

# *THE CLEF NOTE NEWS*



Mr. Derek Castellano

Hello all,

I want to thank all of you that have been taking time out of your busy schedules to volunteer your time, as we help the instrumental groups prepare for their fall performance schedule. It's good to see everyone getting involved!

We kicked off the year with the seemingly insurmountable task of cleaning up the instrumental rehearsal room. With the tireless effort of a small group of parents and students from each of the instrumental music programs, we were able to get the rehearsal room organized and functional. Great work, boosters!

Fundraising efforts continue - the restaurant events are in full swing, and our football game booth is going gangbusters, with record popcorn sales at the first home football game! Although the Band Spectacular Program Ad and banner sales have come to a close, the boosters will continue with planned fundraising events, and is open to additional opportunities that you can help drive. At the end of the day, it's great to see a good number of the individual student accounts being built up!

The booster's largest fundraising event is this month - Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> is the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Band Spectacular! As always, this year's event is shaping up to be another great competition, and, as always, we will need the support of parents and students of all of the instrumental music classes to pull it off. Just a few hours of volunteer time from everyone will make the work load lighter, and will produce an event that will keep bands coming back for years to come. If you haven't already, please contact Anita Chrisman (our volunteer coordinator this year) to sign up for a block of time during the day!

We continue to update the website ([www.svhsmusicboosters.org](http://www.svhsmusicboosters.org)), so if you haven't already, bookmark the site and check in often! The calendar has been the priority, however over the long term, we will strive to update pictures and provide additional features (these take longer to implement, generally). The goal is too keep the information relevant and useful, so to that end if you have suggestions for improvement, let me know, and we'll see what we can do.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Band Spectacular - come by and say "hi" - I'll be working the parking lot!

Best Regards,

Derek Castellano

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## Our Instrumental Music Director Mr. Daniel Sternberg



September has come to a close, and we find ourselves facing another exciting October for the Simi Valley High School Instrumental Music Program. On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Spectacular, one of the longest running marching band competitions in Southern California, and the single largest fundraising event for our music department. This event involves dozens of marching bands and thousands of participants and spectators. We need everyone's assistance on the day of the event to ensure smooth operations. Please be sure to be in contact with Becky Custer in regards to how your skills can be used most optimally on the day of the event.

Band Spectacular is not the only event that weekend. Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> is the night of the Homecoming Game, which will certainly be the largest audience for The Marching Pride's pre-game and post-game performances. On Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> many of the instrumental music students will be performing at the Simi Valley Town Center. The Marching Pride kicks off the days events with a march through the mall and a performance on the center stage. The String Orchestra takes the stage in the early afternoon, and the Latin band makes its early debut this year at 2:00 PM near the Koi Pond. It will be a great day for Simi Valley music at the mall.

The classes are all off to a great start, and our December 18<sup>th</sup> concert in the MPR will certainly be a smashing success. Please be sure to spread the word about all of our performances, particularly Band Spectacular, so that the student can perform in front of an audience of a size that they truly deserve, and to give us the opportunity to generate revenue from community members.

The music department is currently in need of donations of **printer/photocopier paper** and **facial tissue**. The program would also greatly benefit from the experience of anyone who is familiar with successful grant-writing experiences. If you have this experience, please step up. We are all aware of the current economic situation, and the more funds we can generate from outside sources, the less self-funding we need to do.

Thank you very much,

Daniel M. Sternberg  
Instrumental Music Director





## Membership News

Dear Music Booster Parents,

It is time, once again, to remind everyone that fees are due!

Hopefully, marching band parents received my email earlier this month asking that the transportation fees be paid by Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Transportation fees are required to be paid in the ASB office *before* your child can ride the bus to field competitions or festivals.

Thanks to those of you that are on top of that.

It is wonderful that our children are being given the opportunity to perform at the Holiday Bowl this year in San Diego, and once again at the Reno Jazz Festival. We are gracious to all those helping to make it financially possible. We need to remember, though, that class fees are due first.

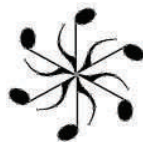
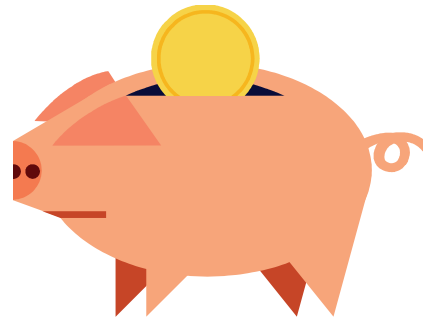
Please refer to the schedule of fees that are posted on the web - <http://www.svhsmusicboosters.org/forms1/Student%20Expenses.pdf> - to determine your child's fees. Each student's fees are different, depending upon the classes they are enrolled in. If anyone is in need of clarity on where they stand with regard to fees, feel free to email me ([dmlopes@pacbell.net](mailto:dmlopes@pacbell.net)) and I will speak to you directly regarding your student.

Any money that is received through fundraising needs to be applied first to satisfy the class fees, and then we will apply funds to optional opportunities, such as the Reno Jazz Festival, or Holiday Bowl.

Orchestra, Jazz, and Wind Ensemble parents whose children are not also in marching band, transportation fees, as well as class fees, are due before their first performance.

Thank you,

Lisa Lopes  
Membership





## Fundraising Update.....

Fellow Music Parents and Students,

It has been a very busy couple of months and our fundraising efforts have been fruitful with all of our hard work.

Here is a run down on the last few months:

Our Band Spectacular ad campaign is nearing a close. We have done quite well this year despite the tough economic times. Thanks to those who "pounded the pavement".

We kicked off the season with a highly profitable car wash. We had a steady stream of cars, which kept us busy all day long. For those who could not participate in the car wash, do not worry, we will have another one later in the year. Plenty of time will be given before the next car wash, as well. Thanks to all those who helped make the day successful.

The Instrumental Music Department has also completed two restaurant nights, which brought a respectable amount of money. The money collected in the Fall will be donated by the boosters to offset Holiday Bowl costs for the marching band, with the assumption that we will be able to meet our budget demands through further restaurant events in the Spring. The restaurant nights will continue, not only through this year, but also in years to come, and the money designation will change, based on the specific needs of the instrumental music program.

Sharkey's has agreed to host our next Fundraising Restaurant Night. It will be held on Tuesday, Oct 21st from 3:00PM- 9:00PM. and 20% of the profits will go back to support the music department. As always, a flyer will need to be presented to the cashier for us to receive credit for the meals.

Flyers will be posted on the web, a mass e-mail with flyer attached will be sent and paper copies given to the students in the next few days. Make extra copies and distribute them to your friends and family so they can eat out and help the music department.

In other news, Vincenzo's has graciously agreed to keep open their business after ALL home football games, so the band has a place to go and "hang out" after their performance.. Not only will they stay open to accommodate us, they are giving us 10% back from any sales of the food purchased during our visit. This is a very unexpected and spontaneous fundraiser, so please join us after each home game, order a pizza and help the music department. Thanks go out to Mr. Carmona for securing this venue for the band!

I still am looking for people to help with our popcorn booth. I need help with the next few home football games. If you visit our website and click on one of the home games you can sign up to help. A big thank you to: Robert and Anita Chrisman, Ruth Drossel, Sally and Ron Coons, Lisa Trent, Gary Bova, Becky Custer, and Jennifer D'Atri for the help in the popcorn booth at the last football game. The money from the popcorn booth benefits the entire music program, so anyone from the various music programs at Simi High can help.

Also, I am still looking for help with the fundraising efforts. If you have the "gift" of raising money and enjoy finding innovative ways to raise money, please e-mail me at [miss\\_kristen@earthlink.net](mailto:miss_kristen@earthlink.net) or call 522-1346.

Sincerely, Kristen Castellano



## 40TH ANNUAL BAND SPECTACULAR—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH



### Volunteers Needed:

Band Spectacular is the single biggest fundraising event which supports the entire Simi Valley High School music program (not just marching band). As such, this day long event requires more than a hundred volunteers. Please donate your time and support your student. To help, send an email to: [band\\_spectacular@svhsmusicboosters.org](mailto:band_spectacular@svhsmusicboosters.org) or call Becky Custer at 522-2329.

### Food Donations For the Hospitality Area Needed:

During Band Spectacular the host school provides food, beverages and a relaxing area for the judges and visiting staff. We need parents to donate

- ◆ side dishes
- ◆ snacks
- ◆ desserts

Help make this area a success!

Please email Martha Nissen at [newsletter@svhsmusicboosters.org](mailto:newsletter@svhsmusicboosters.org) to sign up.



## The 2008 HOLIDAY BOWL TRIP...Three Months to Go



We now have close to 40 students committed to the event and are moving forward with all the preparations for the trip to San Diego.

**Travel plans and payments:** Payments totaling \$300 were due by September 15th to support the October 1st progress payment to Bowl Games of America. The next two payments (payable to the SVHS Music Boosters) of \$150 each are due Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> (\$600 total). We appreciate everyone keeping their payments up to date so we can keep pace with the payment schedule to BGA.

If you haven't indicated a commitment for your student to attend the event please do so now to make sure we plan properly. We can still add students to the list of participants. However, until we have a good fix on the list of participants we cannot finalize bus transportation reservations and the chaperone and rooming requirements.

Bowl Games of America requires a permission form from each participant. A form will be sent home with each student signed up for the event. The forms need to be returned by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> so we can complete the room assignment schedule. Additional permission forms will be required by the school district.

**Game tickets:** the Holiday Bowl will provide a block of tickets (\$60 each) for those interested in going to the game. This is end zone seating facing the scoreboard. I will need to purchase tickets no later than October 10th. Right now we have 46 people planning to attend the game. If you haven't sent me your ticket request yet, please send me an e-mail indicating the number of tickets you want. I will need payment prior to the purchase. Make your payment to the SVHS Music Boosters and include the number of tickets you are purchasing on the check.

**Next parent meeting:** I will set up another parent meeting mid-October to go over next steps in the planning process. Until then, please contact me with any questions, concerns, comments.

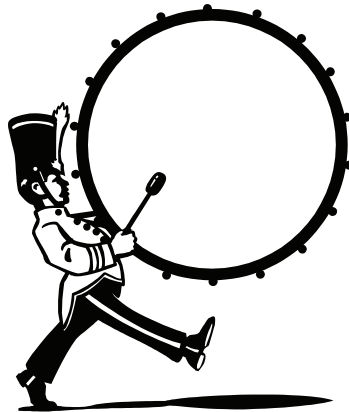
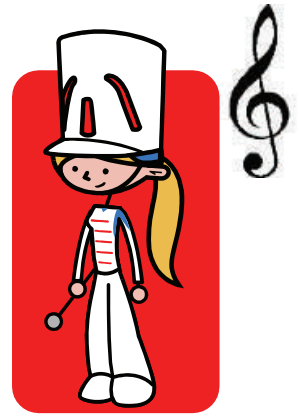
Thanks for your interest and support of this event!

Larry Kameen - Holiday Bowl Trip Coordinator  
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### CALLING ALL SIMI VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Simi Valley High School is looking for alumni to help celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Band Spectacular on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> on the Simi High campus. This is the longest running marching band field show competition in Ventura County. "We really want to encourage former students, drum majors, band directors, and color guard to help us commemorate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary," said Becky Custer, Chairman of this year's event. The day will kick-off at approximately 8 a.m. with the Marine Corps Color Guard and end with the presentation of the prestigious sweepstakes trophy. Under the direction of Daniel M. Sternberg, Simi High's own Marching Pride will be showcased along with outstanding performances by Southern California's top high school marching bands. "It promises to be an outstanding event with more than 20 high school bands from as far away as Bakersfield," says Custer. In addition to the exceptional field show entertainment, there will be food booths, vendors, and souvenirs. Alumni will be recognized during the show and should contact Becky Custer at [Band\\_Spectacular@svhsmusicboosters.org](mailto:Band_Spectacular@svhsmusicboosters.org) for more information and to indicate your attendance. Alumni should provide their year(s) of attendance at SVHS, and/or their year of graduation. All drum majors and band directors should include their year(s) of service.



My Fellow Musicians,

Two score and one year ago our forefathers brought unto this school, a music department, conceived in musicality, and dedicated to the proposition that all instruments are created equal. The past month I had a chance to interview the first band director of Simi Valley High School, Mr. Immel, who now teaches at USC and LA Valley College, prompting this blast from the past. The details of this interview will be posted in the Band Spectacular Program, so look for it on October 25<sup>th</sup>!

On a more pertinent note ( huh - band humor ), we have made great strides towards completing our field show. The horn line has received all of its music and the Drill through movement two has been completed due to a great Saturday practice. I would like to thank the entire band for their hard work on and off the field. If we keep up this pace, our show will completed well before Band Spectacular. Keep up the great job!

Musically Yours,

Nick Castellano

Drum Major

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