monday** around 9:00 a.m. Students will have an Eagle absence for Monday so that they may go home, shower and get some much-needed rest!

Student Reminders and Important Parent Information:

Hotel: *Holiday Inn San Antonio Airport, 77 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 210-349-9900*

Students ... Don't forget a pillow and small cover up for the bus—it does get chilly. All meals and entrance fees are paid for by the band boosters; however, you may want to bring a small amount of spending money for any souvenirs or late night pizza.

PLEASE check your student account. *Full payment for the spring trip must be received before we depart on Thursday, April 17.*

Hawaii

Aloha.....Summer '09

How does six days and five nights in beautiful Hawaii sound? Come find out the details of the Summer '09 EHS Band trip to Hawaii. We will be having an informational meeting at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, in the band room.

Aloha!



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A very special *thank you* goes out to the following businesses that donated food and helped make our Taco Dinner fundraiser for the band general fund such a big success:

Sandiago's Mexican Grill at the Tram
38 Tramway Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122



SYSCO Food Services of New Mexico
601 Comanche NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Thank You!

Frontier Restaurant/Golden Pride
2400 Central SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106

BAND/COLOR GUARD AWARDS BANQUET

Suspense! Glamour! Excitement!

All this, and good food, can be yours ...

WHEN: Sunday, May 4, 2008

TIME: 1-4 p.m.

**WHERE: Albuquerque Marriott
Louisiana Blvd., NE**

The Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 4, at the Marriott Uptown (located at Louisiana Blvd. and I-40). Check-in will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch service beginning at 1:00 p.m. We should be finished by 4:00 p.m. Lunch will include salad, rolls, entrée and dessert. This year's entrée is Chicken Parmesan. There will be a vegetarian pasta entrée as well.

The Boosters will pay the cost for each student's meal. Once reservations are turned in to the hotel, we MUST pay for the meal. Therefore, students who make a

reservation and *do not show* will be charged for their meal.

We need to collect the cost per meal for all other attendees (parents and siblings) in advance. An order form will be coming home with students soon. Banquet meals must be *paid for* in advance. Student accounts CAN NOT be charged. An accurate count of all attendees is necessary. Students, if you are planning to attend the banquet, please complete the form and submit it even if no payment is due.



REMINDER

Senior Students: Your student account *must* be paid in full by **May 1, 2008**. 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!

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 21 through Friday, March 28
Vernal Holiday and Spring Break—NO SCHOOL

Saturday, March 22
Winter Guard Competition
Highland HS

Tuesday, April 1
Band Boosters Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 5
Winter Guard Competition
Cibola HS

Tuesday, April 8
Concert Band
District VII Band Festival
Albuquerque HS

Thursday, April 10
Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble
District VII Band Festival
Albuquerque HS

Thursday-Sunday, April 17-20
SPRING TRIP to San Antonio
Leave after school Thursday, April 17
Return early morning Monday, April 21

Tuesday, April 22
Drum Major Auditions Begin

Saturday, April 26
NMAA State Band Contest
Cibola HS

Friday, May 2
Jazz Band Concert 7 pm

Sunday, May 4
Band/Colorguard Banquet 1 pm
Albuquerque Marriott Hotel

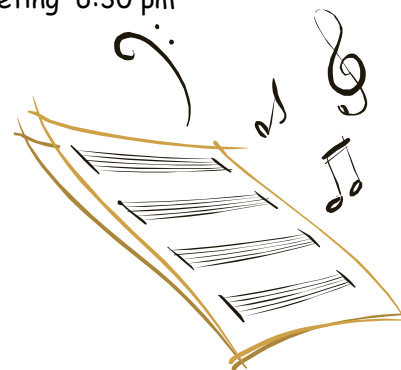
Tuesday, May 6
Band Boosters Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 8
Band Concert 7 pm
Location TBA

Tuesday, May 13
EHS Honors Assembly
EHS Gym

Wednesday, May 14
EHS 2008 Graduation 7:30 pm
University Arena ("The Pit")

Thursday, May 22
Last Day of Classes



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