

THE CLEF NOTE NEWS



Hi Everyone!

Festival season is just around the corner, with SCSBOA festivals for the wind bands and orchestra on March 22nd and 28th. Jazz festivals are a little farther off, with the Reno Jazz Festival Trip April 26th - 29th, and the Moopark College Jazz Festival on May 12th. The Disneyland Festival for wind bands and orchestra is still scheduled for May 19th. Our Winter Color Guard is in the midst of their competition season. Please check out their performance schedule and try to see them in action. Make sure to mark May 18th, May 24th, and May 30th on your calendars for our can't-miss music department events. Also be sure to note that graduation is June 14th. All concert band and wind ensemble students are required to perform at the graduation ceremony.

Thank you,

Mr. Sternberg 

Next Booster Meeting in the
Choir Room
Wednesday, March 28th @ 5:30pm



From 'All About Jazz' Oct. 2004

Yogi Berra Explains Jazz!!

Interviewer: Can you explain jazz?

Yogi: I can't, but I will. 90% of all jazz is half improvisation. The other half is the part people play while others are playing something they never played with anyone who played that part. So if you play the wrong part, it's right. If you play the right part, it might be right if you play it wrong enough. But if you play it too right, it's wrong.

Interviewer: I don't understand.

Yogi: Anyone who understands jazz knows that you can't understand it. It's too complicated. That's what's so simple about it.

Interviewer: Do you understand it?

Yogi: No. That's why I can explain it. If I understood it, I wouldn't know anything about it.

Interviewer: Are there any great jazz players alive today?

Yogi: No. All the great jazz players alive today are dead. Except for the ones that are still alive. But so many of them are dead, that the ones that are still alive are dying to be like the ones that are dead. Some would kill for it.

Interviewer: What is syncopation?

Yogi: That's when the note that you should hear now happens either before or after you hear it. In jazz, you don't hear notes when they happen because that would be some other type of music. Other types of music can be jazz, but only if they're the same as something different from those other kinds.

Interviewer: Now I really don't understand.

Yogi: I haven't taught you enough for you to not understand jazz that well.





Schedule of Department Events



Saturday, March 17 - LA/Ventura Invitational Competition - *Winter Guard*

Thursday, March 22 - Thousand Oaks SCSBOA Festival - *Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra*

Wednesday, March 28 - Montebello SCSBOA Festival - *Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra*

Friday, March 30 - Arcadia Competition - *Winter Guard*

Wednesday, April 4 - S.V.H.S. Open House - *Jazz Band* - 5:00pm, north of the S.V.H.S. M.P.R.

Saturday, April 7 - Valencia Competition - *Winter Guard*

Thursday, April 19 - City Volunteer Recognition - *Jazz Band* - 6:15PM, S.V. Boys & Girls Club

Saturday, April 21 - Winter Guard Championships - *Winter Guard*

Thursday, April 26 - Sunday, April 29 - Reno Jazz Festival - *Jazz Band* *

Saturday, May 12 - Moorpark College Jazz Festival - *Jazz Band*

Friday, May 18 - S.V.H.S. Jazz Night - *Combo, Jazz Band, Special Guests* - 7:00pm, M.P.R.

Saturday, May 19 - Disneyland Festival - *Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra* **

Thursday, May 24 - Spring Concert - *Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra* - 7:00pm, M.P.R.

Saturday & Sunday, May 26 - May 27 - Cajun Festival

Wednesday, May 30 - Music Banquet - *all music students and guests*, S.V.H.S. M.P.R.

Thursday, June 14 - Graduation - *Concert Band and Wind Ensemble*

Thursday to Saturday, December 26th thru 29th - - . Holiday Bowl in San Diego. *Marching Band*. (pending district approval)

Instrumental Music of the Future...*pencil it in!*

*Monday, August 13, 2007 - Friday, August 24, 2007 - Band Camp - *Marching Band, Color Guard**

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007 - *Marching Band Banquet* - *Marching Band, Color Guard**

*Thursday, December 20, 2007 - *Winter Concert* - *Concert Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble**

*Wednesday, December 26, 2007 - Saturday, December 29, 2007 - *Holiday Bowl* - *Marching Band**

*Thursday, May 15, 2008 - *Spring Concert* - *Concert Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble**

*Thursday, May 22, 2008 - *Jazz Night* - *Jazz Band**

*Wednesday, May 28, 2008 - *Instrumental Music Department Banquet**

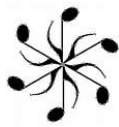
Congratulations to our Jazz Band for their wonderful music on 8th grade parents night at Simi High.

What an impressive group of young musicians! Keep up the good work!



from an incoming 9th grade parent





INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FUNDRAISERS

(and opportunities to add to your student account!)



SEE'S CANDY SPRING SELECTION...one week only

By now, each student should have received the See's Candy Spring Order form in class.

We are offering delicious chocolate rabbits and a variety of filled eggs at \$5.00 each.

Every student who turns in their order forms by MARCH 21st will have \$1.00 put into their student accounts for each item sold.

(Example: sell 20 items, you get \$20.00 into your account!)

It's easy, fun and yummy!

Collect orders and money (checks made to SVHS Music Boosters)

Just remember the March 21st deadline

so products can be delivered before Spring Break

Don't forget that Denise Senter is offering a

Body Shop at Home

catalog fundraiser...

25% of sales will go into your student's account!

It's easy...just call Denise at 526-4692.

**Simi Music Fundraiser for "3" Months
March, April, May!**

Beauty Secrets Nail Salon & Spa

2577 Sycamore Drive

(By Do-it-Center)

Phone # 805-581-0026

By Appointment Only!

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

9:00am to 7:00pm

Get your nails, toes, waxes etc. done and earn 10% back to the music program!

BOWL-A-THON

Friday, March 23rd, 2007

At Harley's Bowl, L.A. Ave.

9:30 pm to midnight

We have 6 lanes for \$20.00 each, per game. Up to 6 players can be on a lane

The students on each lane will divide the cost of the lane and shoe rental.

In your fundraising packet you received in class is a sponsorship form for this event.

People can sponsor you by how many games you play, by the total number of pins you knock down, or give you a flat donation, their choice.

Sponsorship money needs to be turned in by Tuesday, March 27th. Each student will receive 75% of the total funds turned in deposited into their student accounts.

(Checks must be made out to SVHS Music Boosters).

**Restaurant Night
Reds BBQ and Grillery!**

2892 Cochran St.

Tuesday April 3rd

11:30 AM to 9:30PM

15% of the bill to benefit our music program

See You There!!

CAR WASH - March 31st, 2007

Pre-sale tickets will be available by March 22nd for our car wash on Saturday, March 31st, which will be held in the front parking lot of the school.

STUDENTS WHO TURN IN PRE-SALE MONEY

WILL HAVE IT ALL DEPOSITED INTO THEIR OWN STUDENT ACCOUNT!

Money made that day from "drive-ins" will go to the Boosters.

Students are still expected to show up and help wash cars!

Last summer's car wash was a great success and lots of wet fun!



HONOR BAND PERFORMS

On March 1st, the Ventura County High School Honor Band held its 21st annual concert at Buena Ventura High School. Among the top 85 high school musicians in Ventura, four were freshman band members representing Simi Valley High School Music Department.

The four freshman were nominated by **Mr. Sternberg** and included alto sax player, **Joey Marquez**, trumpet player **Mitchell Lopes**, French Horn player **Nick Castellano** and trombonist **Tyler Glover**.

Each attended three demanding evening practices, and one grueling all day rehearsal at various high schools.

These freshman were already familiar the demands associated with being honor band material, They each shared the honor while in middle school. Last year they were selected as members of the first middle school honor band ever in Ventura County!

The hard work paid off as this year's musical all-star team wowed the audience with their technical skill and sound. John Carnahan, director of bands and chairman of the Department of Music at CSU Long Beach, was the guest conductor for the high school. When asked about his experience, he stated "I just showed up. It was the hard work of all the music directors and their students. What a pleasure!"

On March 26, 2007, Simi Valley High School will have another opportunity to shine. That's when **Michael Peddycoart**, our own jazz band's tenor saxophonist, will be playing with the Ventura County High School Honor Jazz Band. Tickets will be available at the door. BE THERE for a great show!



Contributed by Peyton Glover

Due to technical issues, all photographs were deleted from this and possibly future issues. Thank you to those who submitted photo's and I apologize for the deletions. Sandy :-)

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Monthly Booster Club Meetings held the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Choir Room at 5:30PM

Send Newsletter items-photos-ideas-updates- to sandyLholt@hotmail.com

...DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS 5PM ON THE 15th OF EACH MONTH...PLEASE SUBMIT ON TIME...