



Up Beat!



Music Department Newsletter

La Canada High School

Edition 3

October, 2005

Susan Hamre, Director

Welcome to Instrumental Music, 2005-06

LCHS Music is off to a roaring start as record numbers are everywhere; we welcome new staff members; and a feeling of excitement is ever-present!

We've had lots of additions to our department since last year: the largest Band in LCHS history(!), new staff members, the planning of a new Band Room (construction to start Jan. '06), new instruments, kids auditioning everywhere, etc. etc!

The 175-piece **High School Band & Guard** were busy two weeks before school at Band Camp at Cal Poly, Pomona, and marched at the LA County Fair last week. More than ever before, this group shows great promise and enthusiasm with our field show, "1712 Overture." Our schedule this fall includes six field shows and five home football games.

The Orchestra Retreat last weekend, organized by Mrs. Speltz and Mrs. Lois Johnson, featured several professional players to work with our kids. Special thanks to Linda Young, Christa Peitzman, and Karyn Smithson-Hughes for great food!

The Jr. High (7-8) and Symphonic (9-12) Orchestras each number 45 and are preparing for their Fall Concert scheduled for 7:30 pm Wed., Oct. 26 in the Aud.

The 7-8 Talent Show will be the debut of the **7th & 8th Grade Bands** on Tues. Oct 11 at 7 pm in the Auditorium. Don't miss this fun night!

This newsletter, "Upbeat," is our major means of communication with parents & kids. We publish the first of each month for the year. (Our Band Camp edition was sent out during the summer.) Please read it and note important dates for your family. Let us know any newsworthy items, along with any changes of address. If you would like this by e-mail, please contact Bob Coleman at:

bob@colemanpublishing.com.

Here are our staff members:

First and foremost, Mrs. **Betsy Kraft** is our volunteer-Mom Administrative Assistant. You can find her most days in the Office taking care of all sorts of business. (She is the proud Mom of drum major Kate and 9th grader Kevin). Thanks so much, Betsy!

We have many new faces in our Deptment this year, starting with 3 trombonists! **Mr. Walt Foreman** is the Asst. Band Director, mostly working with the 7-8 graders and Color Guard. Our Student Teacher is **Mr. Leif Albaugh** from USC who works with all the classes. Afternoons will be the rehearsals of our Low Brass coach, **Nick Daley**, a USC Masters graduate. Welcome, gentlemen!

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Beijing & Xi'an, Here We Come!

April in China! What an opportunity for us this Spring Break, 2005! The dates are **Fri. March 31 - Sun. April 9, 2006.**

China Travel Service (CTS) Hong Kong will be guiding us through China. Tour director Lily Shum will be here for a Trip Meeting at 7:30 pm Oct. 10 in the Band Room to answer questions. (She made a presentation to us last May).

Around 206 travelers are signed up to go; however, we have an urgent plea for parents to give up their trips in favor of some kids who are still on the waiting list. Currently 60 parents are signed up, and just over 140 kids are paid. Please call Betsy (952-4261) if you can forfeit your trip to a student musician.

Please note that all future payments go directly to China Travel Service on this **payment schedule:**

June 30 \$300 was due

Oct. 30 - \$999 New: Must pay by check!

Jan. 31 - balance (appx. \$600)

The trip's price is slightly in flux due to the unstable fuel costs; however, it is around \$1875 now. We'll learn more about this on Oct. 10.

Our **Itinerary** will be the following:

Fri. Mar 31: depart LA, fly overnite

Sat. Apr 1: arrive in Beijing, welcome dinner

Sun. Apr 2: Great Wall & Forbidden City.

Performance

Mon. Apr 3 Tour Temple of Heaven, exchange with Beijing Music Institute, performance

Tues. Apr 4: Summer Palace & Youth Palace. Acrobatic Show

Wed. Apr 5: Hutong visit with locals, then Tiananmen Square.

Thurs. Apr 6 fly to Xian. Tour Old City for Tang Dynasty Welcome by costume dancers. City tour.

Fri Apr 7: History of China lesson, visit Shaanxi History Museum & Terracotta Warriors.

Sat. Apr 8: Xian Music University performance & concert at Wild Goose Pagoda. Farewell Dinner with spectacular Tang Dynasty Show.

Sun. Apr 9: fly to Beijing, then flight to LAX.

CTS has managed to book us into one hotel and on only two flights. The travel agent will be assigning travelers to the flights but later we will have sign-up sheets for roommate requests.

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Our Percussion has 2 new faces, **Alex Herrera** and **Tawny Kim**, who are teaching battery and mallets respectively. They both have marched with Drum Corps this summer and are excellent additions to our drumline!

Connie Speltz, professional violinist with the LA Chamber Orch., returns as our String Specialist, working primarily with the Symphonic Orch.

Returning to the Color Guard is **Chris Ceo** from Santa Clarita and **Deanna Perez** from Burbank, who go way back in the years with the Burbank Black Knights. We're equally delighted with the 22-member Guard!

Marc Gofstein, Marching Instructor, returns to the high school Band. This Fall he landed a job with the Long Beach city council, but we know his real love is with us!

Returning for her 20th year at LCHS is the Queen, **Susan Hamre-Addison**. She is still having fun & loves being here!

Lastly, please study the Music Parent Fees found on page 3. With no budget from the District, it is necessary for us to collect "donations" to finance this busy program. Enjoy the year!

LCHS Musicians are National Merit Winners!

Instrumental music boasts outstanding scholars, and this Senior class is exceptional.

Kate Kraft, drum major & trumpeter, **Kyle Chen**, violinist, and **Rustin Zomorodi**, cellist, are all National Merit semi-finalists (meaning they are academically in the top 1% of seniors in the USA!)

Once again it proves that musicianship and high academics go hand-in-hand!!

Congratulations, Scholar-musicians!



9-12 Music Parent Meetings

Mondays, 7:30 pm Band Room

Oct. 10

Nov. 14

Jan. 10 (Tues.)

Jan. 30

Feb. 13

Mar. 13

Apr. 17

May 8 (nominating cmt)

June 6 (Tues.)

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Travel insurance details have been worked out. To go to the TravelSafe insurance site, go to our own Trip Website: LaCanadaHS.com and click on the TravelSafe icon.

Hopefully everyone has your passport lined up (be sure to check expiration date! Must not expire before November 2006!) Ms. Hamre will collect passports in January to get a group Visa.

Travelers, make sure your vaccinations are all up to date. See the pink info sheet in the Band Room, and go get those shots!

China trip fundraiser! Order now!

Band and Orchestra students who are traveling to China next spring will be selling deluxe chocolate bars to help pay for their trips. Checks should be made out to "World's Finest Chocolates." See the order form later in this newsletter!

LCHS Musicians Make Local Orchestras!

More accolades came to LCHS this week as several of our students earned membership in the local youth orchestras. Students are performing in the following youth orchestras:

PYMO (Pasadena Young Musician Orch)

Jeralee Johnson, 12th oboe

Kate Kraft, 12th trumpet

Becky Harris, 12th oboe

Jordan Edberg, 10th oboe

Jennifer Yu, 10th violin

GYO (Glendale Youth Orch)

Jennifer Chan, 12th cello

Monica Jung, 10th violin

Chris Kim, 12th violin

Jesse Cho, 7th violin

PYSO (Pasadena Youth Sym Orch)

Charlie Davidson, 9th tuba

Rex Noreen, 9th string bass

Congratulations, LCHS!

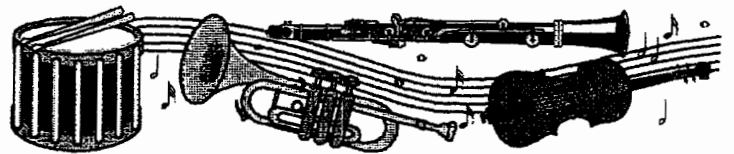
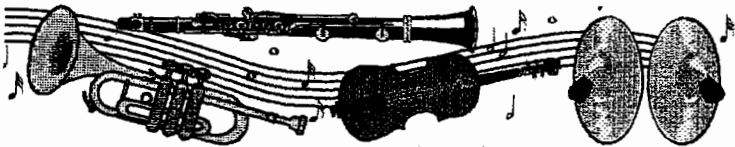


7/8 Grade Band Schedule 2005-06

Tues. Oct 11	7/8 Talent Show , 7 pm Auditorium
Mon., Oct. 31	Halloween Parade, Roosevelt School (8th Bd, tent.)
Nov. 4	Deadline for All-So. Jr. High Honor Band (tryouts Dec.10-11)
Thurs., Nov 10	Jr. High Night at Spartan Football Game! report time: 5 pm dinner; game at 7 pm; halftime appx. 7:45 pm
Nov. 18	Turkey Bowl! (7th gr. Band plays for 8th gr game, 8th Band plays for 7th gr. game
Dec. 1	All-State Jr. High Band tapes due (optional)
Wed., Dec 7	Holiday Concert , 7:30 pm Auditorium (concert repeated for 7/8 Assembly on Fri., Dec. 16, 7:50 am)
Fri., Dec. 9	Ice Skating Party & Gift Exchange
Fri., Dec. 16	7-8 Holiday Assembly (period 1)
Sat., Feb. 4	Dinner Show , 6 pm Gym
Feb. 16-19	All-State Jr. High Band, Fresno (by audition only)
Tues. Mar. 14	Fine Arts Concert , 7:30 pm Auditorium
Wed., Mar. 22	Open House (Solos perform)
Sat., Apr. 15	District Solo & Ens. Festival - optional - here
Apr. 28-30	Carnival!!! (all day and evening!) FUN!
May 5	Home Tour - solos perform
Fri., May 26	7-8 "Tour" of Elementary Schools (during day-need drivers!)
Mon., May 29	Fiesta Days Parade , 10:30 am, Foothill Blvd.
Thurs., June 15	8th Grade Promotion (both bands perform) 10 am

Thank you's....

Steve Edberg, for Field props!!
Christine Connelly, for the Hollywood Bowl!
Laurie Eisensmith, for Uniform organization & rosters!
Audrey McPherson & moms for Uniform fittings
Moms & Dads for Chaperoning the Pomona Fair and Band Camp
City of LaCanada for 2 cellos!
Tracy Palermini & Barbara Roybal for constant treasury work!
the Mann's and Praske's for Home Events
the Hoffman's for Away Events
LCHS Music Parents for sending 15 kids to Leadership Camp & ISOMATA!
the Sewing Crew, led by Audrey McPherson
Jerry Em ily Myers, for golf cart Shed Roof
Mary Em ily Myers, for pictures
Christie Frandsen, for 20 years of mailings!
Connie Speltz & Lois Johnson for organizing the Orchestra retreat
Linda Young, Christa Peitzman and Karyn Smithson-Hughes for food at Orch retreat
Fall Fund-raiser Committee:
Dorit Zirler, Karen Mathison, Betsy Kraft, Audrey McPherson, Ann Grosch, Kate Kraft, and Malia McPherson.
Betsy Kraft, for hours and hours of Office Work!
and our Staff: Marc, Chris, Deanna, Alex, Wait, Connie, Tawny, Nick, & Leif



7/8 Talent Show!

featuring:

- * outstanding individual soloists!
- * zany acts
- * dancing, music, humor!
- * 7th & 8th Bands, 7-8 Chorus, 8th Drama

don't miss it!

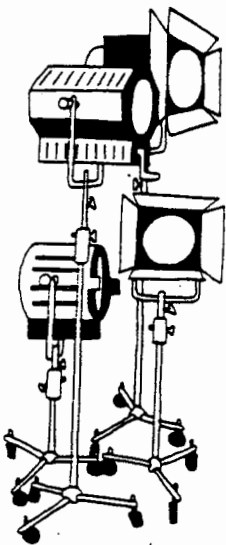
One night only!

("Two Thumbs up!" Siskel & Eberts)

Tues., Oct. 11 * 7 pm

LCHS Auditorium

price: \$5 adults \$3 students with ASB card (\$4 without) \$2 Seniors



Orchestra Schedule, 2005-06

Wed. Oct. 26	Fall Concert 7:30 pm, Aud
Wed. Dec. 7	9-12 Orch Tour of Elem Schools, all day
Wed. Dec. 7	7-8 Holiday Concert, 7:30 pm Aud
Thurs. Dec. 8	9-12 Orch Holiday Concert , Aud. 7:30 pm
Jan.	Disneyland (tent.)
Sat. Feb. 4	Dinner Show Gym
Tues. Mar 14	7-8 Fine Arts Concert , 7:30 pm Aud
Tues. Mar 21	9-12 Fine Arts Concert , Aud, 7:30 pm
Wed. Mar. 22	Open House (7-8 play solos)
Fri. Mar. 24	Band-Orch Festival at LCHS
Mar 31-Apr 9	China!
Sat. Apr 15	Solo-Ens Festival , opt. LCHS
Apr. 28-30	Carnival
Fri., May 5	Home Tour (opt.) 7-8 Solos
May 5, 12, 17	Pops rehearsal , 6-9 pm, LCHS & Lanterman
Thurs. May 18	Pops Concerto Night 7:30 Lanterman
June 1-3	Musical
June 8	Orchestra awards

Honor Groups for 2005-2006

(don't miss out on these valuable musical experiences!!!)

- 1. Tournament of Roses "Tournament Band"** (gr. 9-12)
January 1, 2006, Pasadena, CA
Tryout date: Sun. October 16, 2005
Audition material: Solo; know scales (incl. chromatic); sight-reading
- 2. All-State Band (CBDA)** grades 9-12 (CA Band Dir. Assoc.)
Tapes due: Dec. 1, 2005
Performance: Feb. 16-19, 2006, Fresno
Audition: Required music from "Audition List" & scales, www.cbda.org
Fee: \$40 + \$235 if accepted
- 3. All-State Orchestra (CMEA)** grades 9-12 (CA Music Ed. Assoc.)
Performance: Sat., Mar. 18, 2006 (at CMEA Convention), Sacramento
Tapes due: Dec. 1, 2005
download audition material from Cal Music.com
- 4. All-Southern Sr. High Honor Band & Orchestra (SCSBOA)**
(So. CA Sch Band & Orch Assoc.)
grades: 9-10-11-12 (Feb. 3-5, 2006) note: 9th can try out for either Sr. High or Jr. high, but not both!
application & list of music from Ms. Hamre, post mark before Nov. 18
auditions: Sun. Jan 8 in LA County
rehearsals: Feb. 3-4, performance: CSU Long Beach Feb. 5, 2006
- 5. All-Southern Mid School Honor Band & Orchestra (SCSBOA)**
grades 6-7-8-9 (note: 9th graders can try out for Sr. or Jr. high, but not both!)
application & required list (from Ms. Hamre) must be postmarked Nov. 10, 2005
auditions: Sun. Dec. 11,
rehearsals (if accepted) Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 9 am-4 pm
performance - Sun. Jan. 29, 3 pm
- 6. All-State Jr High Band (gr. 7-8) (CBDA)**
tapes due Dec. 1, 2005; Feb. 17-19, 2006, Fresno; www.cbda.org
fee: \$40 + \$235 when accepted
- 7. All Southern H.S. Jazz Band (SCSBOA)**
applications postmarked Nov. 18, 2005; auditions Jan. 14,
information from SCSBOA.org
- 8. All-State HS Jazz Band (CBDA/AJE)**
Tapes due Dec. 1; performance Feb. 17-19, 2006, Fresno. cost: 40 + \$235

Fall Concert LCHS Orchestras

* *Symphonic Orch*

* *7-8 Grade Orch*

Wed. Oct 26, 2005

Auditorium - 7:30 pm

Help Wanted!

now is the time for all good (men/women!) to come to the aid of their Music Dept!

We are looking for good parents to run **Carnival '06** committees:

- * **Food**
- * **Mexican Food Booth**
- * **Booth Sponsorships!**

**World's Finest
Chocolate Sale
Going on Now!**
(orders due by
Sept.30)

Band Pictures

Wed. Oct 5

2:45 pm

(ask your student for the "envelope" of prices)



LCHS Band Events, 2005-06

****Field practices - Tues. 6-9 pm ** & Thurs. 6-8 pm**

October

- Oct. 1 Kennedy Tournament, La Palma, arrive 3:15 pm, perf. 7:15 pm
 Oct. 8 El Camino College Tournament, arr. 3 pm, perform 7 pm
 Oct. 10 China trip meeting! students & parents
 Oct. 15 Simi Valley show
 Oct. 28 Homecoming football game
 Oct. 29 Etiwanda Tournament

November

- Nov. 5 Hart Show, College of the Canyons, Valencia
 Nov. 10 Last football game, 7-8 night + Senior Tribute
 dinner at 5 pm; practice 5:30, game starts 7 pm
 Nov. 14 Music Parents Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 19 Savannah Tournament (La Palma)
 Nov. 27 Hollywood Christmas Parade (tent.)

December

- Drum Line, Winter Guard, Jazz Band Begin
 Dec. 3 Band Championships (Long Beach) or Montrose Xmas Parade
 Dec. 7 Orch "tour"
 Dec. 8 Holiday Concert

Winter-Spring, 2006

- January Disneyland performance (tent.)
 pep bands, basketball games
 Sat., Feb. 4 Dinner Show, 6 pm Gym
 Tues. Mar 21 Fine Arts Concert, 7:30 pm Aud
 Fri., Mar. 24 Band & Orch Festival
 Mar 31-Apr 9 China!!!!
 Apr. 15 Solo & Ens. Festival, LC (optional)
 Apr. 28-30 CARNIVAL!
 May 18 Pops- Concerto Night
 May 29 Memorial Day Parade, Foothill Blvd.
 June 1-3 Musical
 Tues. June 6 Band Awards
 Thurs, June 15 Graduation; Fri. is Work Day! :)



Music Parent Board, 2005-06

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**CHINA TRIP
OPTIONAL FUNDRAISER**

September 19, 2005

Dear Parents,

A condition of the LCUSD Governing Board approval for the China Trip for April, 2006, was that the students would have an optional fundraising opportunity to raise funds to offset the cost of their own trip.

After researching many options, World's Finest Chocolates was selected for their excellent product, local and speedy representation, and high profit margin (50-50) which is better than most other fundraisers.

There are 145 students registered for the China Trip. The money earned goes directly to the student. Each family must keep track of the money earned to defray the total cost of the China Trip.

The cost of 1 box of 50 bars is \$25.00. Your student will sell the bars at \$1 each earning a total sale of \$50 with a profit of \$25.00!! How easy is that?!

Please complete the order form below and return it to Dorit Zirler c/o Ms. Hamre **no later than Friday, September 30**. The boxes of chocolate will be available for your student to pick up from the band room the week of October 10.

Of course, students are not limited to the number of boxes they initially order and sell. Clearly, the more they sell, the more money they make to offset the cost of their trip to China. Additional boxes may be ordered after they sell out their initial order. These bars make wonderful treats for Thanksgiving and December Holidays. They will keep for several months, unrefrigerated, for holiday treats in February and April. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Mathison at 818-952-6068 or karenmathison@charter.net or Dorit Zirler at 818-790-1117 or doritzir@charter.net.

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Cut here and return to Dorit Zirler c/o Ms. Hamre no later than Friday, September 30

**CHINA TRIP FUNDRAISER
World's Finest Chocolate**

ORDER FORM

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Number of Box (es)...each box contains 50 chocolate Bars

_____ @ \$25.00/box = total enclosed _____

Make checks payable to: **World's Finest Chocolates**

2005-2006 DUES AND FEES

Description	Date Due	Amount	9-12 Band	Color Guard	7-8 Band	Orchestra
Band Camp	includes room & board, t-shirt & student meal ticket for In-N-Out BBQ	8/17/05	\$ 220.00			
9-12 Band/Guard Dues	includes sweatshirt, 2 parties & Music Parents membership	9/1/05	\$ 175.00			
Marching Shoes	all freshmen must purchase; others as needed	9/1/05	\$ 30.00			
Color Guard Rifle	required for all members	9/1/05	\$ 35.00			
Color Guard Jacket	required for all members	9/1/05	\$ 60.00			
Color Guard Shoes	required for new members	9/1/05	\$ 45.00			
Color Guard Fall Uniform	required for all members	9/1/05	\$ 100.00			
Color Guard Winter Dues	required for all members	2/1/06	\$ 60.00			
Color Guard Winter Uniform	required for all members	2/1/06	\$ 100.00			
Winter Drumline Dues	required for all members	2/1/06	\$ 125.00			
Winter Drumline Instrument Rental	applies to drumline participants from sections other than percussion & pit	2/1/06	\$ 50.00			
7-8 Band Dues	includes t-shirt, 2 parties & Music Parents membership	9/1/05	\$ 55.00			
7-8 Drumline	weekly group instruction required for all members	9/1/05	\$ 100.00			
Orchestra Dues	includes sweatshirt, 2 parties & Music Parents membership	9/1/05	\$ 145.00			
Orchestra Retreat		TBD	TBD			
Instrument Rental - Fall	Grades 7-12: applies to instruments rented for home or band room use and to percussion & pit players for mallet & drumhead wear	9/1/05	\$ 100.00			
Instrument Rental - Spring	Grades 7-12: applies to instruments rented for home or band room use and to percussion & pit players for mallet & drumhead wear	2/1/06	\$ 100.00			
TOTAL - make checks payable to LCHS Music Parents						

NOTE: 9-12 Band & Color Guard ASB Transportation Fee of \$160 is payable at school registration to LCHS ASB. must be paid before students can attend Band Camp.

Fee

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade (circle)</u>	<u>Group (circle)</u>
_____	7 8 9 10 11 12	Band Guard Orchestra
_____	7 8 9 10 11 12	Band Guard Orchestra
_____	7 8 9 10 11 12	Band Guard Orchestra

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Return this form with payment to the Band Room or mail to LCHS Music Parents, PO Box 1307, LCF 91012.
 Financial aid information available upon request from Tracy Palermini at 790-8489 or tpalermini@aol.com.