

Quarter Notes

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Presidents' Message

Did you know that over 850 students are enrolled in the instrumental music program at AHS? That is larger than the music program at any UC or

CalState campus. This is testimony to the dedication of our directors who welcome every student who makes the commitment.

We ask that their parents make an equal commitment to our program. Yes, it takes an army of volunteers to support a program this large. But for those who are unable to devote that many volunteer hours there are still many ways you can contribute to this important endeavor in your child's life. The most important thing you can do for your children is to come out and hear them play. Come to a concert, band review, or football game. Stand on the sidewalk on Baldwin Avenue on Saturday, November 15 and watch them proudly march by - all 410 of them! Come to Citrus College that evening and watch our students host the best bands in Southern California in a

field show tournament full of drama and color. Hear the Orchestra at the Fall Concert at Pasadena High School on November 6 and at the San Gabriel Civic

on December 7. Then come to the Spaghetti Dinner and be moved as the band celebrates the season just past. Hear every string player at the Orchestra Benefit Dinner playing at once - breathtaking!

As you read through this newsletter and see the tremendous amount of activities planned for our music students, you will notice the names of many volunteers who chair these events. In addition, there are a vast number of parents who clean shoes, donate supplies, cook lunch, sell tickets, make fliers, etc., etc., etc.... To thank these people individually here would be to risk omitting someone. Every one of these people is important to the program. The next time you are at an event, thank these people for their

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Important Information

for Vons/Pavilions eScrip members

You must renew your Vons/Pavilions eScrip membership by 10/31/03 or they will drop you from the program. There are 3 ways to renew:

- 1) Return the form sent to you in the mail. -OR-*
- 2) Go online at www.escrip.com. Click on "Renew." If you need to search for the organization, use the zip code: 91066. -OR-*
- 3) Call (800) 801-4973.*

exceptional dedication to this awe-inspiring program.

PSAT

The Arcadia Music Club will be offering the 2003 PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) on Saturday, October 18, 2003 at Arcadia High School. This test determines the National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalists for the following year. It is highly recommended that all students in grades 9 through 11 take the test, as the scores count for juniors and the test is a great practice for freshmen and sophomores.

The fee for this test is \$25.00 and checks should be made payable to the Arcadia Music Club. Students will sign up during lunch only, in front of the Music Building, from September 22 through October 3, 2003. Students must have a photo ID with them to be able to sign up for the test. Instructions, a practice test, and times for the test will be handed to each student who signs up for the test. After the sign up period, the cost of the test will be \$35.00 each.

Contact Mrs. Schreiner at 821-1711 in the Principal's Office for further information or questions.

Band

Some important changes begin with a BANG. Everybody knows what has happened. Other changes that are more significant start almost without a sound. That would mark the beginning of this year. It starts with student leaders who see the need for visible commitment, set a standard that they are willing to uphold at any cost. Follow that with a band that also commits to the same standard, and the product is a group that works together to achieve their full potential. That best described the beginning of this school year. We had an outstanding Music Camp in August that has lead us into an excellent start of the school year. Our first home football game

was an excellent demonstration of both the students hard work and the level at which we can expect to see them perform. There is a great deal of learning that we must do to be prepared for the upcoming marching season, and continuing on as we have been doing, this will be an exciting year. With formal pictures being taken on the 27th of September, we will have only one week between that and the start of the competition season. October 11th marks our first events at the Placentia Band Review and the Valencia Field Tournament. These "All Day Events" normally start at 7:30 in the morning and last till around midnight, so help your student be prepared by getting a good nights rest the evening before, and a full breakfast the day of the event. That will help to insure that they will be at their best come performance time. The next week will be the PSAT testing date at which almost all of our students take part. Hold on to your jackets because after that, we will have 5 performances in a row. The Mt. Carmel Tournament on October 25th, Chino Tournament on November 1st, La Palma Band Review and the Los Altos Field Tournament on November 8th, our own Arcadia Festival Of Bands November 15th, and the SCSBOA Field Championships in San Diego on November 22nd. Please make an effort to come out and support your young musician at one, many, or all of these events. They may never ask you to come out and watch them, but your presents means more to them than they can ever say. We look forward to seeing you throughout this marching season.

Celebrating Volunteerism

As many of you may already know, the 50th Anniversary Festival of Bands will be held on November 15 of this year. It is the largest event our community holds and

involves City Hall, City Council, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce, Santa Anita Race Track, Westfield Shopping Mall, the School Board, the School District along with 5,000 students and 8,000 parents. Each year, it takes over 400 volunteers and parents plan, organize, and run this extraordinary event and, as you all know, the proceeds benefit the whole Music Program of the School District. To pay tribute to their contribution year in and year out, we will be honoring them as the Grand Marshals of 2003.

We would like to invite all the volunteers in the past to be our VIPs and parade with us down Baldwin Ave on November 15. A new competition of Procession Teams at AHS and Firework Show at Citrus College are part of the celebrations this year. Pre-sale tickets available for \$6.00, please contact Terry Schreiner at (626) 821-1711 for more information.

Finally, if you know Music Club Alumnus who we should invite please contact David Lee at (626) 285-1181. We thank you for all your support.

*David Lee
(Chair, Festival of Bands 2003)*

Uniforms

Marching band uniform fittings are done! Many thanks to the more than fifty parents who volunteered during the uniform fitting days. Approximately 350 band students now have uniforms, and this task could not have been accomplished without your help. Special thanks to Jim and Margaret Barrows, who are indispensable and return each year to help with this, and to Debbie Riggio, past uniform chairman, whose support and knowledge has been invaluable to me.

*-Betsy Burcham
Uniform Chair*

37th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Show

The Apache Marching Band will host the 37th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Show on Saturday, January 17th 2004. This exciting show caps off the marching season. The Band and Color Guard will perform all the music from their great 2003 season. There are featured performances by the Drum Major, Guard, Percussion, Princesses, and Pep Band. There is also a "Drill Down" - a drill competition for the whole band, and a pictorial remembrance of the season as the band says an emotional farewell for the year. A delicious dinner of pasta with marinara sauce, salad, roll, and punch is served. The show plays at 5, 7, and 9pm in the North Gym. Dinner is served from 4pm to 9pm in the cafeteria. The Spaghetti dinner is the largest fundraiser of the year for the AHS Music Program and we need your help. If your student is in Band or Guard, they will be given ten Spaghetti Dinner tickets prior to the winter break. Each student is expected to sell these tickets. Please encourage your friends and relatives to come and enjoy one of the best entertainment values in the area while supporting a great group of students. Parents are asked to volunteer for a two-hour shift. It's easy to find a time to help and then pick a show to attend and see and hear your student. We need about 175 people to make this event a success. Come and join a fun group of parents, friends and alumni. Email Kris Johnson at krisj4p2@yahoo.com or call 626-357-0577 to sign up for a shift and be a part of the 37th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Show.

Grocery Scrip



If you have a Vons or Pavilions card you can earn money for the Arcadia Music Club each time you shop! Each time you swipe your card to get your club benefits, you could be sending money to the Music Club. You can sign-up your Vons or Pavilions card on our web page www.arcadiamusic.org. If you do not have a Vons/Pavilions card, you can still help the club by purchasing grocery store scrip (gift certificates) for other markets and they will contribute money to our program. Scrip is sold at our Music Club meetings, or you can contact Debbie Riggio at (626) 447-2689.

Thank You

The school year has just begun and already the Music Club has been busy. Many people have already done large amounts of work to support the program. Here are some of them:

Joyce Sakai chaired our music student P-days and made sure that we were able to have enough help to register all our students before camp. Thank you Joyce

Tom and Sue Meikle headed up another successful car wash on Sat. Sept. 20 This will be Tom Meikle's last year as Car Wash chair. He has brought this fundraiser to its highest level of success ever and is leaving it very well organized for future chairs. Our students have benefited greatly from his leadership. Thank you, Tom

Coyla Grumm and Sandy DeSurra ran our two camps this summer. Tom Landes has said many times that camp is the most important thing that we do for our kids. Sandy and Coyla {with an assist from their husbands Mario DeSurra and Dick Grumm} gave up their summer to plan for

the largest number of students ever at camp. Camp was a big success with the students progressing farther musically than ever before. Thank you, Coyla and Sandy.

Jim and Margaret Barrows continue to give of their time and experience to all facets of our program. They chaperoned at camp. They also fed the band two Saturdays in a row at marching practice. They are always there when needed. Thank you, Jim and Margaret.

Young Kae, Hospitality chair, organized our back to school first meeting pot luck dinner, which was well attended and everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. Thank you Young.

Elizabeth Renfrew chaired this year's New Parent orientation. There was a lot of information available for parents and a chance for folks to find out how they can help. Thank you Elizabeth.

Cindy Falk, membership chair, put together this year's membership program and is distributing the premiums. Thank you Cindy.

Jim Tanner put together the newsletter with a jazzy new look that will showcase our kids and the hard work that they do. Watch for it online too. Thank you Jim

Peggy Li continues as web chair and continues to put together the best web site of any booster club around. Thank you Peggy.

Harry Moy, Fundraising VP, has put together a master calendar so that we can keep track of all the stuff we do. Thank you Harry.

There are many other people who help. They are the backbone of this program and their hard work is appreciated by students, teachers and families. Thank you EVERYBODY!

Car Wash Results

The Car Wash on September 20th was a resounding success with over 1,100 cars washed at our four locations. Our students did a terrific job soliciting pledges and washing cars. Top honors went to the

Holly Avenue team where 345 cars were washed, followed closely by Dana where 336 cars were washed. Once again our parent volunteers allowed the event to succeed. Special thanks go to Doug Failing for serving as assistant chair, Debbie Riggio as bookkeeper and to our site chairs: Jim and Margaret Barrows, Mike Green, Harry Moy, and Richard and Lynn Bonaparte. In addition, all of the parents that came out and supervised our students contributed to our success. Thank you one and all. We would also like to extend a big thank you to all of the Director's for encouraging and reminding the students about their responsibilities to the program and the importance of supporting this fundraiser that provides financial support for the entire Band, Orchestra and Color Guard program. As this article goes to press, over \$17,000 has been deposited to the Music

important events every week or so. If you think that you put your e-mail address on a sign-up sheet or through P-days but you haven't gotten anything ever or for a while, we probably do not have your correct address.

Please e-mail us at ahsmusicclub@altrionet.com and we will be sure to add your name to this valuable service.

Orchestra Benefit Dinner

The Orchestra Benefit dinner is one of the major fundraisers for the AHS Music Club. It will take place on Feb. 21, 2004 at the Arcadia Community Center. This annual event will feature guest musicians Craig & Mary Durst on saxophone & keyboard. The grand finale of the evening highlights all 300+ orchestra students in the unique "orchestra in the round" format. The ticket price includes a multi-course meal & great entertainment. There is a limit of 330 guests for this dinner. However, there are different ways that parents, local businesses & community members can participate in this event. Benefactors contribute money. Local businesses & parents can donate prizes for the Silent Auction. Advertisement space is sold in the dinner program to business sponsors & families.

Mark your calendar for the Orchestra Benefit Dinner and enjoy a great night of food, fun and festive music. Let's make our 10th anniversary our best and most memorable Benefit Dinner yet.

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2004

Time: 6:00

Theme: "Moon, Stars & the Evening Sky"

Place: Arcadia Community Center

For further information, please contact Susan Lai at slai888@pacbell.net

The success of a music program as large as ours depends not only on student dedication, but the support of parents, staff, community, and local businesses.

The students of the band, orchestra, percussion, and color guard would like to thank the El Monte Home Depot and Reliable Wholesale Lumber Inc. for their generous donations to our Music Camp program this year. Their support has helped us continue our tradition of excellence. Thank you to Nikki at the Home Depot and Mr. Jack Berutich at the Reliable Lumber.

-Alanna Mori

Club treasury. Come to the Music Club general meeting on October 21st to hear an update as we close in on our goal of raising \$25,000 this year.

E-Mail Alert!!!

The Music Club sends out e-mail reminders about meeting and other

Orchestra News

We are off to a whirlwind start to another great year at Arcadia High School. We have completed the Music Camp at our new location in Idyllwild, Camp Maranatha. Orchestra 2 and 3 students should have their dresses and tuxedos ordered. Orchestra 1 students have been measured for their new shirts and should be getting the rest of their outfits ready as well. We will be ready for our Orchestra Group pictures on October 11, 2003 in the afternoon and the Fall String Concert, which is scheduled for November 6, 2003 at 7:00 pm.

I would particularly like to thank those parents who joined us as chaperones at music camp this year. It is always hard to get used to a new location and work out the details of having our young men and women interact with their friends at the other camp (music camp grew too big for one site). Your patience in working through this first year was phenomenal and all of us parents who have children in the music program owe you big thanks for giving up a week with our kids. I also, want to thank those parents who made the trip up the mountain to join us for visitor day. I know your children probably didn't say anything to you, but I know they all appreciated your coming. Our students have changed in many ways over this past year and I particularly want to note to our incoming freshman parents that many things are changing for us as well. High School is much busier and we have to work harder to stay involved in our children's lives. I know that I wouldn't give up the chances I've had to share the time with my daughter at the Music Club and Orchestra events for anything in the world. I've also gained the chance to meet so many of the other students in the program, even a few of my daughter's friends, who would only be names she speaks of, if I did not participate.

One of the easiest ways to participate is just by coming to the performances of

the students. Your kids are working hard and the music they make is just amazing. You have some really great kids who are preparing themselves to be the leaders who will replace us soon. Great kids usually mean great parents as well. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the concerts, but also look forward to having some of you volunteer as chaperones for concerts, to help set up events and participating in the upcoming Festival of Bands fundraiser for the Music Club. Our children have a chance to perform at really high level, because we parents create opportunities for them by doing simple tasks that would take the music directors time away from working with the students to do what they do best, teach. Come to a music club meeting, third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, and volunteer a little time to really learn more about your child and the great friends they are spending time with. Please call me if you have questions at 574-1135 or e-mail me at dougfailing@earthlink.net

Doug Failing
5th Vice-President, Orchestra

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Calendar of Events

October

- 11 Placentia Parade, Valencia Field Show
- 11 Orchestra Pictures, 1-4pm
- 17 Home Football Game
- 18 PSAT Test
- 21 Music Club General Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Home Football Game, 6pm
- 25 Mt. Carmel Parade & Field Show

November

- 1 Chino Parade & Field Show
- 2 Arcadia Centennial Parade
- 4 Music Club Board Meeting
- 6 Fall String Concert, Orchestra I, II, & III
Pasadena High School, 7pm
- 8 La Palma Parade & Los Altos Field
Show
- 15 Arcadia Festival of Bands
- 18 Music Club General Meeting, 7pm
- 21 CIF Football Game
- 22 SCSBOA Field Championships
- 28 CIF Football Game

December

- 2 Music Club Board Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Holiday Concert, San Gabriel Civic,
7pm
- 16 Music Club General Meeting
- 17 Winter Concert, Orchestra I
Westfield Mall
- 19 Holiday Assembly
- 22 1/4 Winter Break

January

- 6 Music Club Board Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Spaghetti Dinner, 5, 7, 9pm
- 20 Music Club General Meeting, 7pm

February

- 2 Disneyland, Orchestra I
- 3 Music Club Board Meeting, 7pm
- 7 Color Guard Show, Mt. Carmel
- 13 Chino Hills HS
- 14-15 Color Guard Regionals, RCC
- 17 Music Club General Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Color Guard Show, AHS
- 21 Orchestra Benefit Dinner,
Arcadia Community Center
- 25-29 Indiana Concert Band
National Concert, Band III
- 26-28 WGI Event, CG, PR, Fresno

March

- 2 Music Club Board Meeting, 7pm
- 6 Color Guard Show, Costa Mesa HS
- 7 Color Guard Show, Palm Desert HS
- 10 Band Vertical Concert, Band III, 7pm
- 11 Showcase Arcadia
- 12-14 WGI Event, CG, PR, Las Vegas
- 16 Music Club General Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Color Guard Show, Northview HS
- 21 Color Guard Show, Santa Fe HS
- 25 Orchestra Vertical Concert, SO
- 26-28 WRI Event, CG, PR, Hayward
- 31 Spring Concert, Band & Orch. I, II

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