

Quarter Notes

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Presidents' Message

What a tremendous year this has been so far. Our band has just finished marching season with many m e m o r a b l e

performances of one of the most exciting field shows ever seen. Our kids got a standing ovation from the other bands at Mt. Carmel, a first in many people's memories. Now the band will get ready for its performance at the Spaghetti Dinner on January 17. We hope to see everyone at this joyous celebration of the season just past.

The orchestras performed their first concert of the year to great acclaim. We are looking forward to the Holiday concert and then the thrilling massed strings of the Orchestra benefit dinner.

The Color Guard and Percussion now begin their preparation for national competition in the spring. Many of these events will be held in Southern California so be sure to see our kids go for the glory this spring. Watch the website for dates.

Our hardworking kids and their equally hardworking directors always amaze us with their effort and dedication. Our program would not be able to succeed without the support of parents like you. The 50th anniversary of the Arcadia Festival of Bands would not have been possible without the labor and skills of over 400 adult volunteers. Our Festival is widely regarded as the premier such event in Southern California as well as the best run (thank you David Lee!) All day long our parents watched kids from all over compete and enjoy themselves. Parents from all over complimented us on how

well organized our event was. Thanks to everyone who helped at the FOB and to all the folks who keep showing up to do the innumerable tasks that four performing groups with over 850 members require. There will be lots more opportunities throughout the year to enjoy performances and to help. Please try to come out and do both. You won't regret a moment.

-Mike and Polly Green



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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.

To Our Chaperones

Let me take this opportunity to extend the Music Club's and my personal appreciation for the many hours unselfishly donated by all of you for our award-winning Band. "Like the U.S. Postmen", through heat, cold and rain, you are continuously dedicated and motivated to the tasks of escorting and grooming our Student Musicians. Again, let me extend my thanks for your past, present and hopefully future tireless efforts. I've enjoyed your support and friendship during this past season.

-Irene Kahn,
Band Chaperone Chair

Membership

Thank you to all who have joined the Arcadia Music Club. This year membership has brought in just over \$20,000. This level of support makes all the difference! We are off to a great start this year in attaining our goal of providing the financial support needed to have the

very best music program around. All our members are important, but we would especially like to thank our benefactors Jim and Sharon Eberhardt, Chris and John MacClain and Elizabeth and Bruce Renfrew for their very generous contributions, and our business members, Imy Dulake - Coldwell Banker Real Estate Arcadia, the Posey Company, the Symes Company, Benson Packaging, Pednar Products, Hoey Optometry and Annie Wong - Dilbeck GMAC Realty. Business members, please don't forget to get your ad or artwork in to Susan Lai for the Orchestra Benefit Dinner if you didn't place one in the

Festival of Bands Program. It's not too late to join if you haven't already done so. If you haven't picked up your membership premiums, they will be available at the music club meetings. Additional Music Club T-shirts, pins, seat cushions and licence plate frames can be purchased at the Music Club meetings as well.

Thank you again for all your support.

Cynthia Falk,
2003-2004 Membership Chair

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: "Stars, Moon & the Evening Sky"

Place: Arcadia Community Center

For tickets, please contact Tao Kuo at 446-2460.

La Palma Potluck

Our Marching Band and Color Guard students were overwhelmed with the amount of cookies and brownies that their parents (YOU!) provided for their BBQ after the La Palma parade. They couldn't



believe it was all for them and took full advantage of the moment! It may seem like a small thing, but we hope you realize how much your support was appreciated by all.

For those of you that joined in the tailgate potlucks at our other competitions, THANK YOU! We all had great fun and enjoyed tasting a wide variety of delicious food from your kitchens and favorite restaurants. Please join us again next year!

Virginia Izell and Debbie Riggio

PSAT

The PSAT was a huge success due to the number of people willing to help out. Without your time and effort, this test day would not be possible. We were able to test just short of 1100 students, in a familiar environment and close to home. The PSAT is a once a year test, and is the basis for the National Merit Scholarship Awards. Thanks again to everyone who gave their time and expertise!

*-Terry Schreiner
PSAT Chair*

Thanks Orchestra

To the forgotten few, much appreciation and thanks for your support of the band's Festival of Bands event. Without your help, the parent volunteers would be doing a double shift and/or handling multiple jobs during the parade. KUDOS!!!!

- A Grateful Parent



Orchestra News

As I look at the first 3 months of school, two things come to my minds, great students and great parents. The support I feel from the parents has been fantastic. Thank you to the parents who have done so many things to make our job easier. Thanks to the parents we have great new outfits for Freshman Orchestra, the ladies of Orchestra 2 and 3 look marvelous in their orchestra dresses, thanks to parents. Thanks to the Orchestra Dads who helped load the truck and the Moms and Dads who road the buses at the Fall String Concert. Thanks for help with the candy sale. And a big thanks to all the parents who came to the Orchestra Potluck, it was a fun and fattening evening. And now the students, who have been working extremely hard in class, at sectionals and rehearsals. The efforts and talents continue to amaze me. All three orchestra were nothing but amazing at the Fall String Concert. A dear friend and colleague of mine, Richard Meyer, expressed to me how much he enjoyed the concert and how well all the groups played, especially Orchestra 3. His comments touched me and I felt so good for the students. Thank you all for a great concert!!

A few more Thanks Yous.....

Thanks to all your support at the car wash and Festival of Bands. Both of these events were extremely successful due to the hard work of all the parents and student volunteers who worked so very hard.

As we end one concert, we look ahead to the future. On December 11th, Orchestra 2 and Symphony Orchestra will perform as part of the annual Holiday Concert. The concert will be held at San Gabriel Civic Auditorium and will begin at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 each and get them early because this concert is always a sell out. If you have a concert coupon, you must

redeem it before the night of the concert. Freshman Orchestra is still finalizing their holiday season performances. Ask your child or check the Music Club Webpage for more information.

Plans are well underway for the 10th Annual Orchestra Benefit Dinner and Concert to be held on Saturday, February 21, 2004. Our theme this year is "A Symphony of Stars." See Chairperson Susan Lai's article for more information.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!!

What can we do to get more parents to attend out concerts? At the recent Fall String Concert there were only 360 parents and friends in the audience. The high school orchestra alone had 340 students performing plus another 280 from the middles school. Doug Failing and the directors would like your input on how we



can get more parents to attend our concerts. If you have suggestions, please email or call us!

And finally...

A big thank you to the Orchestra Officers who worked very hard behind the scene to make all the Orchestra students feel a part of our large program.

Mr. Forbes

Orchestra Notes

This is a time of the year when so many of us turn inward to reflect and be thankful for the gifts that life has provided to us. We live in a wonderful community with a good school, great instructors and are blessed with truly wonderful children. A fine example of how these gifts work together was displayed at the Fall String Concert at Pasadena Church of the Nazarene. The sound was great and the three high school orchestras had a chance to showcase their skills intermixed with the fine talent of our three middle school orchestras. We need to thank those parents who chaperoned the buses our students rode as well as those who took pictures, loaded instruments and, perhaps most importantly those who attended the event. While we are fortunate to have opportunities to see the program on our local cable channel, it is important that our parents take the time to attend these events in person. The young men and women in our orchestras work very hard and put so much effort into the program that we parents really need to come and visibly celebrate their accomplishments.

By the time you read this we will have had another opportunity to listen to our Freshman Orchestra at the Arcadia Golf Course County Club off of Santa Anita or to our Orchestra II and III students at The San Gabriel Civic Auditorium for the Holiday Concert. Please show your support for your children by attending

as many of their concerts as you can. I know that some of our children do not want us to attend, but, come anyways. You will not be disappointed at what you hear.

AEF News

The Arcadia Educational Foundation (AEF) was the grateful recipient of a \$5000.00 donation to our Save the Music Capital Campaign from the Bank of America Foundation. Fung Der, an Officer with Bank of America, made the presentation to AEF at a recent Arcadia School Board meeting. Many of you are aware that AEF has made a commitment, along with the School District, to fund \$1 million in new instruments for the wonderful music program at all the schools provided here in Arcadia. AEF working with the School District is on target to complete this commitment by the end of 2004. The Bank of America Foundation, for the third year in a row, has made a substantial gift to the students, our children, throughout the School District. Please take the time to say thanks to Fung Der when you're next in her B of A Branch.

*-Doug Failing
AEF President*



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Calendar of Events

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 Color Guard Show, 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, 6pm
- 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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