

Foothill High School Marching Band Newsletter

January 2007

From the President

by Angela Mogannam

Well, we have returned. It was a challenging trip, a nice 17 hour bus ride down but we show up to a beautiful hotel and have a wonderful time!!!!. Mr. Moorefield, you never cease to amaze me! How he manages to plan these trips and they always turn out to be a fabulous time. I just want to say how thankful I feel to have participated in all of these special events over the years I have been vice president and president. I really appreciate that you have allowed me to march and hold my head up high when these people see our band march by. Thank you Morf!!!

Every year I am more surprised by what this group of talented musicians and color guard can do. I am so proud to be a part of this. Thank you Chaperones for all your hard work, a very special thanks to Ellen Holmgren, we worked her very hard taking care of all our sick children and parents too. Ellen, is a kind woman who puts her heart into helping others. We are very fortunate to have her. Also Marilyn Ludt for all her work making sure these uniforms are put together for our children, this by far is one of the hardest jobs that anyone can take on with this band. And my beloved truckers lead by our fearless leader Mr. Habestad, you guys are the best!! I love you all (Of course my hubby John the most).

I can never say enough about Valerie and Mr Cloyd. Val, I don't know how you pull together all us chaperones and deal with all the little interesting events that pop up, but glad your around. And Mr. Cloyd, we are very fortunate to have such a talented and valued assistant director. Go percussion, up three spots from preliminaries, I know how proud you are. Thank you.
Looking forward to winter season.

P.S. - I would like very much too see more of you at our **next booster meeting which will be held Thursday the 11th at 7:00 in room C6**. This by far is the best place to receive your information on upcoming events. Hope to see you there. And don't forget to get your Crab Feed tickets soon, you won't want to miss this.

From the Vice President

by Georgette Whitbred

What a wonderful trip to the Fiesta Bowl, and then to Disneyland! Another moment to see how great this program is for our kids. Although they were completely beat from a 16+ hour bus ride, they stepped up to the plate and delivered as they always do. Not only was I proud of my own kids, but also of my certain bus (*Hooray for Bus #3!!*) whom I got to know on this trip. What an amazing group of young adults that work very hard, but also have a lot of fun at the same time. The friendships that have developed will be lifelong, as I can attest to those my older daughter gained through band, and the life lessons on how to live with people, get by on very little sleep, deliver when it is asked of you, etc., are something they can't learn anywhere else. I have a new-found respect for these band members as well! I was asked to march with them in the Fiesta Bowl Parade, and I tell you they keep a pretty hefty pace. We also marched almost the entire parade with the sun in our eyes and also encountered horses, too! ;) But, they did their very best performance and it was so exciting to have cheers from the crowd and people asking where we were from and whether we were high school or college. It was all topped off by my own daughter flashing me the biggest smile while she was doing her routine, showing how much fun she was having and how much she loves being in this band. Thank you so much, Mr. Moorefield and Mr. Cloyd for all of your hard work and making this the fantastic program that it is.

Please continue to support your child in band. We would also love to have you join us in being involved, whether it be a chaperone or a committee chairperson. Honestly, the adults have a lot of fun, too! And I, too, have developed a great amount of friendships throughout the years. It takes a lot of dedicated parents, as well as students, to make this program work as well as it does and we would love to have you join us. Winterguard/Percussion season is now upon us, and a show at Foothill on March 24th in which we could use all the volunteers we can get. This is our second biggest fundraiser of the year, and it was so successful last year.

Please pay your band fees on time. Because we don't charge late fees, it seems that it can sometimes be pushed to the side and sometimes forgotten. We ride in the finest buses in comfort (no yellow school buses here!), stay in the best hotels, and eat fantastic food whether it is put together by our band parents or in other places. Some families have multiple kids in band and work very hard at extra jobs in order to have their kids in this program, but wouldn't have it any other way. Your child is definitely benefiting. Thank you so much.

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From the Crab Feed Chairperson

by Marilyn Ludt

The 26th annual Band Booster's Crab Feed is less than a month away. It's an evening for great music, food, and fun. It is Friday, February 2, 6:30, at the Shine Event Center in Livermore. Tickets are \$35.00. Order forms can be found on the band website. Tickets will be available at the booster meeting, Jan. 11. There will be silent auction baskets, and a live auction. Jazz A and B will perform. We did sell out last year so get your tickets early.

A crab feed committee planning meeting will be Wed., Jan.10, 7:30 in the band room. If you would like to help in the planning, make follow-up phone calls, or are already a committee member, please come.

Volunteers are needed for hour shifts though out the evening to make this big event run smoothly. Call Jane Rosell, 426-2428 to sign up. Call early for the best shifts.

Donations are still being accepted for the auction baskets, or live auction. Tickets to sporting events, a weekend at your cabin. Homemade items. If you have an item for the auction, contact Marilyn Ludt, 485-0417, or at shiningforhim@earthlink.net

Senior Yearbook Information

by Ellen & Bob Gave

As you know, we have a huge senior class this year. The Year Book is a wonderful "keepsake" for the students and parents. This effort is very time consuming and a lot of work. We are trying to determine if enough families are interested. They will cost \$35 each and you will need to submit a page of photos (8X10 image size area) of your student. Please contact at us at gaves@pacbell.net or (925) 227-0664 by February 2nd and let us know if you are planning to purchase a Year Book.

If we decide to move forward with this project Steffi Gross will need a committee to help her. So let us know if you are interested in a Year Book and if you are interested in helping with this project.

It has been a wonderful four years!

Heartfelt Thank You!

The Band, Percussion, and Colorguard would like to say a "big" thank all of the parents who help assist us in so many ways. We appreciate your support and hard work at all of our events!

Phone Tree and E-mail News

by Ellen and Bob Gave

We've had a large group of very active senior (graduating) parents with us the last four years and they will be moving on to other things. The Band Boosters are looking for some new dedicated volunteers to take on these positions. Angela our fearless leader will be announcing them soon so please be ready to say "yes". It has been our pleasure to chaperone, assist with the silent auction and plan the decorations for the crab feed, coordinate the phone tree, send out e-mails, maintain the band roster, and sell souvenirs at the band review. Thank you to all of the parents who work so hard to make this a terrific band!

Scrip Coordinator

by Sandi Newton

. PAPER SCRIP IS BACK!!!

Scrip is the same gift cards you buy from your favorite vendors: Starbucks, Chili's, Borders, Kohls ... except a percentage of each order goes straight into YOUR CHILD'S band account to help pay band fees! Give Scrip as gifts, or use it for your everyday purchases. As Morf says, it's like free money!

Go to the Foothill Band Website and click the yellow bubble on the left side of the home page that says "Fundraising/Scrip". Download the latest Scrip order form, and you can check out additional available vendors at www.glscrip.com. Drop off your order form at one of the addresses listed at the bottom, and pick up your scrip at the same location 7-10 days later.

Thank you to all of the band families for your commitment to buying Scrip and if you have any questions? Contact Sandi Newton @ 417-0267 or sandinewton@hotmail.com.

Our Sincere THANKS!! To our dedicated, supportive, and fearless Drum Major Ben Cortez (from the Entire Band, Parents, and Foothill Band Staff)