

THE CLEF NOTE NEWS



Mr. Derek Castellano

Hello,

It's a new year, and, while the semester has come to a close, the music activity continues with great fervor!

Looking back on the end of 2008, the Marching Band finished up its year with more honors, taking home multiple awards from their competition in San Diego, and being selected to perform the pregame show at the Holiday Bowl! The band represented our city well both on and off the field – well done!

The Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra and Latin Band helped finish up the year with their annual Winter Concert. What a treat to see hear the high quality sound of all the groups! Personally, I have to admit that it gave me chills to hear the violin and viola playing along with the Latin Band – very cool. It's great to see the groups working together to bring out different styles and provide the students with varied experiences.

Also late last year, through the initiative of one of the students, Michael Foster, the pep band was re-invigorated, and has been performing at the Men's and Women's home basketball games this year. The band has been well received by the teams and basketball fans, alike. You can find out more about the basketball program at: <http://www.simivalleybasketball.net/>

In the coming months, we will have our annual Valentine's fundraiser, featuring the SVHS Jazz ensembles, while the Orchestra and Wind Ensembles prepare for festivals. The Winter Guard is gearing up for competitions, as well, sporting a good sized team of 10 this year! Visit the music booster website for event dates and times in the calendar link: <http://www.svhsmusicboosters.org/calendar.htm>

The fundraising efforts, of course, will continue through the spring, so look for more opportunities to build your student accounts and offset program fees. Read on, and find out more about what's happening with SVHS Music.

Best Regards,

Derek Castellano



Our Instrumental Music Director Mr. Daniel Sternberg



Congratulations, Mr. Sternberg, on being chosen as Simi High's Crystal Apple Award winner for this month! Now *everyone* knows what a difference you make in the lives of our students!



Simi Valley High School Instrumental Music Department 
Presents the 3rd Annual

Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, February 13th - 7 pm to 11 pm

at

Paul's Italian Villa

2585 Cochran St. #1, Simi Valley

(805) 526-5360

Featuring the Music of:

SVHS Big Band

Moorpark College Jazz Band

SVHS Latin Jazz Ensemble

The Late Nite Big Band

Delicious Buffet Dinner!

Dancing for the Bold, Daring & Young at Heart

Ongoing Raffle!

- All proceeds benefit the Simi Valley High School Instrumental Music Department -

Thank You for Your Support!

Event Information & Contact - Jeanette Marquez 805-527-5224

Tickets \$30.00 per Person

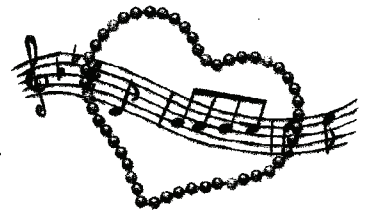
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Please send payment and the form below to:

SVHS Music Boosters - Valentines Dinner Fundraiser

Attn: Jeanette Marquez

P.O. Box 1013, Simi Valley, CA 93065



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A Note from the Instrumental Music Council



The Instrumental Music Council, comprised of the elected individuals chosen by each instrumental music class at SVHS, is now working hard each week to provide you with a more positive musical experience. On the agenda of the most recent meetings:

- ◆ Drafting the Instrumental Music Council Constitution
- ◆ Planning and fundraising for the Marching Band Banquet, which was held in December
- ◆ Communicating with ASB regarding several ongoing projects planned for this school year
- ◆ Organizing fundraisers
- ◆ Creating new classes for the Music Program
- ◆ Discussing the creation of subcommittees to the Council
- ◆ Revising current protocol for your musical enjoyment

It is our mission to represent your views in the Council; please speak to your representatives if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for the music program.

The Council, on behalf of the entire Instrumental Music program, would like to sincerely thank Anna Schuster, our new Librarian, for her countless hours spent organizing the music library; something only the most fearless of us could undertake. Her dedication allows you to read music every day in class, and ensures that there will be much more music for you to play in the near future.

Musically yours,

The Instrumental Music Council





CONGRATULATIONS

To the following SVHS Music Students on being selected to participate in the Ventura County Honor Bands:

Ventura County High School Honor Band: Sarah Carmona, Piccolo; Sarah Miller, Clarinet; Joey Marquez, Alto Sax; Mitchell Lopes, Trumpet; John D'Atri, Trumpet; Nick Castellano, French Horn; Carl Welliver, French Horn; and Abdullah Ebrahim, Tub.

Ventura County Jazz All Stars: Joey Marquez, Alto Sax.

Ventura County Honor Jazz Band: Michael Peddycoart, Tenor Sax; Abdullah Ebrahim, Trombone; John D'Atri, Trumpet.

These students were selected from among their peers in Ventura County through an audition process. Performance by the High School Honor Band will be at 7 pm on February 27th at Buena High School in Ventura. Performances by the Jazz All Stars and the Honor Jazz Band will be at 7 pm on March 19th at Newbury Park High School. Congratulations and good luck to our Music Pioneers!





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