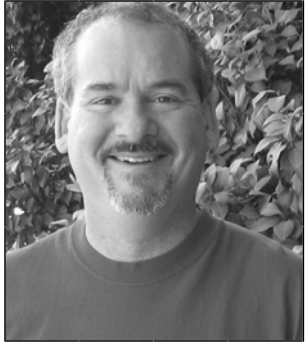


# *THE CLEF NOTE NEWS*



Mr. Craig Foster

## A Note from Our "Ex"- President

Spring is here, and it brings a time for annual renewal and new beginnings. It's a perfect time of year for new leadership and annual planning for the SVHS Music Boosters. I am extremely pleased with the slate of incoming booster board members approved at our March general membership meeting, and I'm sure you will agree that it is a group of volunteers who can very competently lead our organization into a thriving period of effectiveness and progress on behalf of our music students.

As president of this incredible organization for the past two years, it has been my honor and pleasure to do my best at guiding the music boosters with a focus on our mission of supporting the students and director of the instrumental music department. "Guiding" the organization seems simple compared to the tasks and responsibilities of an army of volunteers known as Music Boosters and its board of directors. I can't thank enough our board members who have given their time, effort and commitment over the past two years, but I would like to thank them now for having benefitted our organization immeasurably - Kristen Castellano, Anita Chrisman, Ruth Drossel, Michelle Foster, Hal Goldberg, Sandy Holt, Charlene Huard, Larry Kameen, Pat Kameen, Janet Kleinbach, Jeanette Marquez, Sue Miller, Martha Nissen, Ana Peddycoart, Steve Peddycoart and Carol Webb.

There have been many, many non-board member volunteers who continually give of themselves for the students and music boosters, and I thank them as well because they are the life-blood of our organization. I'd like to express my thanks to our Instrumental Music Director Mr. Daniel Sternberg for his effort and willingness to collaborate with the music boosters and to focus on continual improvement in the music program. Final thanks goes to SVHS Principal Mr. Steve Pietrolongo, whom has supported our program from his first day on the job, Maintenance Department Manager Tony Hernandez and his incredible maintenance staff, and Ms. Sherill Knox, Mr. Todd Sanders, and the rest of the ASB and school staff, who have been so helpful in working with Mr. Sternberg and the Music Boosters.

I'm thrilled with the prospects for the coming year and beyond under the focused and visionary leadership of our incoming President Derek Castellano and the rest of the new board of directors. They are an incredible group of volunteers whom I have no doubt will lead us in continuing to evolve and adapt to challenges and take advantage of opportunities.

While I will no longer be booster president, I look forward to an active final year of being a music booster. I've had the privilege of making many great friendships with fellow boosters who are, like myself and all music boosters at Simi Valley High School, just humble parents who care enough to give of themselves.

I wish you all the best.

Craig Foster  
SVHS Music Boosters Past President



## Our Instrumental Music Director



Six of our instrumental music students were selected as members of the Ventura County Honor Band. These students are freshmen **Sarah Miller** on the clarinet and **Abdullah Ebrahim** on the tuba; sophomores **Nick Castellano** on the French horn, **Mitchell Lopes** on the trumpet, and **Joey Marquez** on the alto saxophone; and junior **Carl Keenan** on the French horn. Congratulations to these fine young musicians. Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup> marked the performance of the Ventura County High School and Middle School Honor Bands at Buena High School. The six participants from our program represented us well. Congratulations to them once again.

The Ventura County Honor Jazz Concert was March 18<sup>th</sup> at Moorpark High School. This concert featured performances by two high school jazz ensembles, the Ventura County Honor Jazz Band and the Ventura County Jazz All-Stars. The Honor Jazz Band, under the direction of Pasadena City College's Kyle Luck, included our very own **Dylan Hermansen**, **Larry Kameen**, and **Joey Marquez**. The Jazz All-Stars were directed by James Mooy of Santa Barbara City College, and included **Michael Peddycoart** as a member.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of other upcoming events for our music students. The **Spring Instrumental Music Concert**, featuring the Concert Band, String Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble, is scheduled for Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in the SVHS MPR. The Jazz Band will be performing at the **Reno International Jazz Festival** on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, at the **Royal High School Jazz Festival** on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the **Westlake High School Jazz Festival** on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the **Moorpark College Jazz Festival** early on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The **Simi Valley High School Jazz Night Concert**, featuring the big band and Latin combo, will be held Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the SVHS MPR. Our Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will join forces for the televised **Conejo Valley Memorial Day Service** on Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The **Instrumental Music Department Banquet** will be held on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Concert Band and Wind Ensemble students will also be required to perform at graduation.

-Mr. Sternberg

### Music Department Wish List:

- ◆ Copy paper (desperately needed!)
- ◆ Dry erase markers for the white board



## Simi Valley High School Instrumental Music Calendar 2007-2008



**4/26—Reno Jazz Festival—Big Band**

**5/03—Royal High School Jazz Festival—Big Band, Latin Band**

**5/10—Westlake Jazz Festival—Big Band, Latin Band**

**5/15—Spring Concert: Concert Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble**

**5/17—Moorpark College Jazz Festival: Jazz Band**

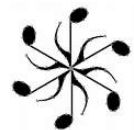
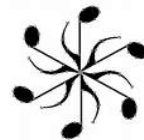
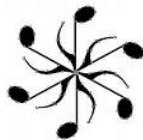
**5/23—SVHS Jazz Night Concert: Big Band, Latin Combo**

**5/24-25—Cajun Festival: Marching Band**

**5/26—Conejo Valley Memorial Day Service: Concert Band, Wind Ensemble**

**5/28—Instrumental Music Department Banquet**

**All dates and locations are subject to change!**



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Mr. Daniel M. Sternberg     Instrumental Music Director

**During the March Booster Meeting, the following members were nominated and voted into office for the 2008-2009 school year. Congratulations to all for stepping forward in service to our students! An updated contact list will appear in next month's newsletter.**

## Officers

President	Derek Castellano
Vice President	Kristen Castellano
Director of Band Spectacular	Becky Custer
Secretary	Ruth Drossel
Transportation Coordinator	Jeff Hayden
Treasurer	Hal Goldberg
Student Account Coordinator	Anita Chrisman
Auditor	Pat Kameen



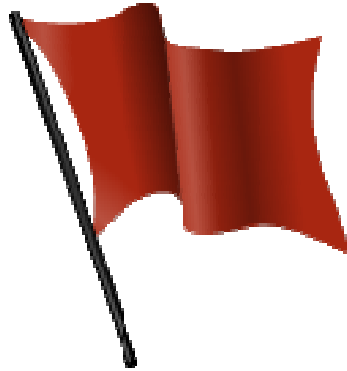
## Committee Chairs

Membership	Lisa Lopes
Publicity	Jeanette Marquez
Newsletter	Martha Nissen
Uniforms	Lori Glover




**Did you know that our Winter Guard is having a fantastic season? Coach Becky Danahy reports that the eight member guard has placed either first or second in their division at every contest this season. Winter guards use flags, rifles, sabres and just about anything you can imagine that could be spun or tossed. Incorporating dance, movement, props and drill, units compete using challenging routines indoors to taped music.**

**As for our Pioneers, performing to Bryan Adams' "Summer of '69", Danahy reports, "They are performing at Capistrano Valley HS in Mission Viejo on Friday, April 18 @ 7:23pm. In fact, they are in a category with 13 other teams, but they will be performing LAST! In this organization, the best performance spots are later in the category, so to be last is AWESOME! If they perform well, they should come home with a medal!" Best of luck to this hard-working group!!**



Remember, Booster Club meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month in the band or choir room beginning at 7:00pm.



## Gift Ideas for your favorite Pioneer!

Raise Money with BODY SHOP AT HOME!

**Denise Senter, our PTSA president (and former band mom!) is our local representative of "Body Shop at Home" products. She is very willing to help you and your student contribute toward your fair share of expenses for your student's music program at Simi Valley High School. You can host a home party with your friends, or you can have a "catalog" party and just distribute catalogs**

**of Body Shop products to your friends and co-workers. Based on sales, Denise will contribute 25% into your student account.**

**Denise has offered to keep this program going through May!**

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Simi Valley High School "Spirit" jewelry is here!

These are wonderful gifts to purchase and support the Music Boosters as well!

The earrings and hat/lapel pins come in the following designs:

All designs have "Hermie", the school mascot pioneer dude, leaning on:

treble clef (music dept.); or

SV (general school design); or

horn and pompoms (cheer); or

"Class of '08" (seniors); or

bat with ball (baseball or softball); or

basketball; or

football; or

soccer ball; or

volley ball.

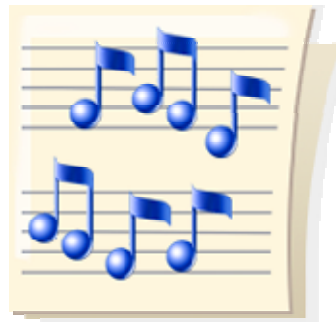
Pair of earrings or hat/lapel pin at \$10.00 each (remember, fundraiser!)

SO, show your spirit! Invite your friends to purchase these items.....

they are available to the entire school, but profits go to the music

boosters!

Call Ruth Drossel (520-7486) for more information on any of these items.



Order your Music Booster Window Decals today!  
Just \$5.00 each—show your spirit and support our students.  
See Pat Kameen or fill out the form below and mail your \$5.00 to



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