

# TAKE NOTE

June 2007



Saratoga Music Boosters:  
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<http://www.saratogahigh.org/shs/activities/SMB/>

## 2006/2007 SMB BOARD

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:

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Redwood Band:

VIRGINIA MCPHERSON

Redwood Orchestra:

SARAH CLARK

SHS Band:

SUSAN HANNIBAL

SHS Choir:

CHIA-CHI CHOU

SHS Orchestra:

LESLIE TANG & VICKI PEI

### Dear SMB members and friends of music education -

### Message From The President

After thirteen years volunteering in Saratoga schools, kindergarten through senior year of high school, I am approaching the end of my career as a school parent. My term as SMB president ends on June 30th, and as the younger of my two boys enters college in the fall, I will start anew as an alumni parent!

An enthusiastic board led by co-presidents Beverly Harada and Katherine Tseng will be leading SMB next year. I encourage all music parents to help SMB and the music directors next year in some way. Being involved with your student's activities enriches your life as well as your child's, and anchors you in a web of community.

I will continue on the SMB Board, working on alumni relations with junior parent Jennifer Robert. I will also be applauding your students' performances as a community member. I encourage other about-to-be alumni parents to stay in touch with the music program as well.

Enjoy the summer, and see you next year!

- Madeline Morrow [madelinemorrow@earthlink.net](mailto:madelinemorrow@earthlink.net) / 741-1150

## SHS MARCHING BAND

### NEW UNIFORM CAMPAIGN

OUR UNIFORM  
CAMPAIGN WAS  
KICKED OFF WITH AN  
ANONYMOUS DONATION  
OF \$70,450.

THANKS TO A  
GENEROUS DONATION  
OF \$28,900 FROM  
ERIC & MARGUERITE  
MCAFEE . . .



We also want to thank the many music parents, alumni and community members who donated to this campaign. The new uniforms have been ordered, and are expected to arrive in early summer.

You can still obtain one of Saratoga High's classic red and white uniforms with a donation of \$200 (actual tax-deductible amount is \$150). If you are interested, please download the uniform fund donation form on the SMB website. Contributions will be placed in the uniform fund for future uniform replacement. The old uniforms will be distributed after the new ones arrive. Contributors who want uniforms will be contacted when their uniform is available.

Contact Michael Boitz  
at 867-3411, ext. 227  
or [michael.boitz@saratogahigh.org](mailto:michael.boitz@saratogahigh.org)  
if you have questions.

... WE REACHED OUR GOAL OF \$115,000!



# NOTES from ... the Redwood Music Department

What a year this has been for the Redwood Middle School Music Department!

Wow, the judges really loved us. Our Redwood Marching Band, Concert Band and Colorguard traveled to Alameda May 19th for the Extravaganza Of Bands Marching and Concert competition and did an amazing job... bringing home a 1st place trophy for the Marching Band... 1st place for our Flags and Shields, 2nd place for Drum Major **David Mandell**, 1st place medal for **Chris Chung** (out of 110 students) for Drill Down 2007 and... the Sweepstakes Trophy for the Concert Band! All that hard work really paid off. A big **THANKS** to all our chaperones, truck drivers and bus drivers. It takes a lot of dedicated people to make these events successful!

Students from 4th to 8th grades... in our Orchestras, Bands, Honor Chorus, Colorguard and Dance Team are getting ready for our Annual Pops Concert and Awards nights. All 5th Grade Beginning Band students and Redwood Griffin and Advanced Band and Colorguard students and the Redwood Dance Team will perform on Wednesday evening at 7:00PM in the SHS McAfee Theater. All Beg/Intermediate String students, the Redwood Advanced Orchestra students and the Redwood Honor Chorus will perform on Thursday evening... June 7th in the SHS McAfee Theater.

These performances are free and we hope all families will invite their friends to come and see how terrific these young people are!



Then... SUMMER MUSIC 2007 will be held at Redwood Middle School from June 25th through July 20 (no class on July 4th) Classes are in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:15 PM. This is a great time to keep up your instrument, learn a new instrument, increase your coordination with Marching and Drill or learn some jazzy songs in Summer Chorus! There are Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Classes in Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion and Colorguard (Flags and Dance) It is fun and low key. For more information call Mrs. Wyant at 867-3042, extension 151


And one last message... Band Camp 2007 for all Redwood Advanced Band and Colorguard Members will be held at Redwood Middle School... August 13th thru the 17th. From 9:00 AM to Noon each day. This is the kick off to the new Marching Season and Every Student is very important to this Team. Please do not schedule your vacation during this time!

Thanks for a great year and for all your support!

Looking forward to a wonderful Fall 2007! Have a Blessed Summer.

Musically yours,

~Mrs. Vicki Wyant



**SMB PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2007**  
**A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!**  
**STUDENTS, PARENTS & COMMUNITY**  
**MEMBERS ALL ENJOYED THE DAY!**

*A perfect spring day set the stage for the Saratoga Music Boosters' most successful Pancake Breakfast ever.*

The community spirit and the cooperation between students, parents and staff made the day a pleasure for everyone. While the pancakes were flipping and the sausages were grilling, students from all the elementary school, middle school and high school orchestras, bands and choirs performed beautiful music. This event was made possible by a team of over 100 volunteers who manned their stations to insure a great breakfast from start to finish.

**The pancake breakfast generated a \$20,000 profit for the Music Boosters.**

A record crowd of over 1,200 people attended the event and ate more and stayed longer than ever before! As this event has matured, the community has come to out to support the students in large numbers. The pancake breakfast has become a highly anticipated event for Saratogans and is an outing that residents look forward to. It is a very accessible venue to showcase the many talents of our music department students.

The breakfast could not happen without the hard work, energy and enthusiasm of so many parents, teachers and students. It is this harmonious blend of students, music, tasty food and a chance to socialize as a community that makes the Music Boosters annual Pancake Breakfast so wonderful!

The Music Boosters would especially like to thank the music department teachers and directors and the committee chairs for their generous help.

**Maureen Barton and Alice Chiou (Event Co-Chairs)**

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|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Jim Axline     | Beverly Harada   | Charlie Robert   | Hueling Su     |
| Maria Chan     | Takako Hasegawa  | Jim Rumbaugh     | Janet Verson   |
| Hsiu Mei Chen  | Jeanie Huang     | Mebdi Safipour   | Phoebe Wu      |
| Karen Fitt     | Pratima Kejriwal | Sangita Seshadri | Marie Winquist |
| Susan Hammibal | Joyce Li         | Shamvi Setlur    | Carol Yuan     |
|                | Sharon Ng        | Joyce Shiuian    |                |

## Beginning JULY 1st Welcome The New SMB Board!

### EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS

- Co-Presidents: Beverly Harada and Katherine Tseng
- Treasurer: Sandy Olson-Miller
- VPs of Membership: Cyndi Chang and Karen Azzi
- VPs of Fundraising: Karen Fitt and Alice Chiou
- Recording Secretary: Lindy Lopez
- Parliamentarian: \* Patty Buchanan
- Auditor: \* Carol Yuan

*\* Appointed Executive board positions*

### APPOINTED BOARD POSITIONS

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Short
- Publicity: Lori Miller
- Newsletter Editorial Assistant: Jan Conroy
- Newsletter Distribution: Ashima Shankar
- Alumni Relations: Jennifer Robert and Madeline Morrow

#### LIASIONS

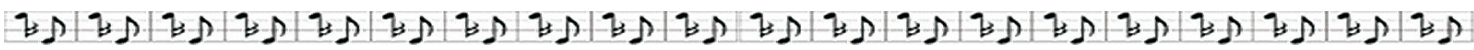
- SHS Band: Susan Hannibal
- SHS Choral Program: Mary Murphy
- SHS Color Guard/Winter Guard: Larry Chang
- SHS Orchestra: Leslie Tang and Vicki Pei
- RMS Band: Kathy Fetsch
- RMS Orchestra: TBD
- Elementary Orchestra: TBD
- Elementary Band: Marguerite McAfee

#### TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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- Lead Webmaster: Katherine Schwertly
- SQL Development: Samantha Chen
- Equipment Inventory Control: Rose Cheng
- Content: TBD

#### FINANCE

- Grants: TBD
- Student Accounts: Sarah Auvil
- SHS Trip Financial Coordinator: Sharon Ng



# NOTES from

# the Music Departments of Saratoga High School



## Instrumental Music Director's Report

It has been a fantastic year in the Saratoga HS music department! Many thanks and congratulations go to our graduating seniors. I wish them the very best as they move on and begin their adult lives. I have had the great fortune to work with seniors in our various ensembles, and I know the amazing talent and generosity that they have to offer. So although we will miss them at SHS, we know that they will be doing great things.

This has been a wonderful first year for me at Saratoga HS. We've experienced tremendous success, and I attribute that to the hard work of the students, the support of SMB, and the countless contributions of my colleagues. Michael Boitz, Jim Yowell, and Janet Verson have been particularly outstanding. I am thankful to them for helping me navigate my first year at SHS. I am also proud to be a part of SMB and the positive network of assistance it provides for our students. I encourage you to be involved with SMB and the many events sponsored by them. Your help makes a huge difference.

As we look ahead to next year, many exciting things are on the horizon. The new band uniforms will be coming in, and we will be fielding the largest marching band in Saratoga HS history! Our information packets and calendar will be sent out very soon. Remember that 99% of our events are on the calendar when they are sent out in the summer. With so many people counting on each other, we need to plan around music events. For those who will be new to SHS this year, WELCOME! I am glad to answer any questions you have about the program. We're looking forward to another excellent year here at SHS, but in the meantime have a safe and relaxing summer! You've certainly earned it!

Best wishes,

~John Zarco

## Instrumental Music News

### Greetings from the SHS Instrumental Music Department:

As the school year begins to wind down and we enter CMEA Large Ensemble Festival season, I find myself reflecting on how proud I am of our graduating senior class. These students have been dedicated members of Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Bands, Symphonic Band, String Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Pit Orchestra's, CMEA S/E Participants, SCCBDA Members, All-State Members, and involved with a flurry of all other school and outside activities. BRAVO, class of 2007!

### Band Camp Dates for 2007

Please be sure to block out the 2007 Band Camp dates:

- Rookie Days: August 13-14, 9am-Noon
- Full Group Kick-off: August 14, 7-9 pm
- Full Group: August 15-18, 20-22
- "Informance": August 25
- Classes Begin: August 27

### 2007-2008 Preview

The 2007-2008 school year will be filled with exciting opportunities across our department, including new marching band uniforms, the opportunity for any of our students at SHS to perform *West Side Story*, the beginning of an annual Guest Artist Series with the orchestra program, and a host of other annual events. We want to have as many SHS students as possible involved with this incredible group of students and parents, so please reach out to those not yet a part of the Saratoga Music Community and welcome them, encourage them to get involved!

### Thanks to our SMB Board

I would like to send personal thanks to our stellar Saratoga Music Booster Executive Board for a great year. Under the leadership and unyielding efforts of our executive board you will find we have done remarkably well fundraising for all music programs in Saratoga Schools. Most importantly, our SMB board has served young people in Saratoga with an enthusiasm and energy that is contagious and stands as a wonderfully positive example for young people in our community. This sends a strong message about how our organization and community feel about music education in our schools. THANK YOU SMB Board!

**LEND A HAND!** I would like to challenge all parents and interested community members to lend a hand to any SMB sponsored event in the coming year. Make this a part of your yearly giving and yearly volunteer effort. I personally have really enjoyed getting to know parents through unified efforts, such as the Jazz Cabaret, and cherish the moments we have to spend together. Rather than wait for a contact, make the effort to contact an SMB board member to find out how you can help!

~Michael Boitz

## SHS Choir News

Thank you parents and students for a wonderful 2006-07 school year! It has been a year of great challenges and new discoveries. I am always amazed at the level of excellence that the students achieve by the end of the school year in regard to each student's musical expression. My primary goals are always to instill a desire for each student to do their best for the sake of the group, represent the music as it was intended to be heard and most importantly when they leave at the end of the school year they want to continue to sing for the rest of their lives.

I want to take a moment to thank this year's choral representative to the SMB board, Chia-Chi Chou for her wonderful help this past year in organizing so many of the volunteers for helping at our concerts. Thank you for your valuable time. I want to welcome **Mary Murphy** as the 2007-08 SMB Choral Representative. I look forward to working with Mary and hope all of you will respond positively when Mary calls for your help with an up-coming event.

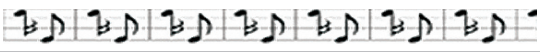
The performance calendar has been set for next year and I will pass this out to each student before they leave at the end of the school year. Please take the time now to mark these important dates on your calendar. I will also pass out information regarding auditioning for the regional and state honor choir and audition information regarding the musical **West Side Story**.

Thank you SMB for your help throughout the school year to always be a supportive member to the choral program. Your continued efforts have given the students and me so much encouragement. I want to congratulate and thank **Madeline Morrow** for her fine leadership and welcome **Beverly Harada** and **Katherine Tseng** as they take over the leadership positions on the SMB Board.

In closing, thank you seniors! It was a wonderful experience knowing you and I hope you will always come back and visit. Thank you to the music department staff, John Zarco, Michael Boitz and Janet Verson. It is an honor to work with such dedicated individuals.

**Have a wonderful summer and best wishes.**

~Jim Yowell



## June/July

June 25 - July 20

### SUMMER MUSIC

at Redwood Middle School,  
Monday - Friday 1:00 - 3:15 pm

## August

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for more information and updates,  
especially location and time

# Saratoga Music Boosters

We have so many volunteers that make our programs possible, but even amidst all this parent support, some contributions really stand out. We want to thank those parents and students who have gone above and beyond to support our music programs:

### 2006/07 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

*Madeline Morrow, Sandy Olson-Miller, Cyndi Chang,  
Karen Azzi, Karen Fitt, Alice Chiou,, Jennifer Short,  
Lindy Lopez, Katherine Tseng, Lisa Finley, Carol Yuan*

### 2006/07 APPOINTED POSITIONS:

*Josie Turpin, Beverly Harada, Marie Winquist,  
Rose Cheng, Jan Conroy, Bobbi Stek, Anandi  
Krishnamurthy, Jennifer Robert, Sarah Auwil,  
Sharon Ng, Jean Tsai, Fang Kao, Katherine Schwertly*

### 2006/07 BOARD LIAISONS:

*Susan Hannibal, Jackie Chia-Chi Chou,  
Leslie Tang, Vicki Pei, Virginia McPherson,  
Sarah Clark, Marguerite McAfee*

### EVENT CHAIRS 2006/07

**COOKIE DOUGH SALES**  
**JAZZ CABARET**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*Kat Mandell and Cathy Schroeder  
Amita Shenoi and Takako Hasegawa  
Maureen Barton and Alice Chiou*

*Special thanks to senior Jonathan Piu for designing the Pancake Breakfast poster.*

### **SHS ALUMNI STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Send us your current address so we can keep you informed about ongoing programs and concert dates as well as alumni opportunities. Send your current address to:

### **SMB**

20300 HERRIMAN AVENUE  
SARATOGA, CA 95070-4999



SMB Meetings are held monthly September through June, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the SHS Teachers Lounge. All Parents Welcome!

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