

THE CLEF NOTE NEWS



Greetings Music People and a Very Merry May!

We're quickly coming up on the close of another fantastic school year, and that means that we are very busy here in the Simi Valley High School Instrumental Music Department. The Instrumental Music Spring Concert takes place on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00pm in the S.V.H.S. M.P.R., and features the String Orchestra and combined Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. Massed band rehearsal will take places on Tuesday, May 22, from 3:00pm-5:00pm in the music room. The Jazz Band performs at Jazz Night a week earlier on Friday, May 18th, also at 7:00pm in the S.V.H.S. M.P.R. This year, for the first time, Jazz Night will include a performance by the Simi Valley High School Jazz Choir, as well as the appearance of a featured vocal soloist to be accompanied by the Jazz Band. Both of these concerts are free of charge and are open to the public. The Jazz Band will also be performing this month at the Moorpark College Jazz Festival on Saturday the 12th and the Westlake High School Jazz Festival on Saturday the 19th.



Memorial Day weekend is extremely busy for our band students once again this year. The combined Marching Band, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble will perform in the parade at the annual Cajun Festival on both Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th. On Memorial Day itself, Monday the 28th, the combined Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will be performing at Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks Memorial Park in Westlake Village for the annually televised Conejo Valley Memorial Day Service.




Following that hectic Memorial Day weekend, we have the end of the year Music Awards Banquet on Wednesday, May 30th. All instrumental music students and their guests are welcome to attend this formal dinner. Students from all instrumental music classes, including Marching Band and Color Guard, will be presented with trophies and plaques. There will be a slideshow presentation, as well as the announcement of the new Marching Band Drum Major and assistant Drum Major.



All band students who are not graduating seniors are required to perform at the Simi Valley High School graduation ceremony on June 14th, and to be in attendance at the graduation rehearsal on June 13th. Marching Band Camp begins on Monday, August 13th, and will run through Friday, August 24th. Times remain to be determined.

Thank you all for your contributions to the music program. Your time, effort, and money have made it possible for the students to experience vast musical growth. Please be sure to come to the concerts and banquet so that you can enjoy the fruits of our labors.



-Mr. Sternberg 



BOOSTER CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 16TH AT 5:30PM IN THE CHOIR ROOM. SEE YOU THERE!

Congratulations to **Carl Keenan, Nicholas Castellano & Mitchell Lopes** who are moving on to the Regional's at the L.A. Valley College Solo Festival on May 12th!!! Good Luck on your performances.....





Schedule of Department Events

Saturday, May 12 - Moorpark College Jazz Festival - *Jazz Band*
 Friday, May 18 - S.V.H.S. Jazz Night - *Jazz Band, Special Guests* - 7:00pm, M.P.R.
 Saturday, May 19 - Westlake High School Jazz Festival- *Jazz Band*
 Tuesday, May 22nd - massed rehearsal for the bands from 3:00 to 5:00.
 Thursday, May 24 - Spring Concert - *Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra* - 7:00pm, M.P.R.
 Monday, May 28th - Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks Memorial park in Westlake Village- *Concert Band & Wind Ensemble*
 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.*
 Wednesday, June 13th - Graduation rehearsal
 Thursday, June 14 - Graduation - *Concert Band and Wind Ensemble*

Good Luck to the students auditioning for the 2007-2008 Drum Major position for our Pioneer Marching Band! The student chosen will be revealed at the Music Banquet on May 30th. Thank You to our departing Senior, Erich Drossel, for his leadership and hard work the past 2 years as our Drum Major, and good luck at U.C. Davis in the Aggie Band-uh!!

ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT BAKE SALE

Our annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th this year. The Boosters offer a bake sale during the concert intermissions through the help of music families' generous donations of baked goods!

Please bring your favorite baked goods for sale at the table in the back of the MPR, prior to the concert. If you'd rather bring a case of bottled water, that would be fine, too! All proceeds go into the SVHS Booster account to help defray costs of the music program.

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
Final Month
Thru May!**

Beauty Nail Salon Secrets & 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!

39th Band Spectacular Marching Band Field Tournament date is set !!!

Mark your calendars for October 27th, 2007, date of the annual marching band field tournament held at Simi Valley High School. In addition to a great day of marching band performances by schools from all over southern California, this is the major fundraiser for the support of the entire music program at Simi High. This year we have a premier date in the competition schedule and we expect a large turnout which means, of course, that we need LOT, LOTS, LOTS, LOTS, did I mention A WHOLE BUNCH of help for this event. Every music student is expected to do their share of work during the day and we also need all the parental and other adult support as possible, including the incoming freshman class. Volunteer sign up sheets will be set up at the spring concerts and banquets. Check the booster website for additional information. We look forward to seeing you there!



www.SVHSMusicBoosters.org





2007 Winterguard season, "Feel Good Time"

This season the Simi Valley High School winter guard performed their show called "Feel Good Time" by Pink, and what a lot of pink it was. Show design was choreographed by Mr. Joe Paul, and Becky Fleishman. Coaches for this season were Becky Fleishman and Nick Cornonado. Nick and Becky have led these select eight members consisting of Breeann Johnson, Jaclyn Brown, (Captains), Liz Johnson, Syndey Rogers, Drew Kleinbach, Nicole St. Pierre, Angie He, and Julie Lopez. These seven girls, and the male, practiced and rehearsed all semester to put on the best 7 minute show of their lives. This year brought many tears and hard times, but at the same time, many memories, laughter and a stronger relation between everyone and the coaches that will no one will forget. Everyone over the season has accomplished something in every different way that in sometime in their future will be a talent well achieved. Things such as encouragement, leadership, and teamwork have been learned and stressed throughout rehearsals, shows, and their academic lives. Winterguard is more than spinning rifles and wearing an abundant amount of make-up, it's a family relationship, a great deal of patience and commitment, and IT IS A SPORT!

Parent submission

Reno International Jazz Festival welcomes the SVHS Jazz Band

What a great adventure by the band members, their chaperones and fans who all made the long trip to Reno. The weather was unusually warm with blue skies and snow on the mountains. Some of drivers made a final pit stop at Donner Summit, elevation 7,269 feet, just outside of Reno to make sure the snow was real. In addition to the 525 mile drive, Thursday included settling into the assigned rooms, some downtime around the hotel, and a concert on the University of Nevada Reno campus, site of the festival activities. Friday's performance was well received and the clinic which followed was excellent (just like the judge's rating of the band) and everyone received some good input from the clinician. After some fine dining at Jim Boy's roadside stand, there were loads of opportunities to hear other bands perform from middle schools to college level and, for those lucky souls who wandered into the Holiday Inn lobby late Friday night, they were able to catch a free show by the SVHS band as they performed a variety of songs from their play list and even handled a few requests from the crowd. Saturday's highlight, apart from the massive buffet breakfast at Circus Circus, was the Moorpark College band's performance featuring our own Daniel Sternberg on saxophone. Over the course of the weekend all of the band members had opportunities to partake in a number of terrific clinics given by professional musicians and college level instructors, participate in a fierce wiffle ball tournament against the Napa Valley Jazz Band, dodge some nerf darts, compete in the winner take all Pringles chips card game in the "309 lounge" and hear a concert featuring the top bands which participated in the festival; even some homework was taken care of. Everyone had a great time, played well, and represented themselves and Simi Valley High School with character, good humor and respect for others. Everyone is already looking forward to next years event. Special thanks to Mr. Sternberg for organizing the trip!

Parent submission

SIMI HIGH JAZZ BAND PERFORMS IN RENO, NV

Excellent!!! That was the opinion of the adjudicators and clinicians after listening to our SVHS jazz band at the Reno Jazz Festival held April 26-28, 2007. This international festival was attended by hundreds of musical groups from as far away as Australia! In addition to the competition, it provided numerous clinics and concerts to attendees to help sharpen their skills and appreciation for jazz.

This was the first major jazz festival attended by our **Pioneer Jazz Band**. Led by **Mr. Daniel Sternberg** and his "**take no prisoners**" approach, our musicians showed they were not intimidated. The riffs from our trumpets and saxophone sections, supported by the trombones and rhythm boys, had nearly everyone tapping their feet.

Pushing beyond their limits, their energetic and fun performance drew high praise from both spectators, and surprised staff members working the event. "That band was great!" said the room attendant to the soundman as the band exited the room.

Immediately after their performance, the band met with saxophonist Dr. Willie Hill, who is the director of the Fine Arts Center at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Before offering constructive criticism, he praised the band and the director for the way they performed. (It was clear that he was impressed).

Dr. Hill said that he has judged at musical events all over the world. While listening to our band, he wrote something in his notes that he hasn't written in many years. He was excited to say that "this is a band that is enjoyable to watch and listen to. It was clear that they listen to each other play and they work well together". He complimented Mr. Sternberg for the balance of the selection and encouraged the students to follow Mr. Sternberg in their studies, adding "Mr. Sternberg knows what he is doing".

After learning that this is a new band with a high concentration of freshmen, he quipped "**Let's go on the road!!!**"

Though the band did not place in the final award segments of the festival, two students did catch the attention of the judges. The solo work by baritone saxophonist **Dylan Hermansen**, and trombonist **Tyler "Butch" Glover**, earned them each certificates for outstanding musicianship!

The adults in attendance were proud and happy to see our talented group so well received. What will Mr. Sternberg and the band bring to us next year? Stay Tuned!

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