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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

From Patti Workman & Alice Chiou

2010-2011 SMB Co-Presidents

Dear Students, Families & Friends of Saratoga Music!

Welcome back to another wonderful year of marvelous music! There are so many exciting things going on in the SMB community.

How many high school groups get invited to an evening performance in **Carnegie Hall**? The Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Saratoga Strings at SHS did! These groups will be traveling to New York City in March to accept this invitation. Most of our trips are planned many years in advance, but this invitation was extended over the summer. We are thankful for everyone's flexibility in allowing our students to take advantage of this very special opportunity. Performing in Carnegie Hall is a dream for most musicians. We are fortunate to have our amazing Michael Boitz to head our SHS music department which allows our students to be a part of such a memorable experience.



Carnegie Hall

The music community is forever fluid. A hearty welcome to **Seth Jones**, who comes from New Jersey to direct the SHS Marching Band. The band is off to a great start with a peek at the new show "Thoughtcrime" at our evening Informance and the first home football game of the season.

At the Informance, we were selling new red & black SMB Parent Jackets. Orders were taken and **the deadline has already passed but if you are still interested in a jacket, email Patti Workman** (pworkman@pillardata.com) to express your interest. We can place another order with a minimum of 20 jackets. We are going to look pretty awesome in the bleacher stands with our red and black jackets on!

Our own Saratoga-raised **Jon Jow** fully takes over the helm at Redwood. Our thanks to Jon for continuing the many music programs that span 500 students in SUSD. We have chorus, color guard, several orchestras, jazz band and marching band, so many musical opportunities. Please understand that the **individual program fees do not fully cover the expenses of the programs**. SMB utilizes several fundraisers to absorb the additional costs. Please spread the word that SMB membership is our largest fundraiser and a vital way to keep our music programs alive.

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to buy tickets,
to volunteer or
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performance
schedule.

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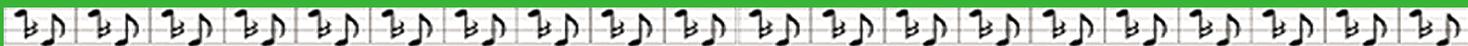
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NOTES from ... the Music Departments of Saratoga High School

Instrumental Music News Michael Boitz

Greetings from the SHS Instrumental Music Department!

The SHS Instrumental Music Department is off to a dynamite start to the 2010-2011 school year. From our successful Band Camp to our record enrollment in orchestra, our building is packed with remarkable students from early in the morning until late in the evening almost every day. Thanks to the continued support by SMB, our department is currently able to keep up with the increased enrollment this year, a lot of which took us by surprise in August! Bands, orchestras, color guard, jazz bands, lessons, sectionals, and individual practice sessions...you name it, its happening! Please feel free to stop in and check out the most "used" building on the SHS campus!

On behalf of our students, I would like to extend gratitude to all of the parents and families working so hard to help provide a great experience for all of our endeavors. As the music department continues to grow larger than ever anticipated, I become more overwhelmed with the amount of support it takes to provide a top-notch experience for our kids. Keeping the "small school" atmosphere is really important in maintaining the greatest possible experience for all students, especially here in our music department where kids usually spend all four years of their high school life. Saratoga Music Boosters, parents, families, and community are all vital to this equation. Listing all of the people involved in helping our department would fill this newsletter! THANK YOU to everyone helping make the SHS music department a valuable and fun experience for all of our kids.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to attend one of the many SHS music events this fall. The best acknowledgement parents and families can give to our students is attending as many performances and music events as possible. Four years of high school passes by quickly, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors to support our awesome student musicians. The calendar of events is located on the SMB website: www.saratogamusic.org. Please attend everything you can and bring family/friends to support our students! You will be happy you did and meet new friends in the process.

Best Wishes!

~Michael Boitz

Instrumental Music Director's Report Seth Jones



I would like to thank all of the families that have helped make my transition to Saratoga High School easy. As many of you know, this summer I moved from the East Coast. I also personally thank the students of the SHS band program. Although, I was new, they have responded positively and made my transition enjoyable. It has also been my great pleasure to get to know many in the SHS Band Family over the past seven weeks.

It is my hope that you are excited for our upcoming marching band season. Our 2010 show is entitled, "Thoughtcrime." The show takes place in a futuristic world where society has become stringently monitored by the government. Citizens are referred to as "cogs." The show focuses individuals and their plight to escape society, as they know it. This concept was largely developed by our previous Band Director, Mr. Duane Otani and our Colorguard Director Mr. Tony Crapo. Since band camp, the marching band staff has been working tirelessly in organizing and designing a show that will be entertaining and innovative. I hope that you will get to come and support the Marching Band at its many performances this fall.

The Symphonic Bands have been rehearsing since the first day of school in preparation for our concerts later in the year. Please come and support the Winter Symphonic Band Concert on Thursday, December 9th at the McAfee Center. Students in the symphonic band program are encouraged to audition for the many honors groups in our area. Currently, in the band room, I have information on the Santa Clara County Honor Band. This group selects students by audition only. If your student is interested in auditioning for this group, please direct them to me. Last year, Saratoga High School was very well represented. This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate your musical skills outside of our campus.

The Jazz Ensembles are also off to a great start. Jazz II has 20 members and promises to have a fantastic year. If your student is signed up for Jazz I, rehearsals will begin in January. Our Jazz Ensembles will be performing at the annual Jazz Cabaret. Please note that the date of the Jazz Cabaret has been changed due to the SWE/String trip to New York. The new date is Saturday, March 19th at 7 PM.

As I continue to get acquainted with Saratoga High School, I look forward to continuing the music department's great tradition of excellence. It is an honor getting to know my fantastic colleagues, Mr. Boitz, Mr. Yowell, Ms. Verson and Ms. Hasegawa, as well as the students and families of the SHS band program!

Sincerely,

~Seth Jones

sjones@lgsuhd.org

Due to the performance at Carnegie Hall in New York on March 8, 2010 the date for the spring Jazz Cabaret has changed from March 5 to March 19.

DONATIONS will be gladly received to help defray the cost of traveling to New York for the Carnegie Hall performance in March. Go to www.saratogamusic.org for more info on how you can help!



Saratoga High Choir News - Jim Yowell

The new school year is well underway and things are really going well in the SHS choral department. We have just returned from our annual fall retreat. This year we gathered at Walden West for a great time of singing and social events. Be sure to check out the pictures of the retreat on the SMB website. I want to thank the mothers who traveled with us as chaperones and to Ms. Verson and Emily Hsu for their behind-the-scenes help to make sure everything went smoothly. At the retreat we began preparing the large choral work we will be performing with the choirs from Lynbrook and Homestead High Schools and the Saratoga Orchestra. We will be performing Randall Thompson's "Frostiana". Please mark February 10 on your calendar for this special event. The retreat was a wonderful time to get acquainted with all the new students to the program.

Our fall concert is November 3 and will feature the Concert Choir, Cantare Chorale, Chamber Singers, the Men's Choir, the Saratoga Ringers, the Barber Shop and Beauty Shop and the Redwood Honor Chorus.

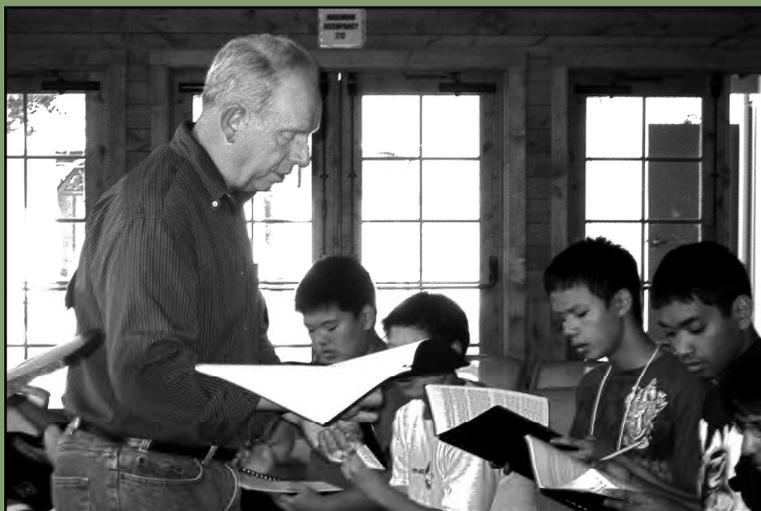
November 8 will be the Annual Women's Exchange Concert where the Cantare Chorale will combine with the women's choirs from Harker, Homestead, Los Altos, Mt. View and Pioneer High Schools to perform the larger work by Randall Thompson, "In Windsor Forest".

At our "Back to School Night" on September 16 we posted all the sign up sheets for all the choir events of the year. If you did not have a chance to sign up to volunteer at a choir event please do so. Your behind the scenes help is needed and greatly appreciated. You can contact any of the SMB Choral Liaisons to see where you might be of help.

September 25th was the date for the annual Regional Honor Choir Auditions here at Saratoga High School. Your son or daughter will have already been registered.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our up-coming events.

~Jim Yowell



Jim Yowell with students at the choir retreat in September



SHS marching band clarinet section running through their new field show Thoughtcrime

Congratulations Saratoga Strings & Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Seniors

This summer our most advanced instrumental ensembles at SHS received an incredible invitation to perform in a featured evening concert at CARNEGIE HALL as part of the WORLD PROJECTS NEW YORK MUSIC FESTIVAL.

SWE and Saratoga Strings have been selected to perform the evening of Tuesday, March 8th at 8:00 pm in a concert that concludes the festival. While many high-profile high school ensembles and youth ensembles are able to participate in festivals featured at Carnegie Hall, most unique with this invitation is that it is a prime-time featured concert and centerpiece of a major event. The concert is also part of the regular Carnegie Concert Series and open to the public for standard concert ticket admission. Congratulations!



NOTES from ... the Redwood and SUSD Elementary Music Departments

The first two weeks of September are always the time when I have the most cramps and pain in my fingers, hands, and wrists. And this is a good thing! Let me explain - it's around this time of year, especially in this current state of education of music and the arts in California, that I am so grateful to have been educated through the same community in which I now teach, and to see that support for music from both our schools and from our parents and community is so strong. During the first couple weeks of school, I get hundreds of emails from parents inquiring on the starting times and dates for our music groups, others who are eager to have their students get involved, and even more for every possible question and item surrounding the multitude of musical experiences that we provide for our students. Not only are we doing well, but our main groups are actually growing this year! Needless to say, this is indeed a wonderful situation to have!

Our main groups are growing this year!

As always, the school year started with our camps for the SHS and Redwood marching bands. As many of you know, I have the opportunity to work at both, and it is wonderful for me to watch our students make the transition from elementary to middle, then on to high school. The subtle improvements that they make year after year are often unnoticeable to most, but quite exciting and inspiring for me. Working at SHS band camp, I also had the privilege of getting to know our new music family member, SHS instrumental director Mr. Seth Jones. From day one, Mr. Jones has proven himself to be a great resource for Saratoga High School in both enthusiasm and pedagogical competence. On behalf of all of us in the Redwood and SUSD music program, we extend our welcome to Mr. Jones and wish him all the best as he continues his great leadership over at the high school alongside Mr. Boitz and Mr. Yowell!

We are always looking for new Redwood Honor Chorus members

Redwood Band Camp was a great week of some fun, and even more progress! Since band camp week, the marching band and color guard has grown from approximately 90 total students to almost 120. I am very excited about this upcoming marching season, as we have many new marchers this year (about 2/3 of the group), and our competitions will allow our students to (most importantly) challenge themselves to see just how close to excellence we can get! Just recently, we marched in the Newark Days Parade. Redwood proudly placed 3rd in the Color Guard and I.D. categories (combined middle school and high school), 2nd in drum major, and 1st as middle school marching band. We will continue to push forward to our following performances. Please come out and support us if you can. We love to have fans out in the audience!

Along with marching band, our Redwood groups are off and running! The Allegro, Presto, and Vivace orchestras under the leadership of Mrs. and Mr. Krijnen are doing very well and filling our rooms with music once again. The Vivace orchestra is close to 70 musicians this year!

A big change for me this year is that I have taken the torch of the Redwood Honor Chorus from Mrs. Wyant. I'm very excited to report that we have also started off strong and singing away. We are always looking for new members (especially gentlemen not afraid to sing!), so if any of your students have a decent voice, please encourage them to check us out. Singing makes any musician stronger!

We are very fortunate to have Mr. Naoki Taniguchi back with us this year teaching the Redwood Jazz Band. It

should be a great year of jazz at Redwood, and with our other groups, the students are already playing through music and getting ready for future performances.

We have approximately 25 members in color guard this year! As some of you have heard, Katherine Green, our guard instructor up to band camp, got a job teaching special education in San Jose the week before school started. I am very happy and proud to announce this next step in her career and fondly wish her the best! Subsequently, Ms. Alex Conway, a Redwood, SHS and Santa Clara Vanguard alumnus has taken leadership over the color guard program, and we are very excited to have her with us. I've worked with Alex for a few years and known her even longer, and it is wonderful to have her join our team here at Redwood. Welcome, Ms. Conway!

Color Guard welcomes Ms. Alex Conway!

Back in the school day, the Redwood concert bands have gotten off to a great start! I am having a wonderful time getting to know our new 6th grade Griffins in A Period band and have been consistently excited about their enthusiasm and potential in just the first few weeks of school. It has been a joy getting to know both them and the parents, and I look forward to helping develop their talent and offer them the best musical experiences that I can this upcoming year!

With our current groups underway, we are also planning and gearing up for the start of our beginning band and orchestra programs! Redwood 8th graders traveled with me to our three elementary schools to perform for our 4th and 5th grade peers with much excitement and enthusiasm.

String orientation for 4th & 5th graders was in September, and band orientations were the first weekend in October. Classes began the following week on Tuesday, and we are thrilled to have our two awesome beginning band specialists with us again this year - Mrs. Becky Dugan and Mrs. Lauri Sutterfield, as well as our great beginning string teacher, Mrs. Aryn Krijnen. Please check out our website for more information!

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Redwood Marching Band at the Newark Days Parade and the trophies they won in the parade.



Redwood/SUSD continued...

Finally, I would like to welcome our new assistant director of music at Redwood Middle School, Mr. Chris Nalls. He is a superb brass player who has decided to make music his profession after many years in the tech industry.

**Welcome
Mr. Chris Nalls
Redwood's
New Assistant
Music Director**

You may already know his name as he instructs the SHS marching band as the visual caption head. I am very happy to welcome Mr. Nall's expertise and enthusiasm to Redwood Middle School, and looking forward to working with him!

As always, I must thank you, the parents who help make the Saratoga Music Boosters so successful, for your support and dedication to making sure that our students receive a well-rounded, balanced, and inspired educational experience as they grow up in Saratoga. Whether you are their music event chauffeur, provider, audience member, or even their "tough love" enforcer in keeping them involved, it is because of you that our students are growing up to understand the true value of teamwork, synergy, community, dedication, time management, and all other human skills that will make them the future leaders of their generation! Please keep in touch with us and with SMB by bookmarking saratogamusic.org and redwoodmusic.weebly.com. Find ways to get involved, meet other music parents, and keep up the wonderful work that you do in supporting all of our students.

Best wishes for a great year!!!

~Jon Jow

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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Speaking of fundraisers, our Alumni chairs hosted a terrific Poker 4 Piano Night on September 25th. Thank you to Maureen Barton, Bev Harada, Takako Hasegawa and Sangita Seshadri for organizing this fun evening to help raise money for a new piano in the SHS choir room. Also thanks to Jan and Dave Conroy for opening their lovely home for this event.

Our annual fall fundraiser, Cookie Dough Sales, is well underway thanks to Antonella Corno, Seema Kumar, Manasa Sabat and Sushama Thakker. Clear out your freezers and make room! Order from any music student at SHS or Redwood. All your favorites are back! Please see the enclosed flyer for specific information. Students selling over \$25 in products will receive 25 cents per dollar of product sales in their travel accounts.



This is a great opportunity for students to help defray their cost for the Carnegie Hall/NYC trip. Orders are due on October 18th with pickup on November 3rd. Get a jump on the holiday festivities!

We can never say "thank you" enough times to all the volunteers that makes SMB such a wonderful organization. Our parents do many various jobs that makes the music experience better for all the students. The music programs throughout our Saratoga schools offer enrichment to the students in many ways. At Saratoga High, the music building is an "oasis" on the SHS sea. The feeling of friendship and camaraderie exudes from both students and parents. The music is fantastic, but in addition, SMB MEANS SO MUCH MORE THAN THE MUSIC.

"Thanks, thanks and thanks again!"

From Patti Workman & Alice Chiou

2010-2011 SMB Co-Presidents

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Monday Oct 25th

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING POKER PIANO 4 A SUCCESS *Night*



*Sandy Miller (left) is our new Tournament Champion.
Ken Fukui (right) won the Beginner gift prize.*

The SMB Alumni hosted a fundraiser for a new piano for the SHS Choir Department on a recent warm summer evening at Jan and Dave Conroy's lovely home. Choral Director Jim Yowell gave a heartfelt thank you to a crowd of 55 supporters. Takako Hasegawa and Sangita Seshadri prepared home-made Japanese and Indian dishes, in addition to some wonderful entrees from neighborhood restaurants and stores. Everyone agreed that the food was delicious!

The poker tournament was exciting from the start, as we had an overflowing table of beginners who had never before played poker, a table of beginners who may have played a couple of times before, and the rest of the tables filled with seasoned players. Everyone was in good spirits, even if they lost all their chips, since they could buy a new supply of chips while supporting SMB with an additional donation.

(Thank you players!)

What surprised everyone was that the final table of nine consisted of four beginners! Honorable mention to beginners: Patti Workman, Lisa Cummins, Ken Fukui and Sandy Miller for making the final table along with Dave Conroy, John Cummins, Daryn Lau, Dave Harada, and Jeff Arnett.

Ken Fukui won the Beginner gift prize donated by Takako Hasegawa. He came in sixth after having just flown back from Japan, and with very little sleep. What a feat! Congratulations Ken! But the evening belonged to Sandy Miller. She's only played once before (at last year's Alumni Poker Tournament) and began dominating the table, accumulating chips and taking down player after player. The guys were groaning as they left the table, all smiles, but clearly shaken by "her beginners' luck". Sandy was poetry in motion, and has become our new Tournament Champion. Congratulations Sandy! Her prize was generously donated by Maureen Barton.

Thank you all who attended for your support of SMB. And a special thank you for your additional donations: Jan and Dave Conroy, Mark Stevens and Mary Murphy, Cathie Thermond, Hsiu-Mei Chen, Laurie Cheung, Jennie Lau, Karen Burley, Dave Okada, Maureen Barton, Dave Harada, Takako Hasegawa, and Sangita Seshadri. Every bit is helping us provide our school children with a solid music education.

**HUGE UPSET!
Beginner Is Crowned
Tournament Champion!!**



Saratoga GVE Unfolds an Exciting Show!

Our SHS Color Guard is off to a fabulous start...tossing 3s, 4s and 5s! They've been working hard throughout the summer and continue to do so to get things just right. This year's show, titled "Thoughtcrime", is loosely based on George Orwell's "1984." The show is quite different from anything SHS band, and particularly color guard, has done before. The color guard plays a key role in unfolding the story of a bleak future where humans, closely monitored by machines, are brainwashed and stripped of their freedom and personal identity. You'll love this exciting performance! Please see the BCT article in this newsletter for Band Competition dates and locations.

Lilian Fukuda, SHS Color Guard liaison



SHS Bleacher Cheering Team

Ready for an Exciting Year of Marching Band

Welcome to any new
SHS marching band families

Please allow us to introduce . . .
the Bleacher Cheering Team, or BCT

Marching Band Competition Schedule:

October 23 rd	Gilroy High School
October 30 th	Fresno State
November 13 th	James Logan
November 20 th -21 st	WBA Championships in Fresno

The BCT is the cheering arm of the Marching Band/GVE (Guard Visual Effects) and a way for parents and friends to really energize the band during competitions. We are excited to have you and your children as part of our proud band family.

We would like to also welcome back all of our returning families, this looks like another exciting year of great music and marching!

Anne Hirokawa and I will be coordinating the cheering section at the competitions. This is a great opportunity to meet other families and cheer on our kids. We encourage everyone to attend the competitions and help make the Saratoga cheer section the largest and definitely the loudest.

Anne and I will send out an email prior to each competition to coordinate carpools. If you would like to drive the carpool or be a passenger please let us know. We plan to caravan with the busses, if you don't want to leave that early but still want to sit with the Saratoga parents let us know that as well.

We will send out the details for each competition, as we get closer to those dates. Please note that admission to most of the competitions is cash only. The WBA championships are an overnight event and we will send out a list of hotels in a few weeks.

We encourage you to wear as much red as you can. Also, please come to the home football games to see the kids perform at halftime and cheer on our Saratoga Falcon football team as well!

We look forward to seeing you and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

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HELP WANTED: SHS Volunteers Are Needed !

Web/Database Developer

We are looking to enhance our website (www.saratogamusic.org) with some interactivity and registration forms that will populate a database; we may also need an administrative backend. If you have development skills with PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, or any other current open source technologies, please email us:

webmaster@saratogamusic.org

SHS Marching Band Equipment Volunteers

The SHS Marching Band has an incredible show planned for this season. We need adults to help get the Band's props on and off the field for their performances at on-campus Football games and on-the-road Band Competitions. To be on the field with the Band and experience the excitement, please email us:

volunteers@saratogamusic.org

SMB Media Crew

We know there's a lot of "paparazzi" out there following our groups. We have a dedicated crew that gets access to prime viewing positions for the best shots. We're looking for Photographers and Videographers from all the groups we support so we can share our student's accomplishments with their peers, parents and the community.

To become a member of the SMB Media Crew, please email us:

mediacrew@saratogamusic.org



Starbucks and Planet Juice Cards are Here!

The Starbucks & Planet Juice Card fundraiser benefits both student travel accounts and the SMB . . . **AND another great way for SHS students to help defray the cost of the Carnegie Hall/NYC trip.**

Each card is sold for \$10 and has a face value of \$10. These cards can be used like cash at all Starbucks & Planet Juice locations.

Seven percent of each card purchased is deposited to the SMB account.

If you designate a specific student the money is credited to that student's travel account. If you do not designate a student, the 7% is placed into the SMB travel scholarship fund.

Planet Juice cards sell for \$10 as well and 15% is placed into the SMB travel fund.

Either way, you help Saratoga music programs!

Cards are easily ordered on the Music Boosters website:

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Saratoga Music Boosters



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for the most current information on dates and times!

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