



LOS ALAMITOS HS ENTERTAINMENT UNIT

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Weekly Bulletin – February 15, 2010

Announcements

End of Year Banquet (flyer attached):

Saturday, June 5th – 12pm to 3pm
The Centre at Sycamore Plaza, Weingart Ballroom
5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90712

Ticket price is \$30.00 per person and includes a sit down lunch

No tickets will be sold at the door!

All payments and reservations must be received by May 10, 2010

Los Alamitos 50th Anniversary Parade:

We have been invited to participate in the parade on Saturday, March 27th, from 9am to 10am to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Los Alamitos.

Due to unfortunate scheduling conflicts with drumline, color guard, and jazz band performances/competitions, we are unable to have the **ENTIRE** Entertainment Unit present at the event. We are hoping to have **MOST** members (especially wind players) participate in this great occasion who are not involved with a conflicting group performance.

Samuel Manning (class of 2009), a past Drum Major for the program, has organized a Los Alamitos Alumni Band to help offset for the members that are unable to participate at the parade. The Entertainment Unit will be rehearsing with the Alumni Band prior to the parade from **9am to 11am** on the following **Saturdays**:

• **February 20th** • **March 6th** • **March 20th**

Please contact Mr. Sebastian if you have any questions and/or scheduling conflicts
(rsebastian@losal.org)

Weekly Schedule

Monday, 2/15 - NO SCHOOL

- Drumline Rehearsal – 10am to 2pm
- Color Guard Rehearsal – 1pm to 4pm

Tuesday, 2/16

- Drumline Rehearsal – 2pm to 6pm
- Color Guard Rehearsal – 2pm to 5pm

Wednesday, 2/17 - FREE

Thursday, 2/18

- Color Guard Rehearsal – 2pm to 5pm
- Brass Ensemble – 3pm to 4:30pm

Friday, 2/19

- Drumline Rehearsal – 2pm to 6pm

Saturday, 2/20

- Entertainment Unit – 50th Anniversary Parade Rehearsal – 9am to 11am
- Drumline – WGI Riverside King HS (Corona) – call time 8am, prelims performance time – 1pm; finals performance (depending on prelims placement) – TBA (around 8pm)
- Color Guard – WGASC Marina HS – call time 1:30pm, performance time – 6:17pm

From Booster President – Christy Coats (ccoats@sbcglobal.net):

Booster Board Nominations:

During the booster meeting held on Tuesday, 2/9/10, it was decided the Executive Board Election process would be moved up one calendar month to ensure time for proper training/shadowing for elected/incoming 2010/11 board members. As most of you already know, the current board consists of five senior parents who are not eligible for re-election; therefore it is imperative that new board members are prepared/trained prior to the end of the 2010 school year.

Attached you will find a LAHS Band Booster Nomination Form for the 2010-2011 Executive Board. Also attached are the current Booster Bylaws, which contain an outline for the nomination process, as well as a job description for each of the board positions.

Please complete the nomination form (attached) and return via email to Booster Secretary, Cathy Lewis (lahsbandsec@gmail.com), or regular mail to LAHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 1556, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 - Attn: Nomination Committee. All **nominations must be received by February 26th.**

All nominees will be contacted prior to March 1st, and asked to accept/decline the placement of their name for on the ballot. The ballots will be sent (via email) to all eligible voting membership on March 8, 2010, with a deadline for the return of marked ballots by no later than March 26th. The votes will be collected and counted by members of the nomination committee, with the announcement of new officers on April 1, 2010.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, or wish to discuss any of the board positions, please contact Christy Coats at ccoats@sbcglobal.net.

Motion Pending:

During our booster meeting on Tuesday (2/9/10), a motion was proposed to utilize \$40,000 which has been raised and maintained in the booster account for the past two years. The motion pending is as follows:

1. \$20,000 will be held in the LAHS Band Booster bank account to be utilized toward the purchase of new uniforms and/or uniform pieces for the 2010/11 Entertainment Unit. At this time, the cost of purchasing new uniforms is undetermined; however, the need has been raised.
2. \$20,000 will be split equally among all returning second semester band students (\$196.07 per student) to offset second semester “fair share assessment” costs. If the student has already paid or has a credit in their account to cover the fair share assessment cost, the remaining funds may be utilized to offset the costs of second semester travel expenses for said individual.

As we did not have enough of the “voting membership” present during the meeting for a quorum, at this time we are asking for all voting members to cast their vote on the above noted motion, to utilize the \$40,000 as indicated above. **Please forward your vote (yes and no) to**

the LAHS Band Secretary, Cathy Lewis (lahsbandsec@gmail.com) no later than February 17, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Christy Coats at ccoats@sbcglobal.net.

2nd Semester Fair-share Expenses:

These fair-share expenses have been listed for each of the respective groups. These fair-share expense items exclude music writing, instrument repair, flags, and other misc fees/expense incurred during the season, which are absorbed as operating costs.

There is a motion that was proposed that will equally split \$20,000 to the 102 members of the program crediting \$196.07 to each student to be applied to 2nd semester assessment, and/or travel expenses once their fair-share has been paid in full.

Spring Trip – Thurs., May 6th to Sat., May 8th (proposed itinerary and field form attached)

All Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band and Color Guard students will be attending a Forum Music Festival in San Mateo on Friday, May 7, 2010. The entire group will be leaving LAHS following completion of school on Thursday, May 6th and will return on Saturday evening (approximately 11:00 p.m.)

Please see the proposed Itinerary below for a complete trip outline. The price per student will be \$377.00, and includes transportation, accommodations, meals (excluding dinner during travel Thursday and Saturday evening), and all attractions listed in the itinerary. ***All students attending the festival will be required to submit a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit, by Thursday, February 25th, payable to LAHS Band Boosters, with the balance of the \$277.00* due and payable no later than March 25, 2010.***

*Please note that all students who participated in the Cow Chip Bingo Fundraiser, a credit in the amount of \$127.13 will be applied toward the cost of this trip. In addition, an anonymous donor has provided \$4,500 to be split equally among the band families attending the Santa Clara event (non-orchestra students) which will offset the cost of the trip even further. The amount will be determined based on the number of students attending. Therefore, the actual dollar figure will be reduced accordingly upon receipt of number of students attending, and the family's participation in fundraising efforts to offset the above noted costs.

Drumline:

<http://www.losalmusic.com/drumline.html>

From Drumline VP – Janet Congel (homeofmatt@aol.com)

To all Drumline Parents:

As a group, we need to decide if we want to use buses to transport the drumline students to their competitions or use parent drivers. Partly due to the parent drivers' liability, the Booster Board has proposed that we use a bus for every event and has put \$\$ behind that recommendation.

Please read Christy Coats' memo below:

During the parent booster meeting held on 2/9/10, we discussed having parent drivers versus a bus for the drumline students to each competition. The district strongly suggests the use of a SPAB certified bus company, for transporting students to all extra-curricular events; however, cannot impose that upon the booster clubs. We as a booster board also feel that transporting the students in one vehicle is not only safer, but also builds that **“team spirit” and bonding** while traveling to and from the events. I personally feel that by using a bus, it eliminates the responsibility of the parent/chaperone drivers, in the unlikely event of an accident or breakdown during transport. The boosters and/or LAHS Unified School District will not assume liability in the event of accident or breakdown and the driver(s) shall bear primary responsibility for any losses or claims for damages incurred in the event of accident.

We have provided an estimate for the second semester fair share expenses to include utilization of a bus to each event and without. Also discussed during the meeting was the proposed use of \$20,000 to be utilized as a credit (see separate email from Cathy Lewis), which will provide a \$196.07 credit to each student in the entertainment unit to be applied toward their fair share expenses. The numbers below indicate both the actual amount and then the amount with the credit (once the voting membership has completed the process).

<u>Without Proposed Credit</u>	<u>With \$196.07 Proposed Credit</u>
Fair share expenses with bus \$500.00	\$303.93
Fair Share expenses with parent drivers \$378.13	\$182.06

The above noted expenses include coaching and entry fees, transportation (rental truck/gas reimbursement and/or bus to each event) **for second semester events only**. These do not include other costs associated with the program that are supplemented through bingo profits and fundraising. The actual second semester expenses per student (drumline only) are \$1,105.43 (with bus) and \$933.56 (without bus). The difference in these figures and the actual amount collected is supplemented through the “general fund” and shared equally among members of the entertainment unit.

Please remember that all “fair share” accounts can be paid off via fundraising (bingo hours, catering events, and other misc. fundraising).

We are asking all Drumline parents to vote on either **using a bus or parent drivers** to determine which fair share assessment will be enforced. **Please return your vote to Christy Coats (ccoats@sbcglogal.net), no later than 2/17/10.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Christy Coats – Booster President

Please let Christy know by Wednesday which way you prefer to go. The cost difference is

\$121.87 per student. But, we have already decided to take a bus to at least a couple competitions (second day at Temecula, last event, etc.), so the savings will be less than this amount.

Also, we are looking for an indoor practice site in Dayton for all day Wednesday, April 14 and possibly the morning of Thursday, April 15. Ian has suggested that we try to find a church in the area as many have indoor gymnasiums and might be willing to let us use/rent the space. If you are involved in a church that might have a connection in Dayton, please contact me.

Thanks,
Janet Congel (homeofmatt@aol.com)

2nd Semester Fair-share Assessment Expenses:

Coaching/Salaries	\$22,974
Coaching Expenses/Dayton	\$4,900
Transportation	\$6,500
Entry Fees	\$700
Floor	\$300
Total Expenses:	\$35,374
Actual cost per student (32)	\$1,105.43
(Without busses -\$5,500	\$29,874/32 = \$933.56)

Fair-share with Bus \$500.00 (less proposed credit = \$303.93)

Fair-share without Bus \$328.13 (less proposed credit = \$132.06)

2010 Drumline Fees (separate from 2nd Semester Fair-share Assessment Fees):

PAST DUE • Roundtrip Dayton Airfare - \$349.71 per student

- **Dayton Fee - \$891.30 per student**
 - 1ST payment - \$297.10 (**DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**)
 - 2ND payment - \$297.10 (**DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH**)
 - 3RD payment - \$297.10 (**DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH**)

Sat., February 20th – WGI Riverside King HS (9301 Wood Rd., Riverside, CA 92508)

Call Time: 8am

Load Truck/Trailer: 8am to 8:45am

Leave LAHS: 8:45am

Arrive at Site: approx. 10am

Prelims Warm-up: 11am to 12:25pm

Move to Gym: 12:30pm

Prelims Performance Time: 1pm

Lunch (provided): approx. 1:45pm

Finals Warm-up: TBA

Finals Performance Time: somewhere between 7:55pm and 8:35pm (depends on placement from Prelims)

Finals Conclude: 10:36pm

Arrive back at LAHS: approx. 12am

Dismissal Time: approx. 12:30am

What to bring & wear: Show uniform (top, pants, socks, show shoes, etc.), instrument, extra equipment, change of clothes/show shirt, snacks and/or money to purchase food/snacks at event

Links: [WGI Show Schedule/Information](#)

Misc: Click on the address above for directions. We will meet at LAHS to load the trailer/truck, and then we will drive to site using personal transportation or a school bus (depending on vote).

Color Guard:

<http://www.losalmusic.com/colorguard.html>

Tim would like the **parents who were planning to help at Saturday's competition** to come to the end of rehearsal on **Thursday, February 18th at 5pm** so we can show you how to help set-up the balcony railings.

2nd Semester Fair-share Assessment Expenses:

Coaching/Salaries	\$12,708
Transportation	\$5,625
Entry Fees	\$600
Floor	\$300
Total Expenses:	\$19,233
Actual cost per student (16)	\$1,202.05
(Without busses -\$4,500)	\$14,733/16 = \$920.81

Fair-share with Bus \$500.00 (less proposed credit = \$303.93)

Fair-share without Bus \$218.76 (less proposed credit = \$22.69)

2010 Color Guard Fees (separate from 2nd Semester Fair-share Assessment Fees):

PAST DUE • San Diego Trip (Hotel/Transportation) - \$105.89 per student

• Uniform Fee - \$135.39 per student (DUE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH)

Sat., February 20th – WGASC Marina HS (15871 Springdale St., Huntington Beach, CA 92649)

Call Time: 1:30pm (to do make-up and hair at von Heydenreich's home – details TBA)

Load Truck: approx. 3pm to 3:40pm (at LAHS)

Leave LAHS: 3:45pm

Arrive at Site: approx. 4:15pm

Warm-up: 4:45pm to 5:40pm

Move to Gym: 5:45pm

Performance Time: 6:17pm

Awards: 9:30pm

Arrive back at LAHS: approx. 10:15pm

Dismissal Time: approx. 10:45pm

What to bring & wear: Show uniform (black show clothes), equipment, warm-ups for practice/change of clothes, food/snacks and/or money to purchase food/snacks at event

Links: [WGASC Show Schedule](#)

Misc: Click on the address above for directions. We will meet at LAHS to load the truck and then we will drive to site using a school bus.

Concert Bands:

<http://www.losalmusic.com/concertbands.html>

2nd Semester Fair-share Assessment Expenses:

Entry Fees	\$200
Transportation	\$1,500
Total Expenses:	\$1,700
Actual cost per student (62)	\$26.41

Required Performance/Concert/Festival Attire

- **Gentlemen** – white button down long-sleeve shirt with a dark tie tucked into black dress pants/slacks (not jeans), belt, black socks, and black dress shoes (not marching band shoes)
- **Ladies** – all black floor length dress and appropriate black dress shoes (no flip-flops or sandals)

Here is the web link that the Orchestra is using to order their dresses that are really reasonable and elegant: www.tuxedowholesaler.com under women's wear "Dakota" is the dress for \$50. If you think this may be a good option for you, please act quickly since delivery time is a factor.

Proper attire is needed by **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH** for group yearbook pictures.

Fundraisers:

See's Candy:

Spring/Easter – **DUE MONDAY, MARCH 1ST**

Bodega Chocolates – Valentine's Special:

<http://www.bodega-chocolates.com/4F-LAHSEU.html>



LAHS Band Boosters
Nomination Form for the Executive Board 2010-2011

You may nominate yourself or others, please note the following rules as stated in Article III – (Membership) of the Bylaws (see attached copy).

Officer Nominations

President _____

First Vice-President (Ways and Means) _____

Second Vice-President (Bingo Manager) _____

Third Co-Vice-President (Band) _____

Fourth Vice-President (Color Guard) _____

Fifth Vice-President (Drumline) _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Submitted by:

Please mail this form to:

LAHS Band Boosters-Nomination Committee
P.O. Box 1556
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Or email to Band Secretary, Cathy Lewis at lahsbandsec@gmail.com.

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Thursday, May 6, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30pm – Depart from Los Alamitos High School, by Pacific Coachways Charter Service • On-your-own dinner along the way • Hotel: The Plaza Suites, 3100 Lakeside Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95054 (408) 748-9800 • Approximate arrival time of 11:30pm
Friday, May 7, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • Following breakfast, load bus for transfer to Forum Music Festivals rated, adjudicated festival at College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd, San Mateo, CA 94402 (performance times TBD) • Following the awards ceremony, load bus for transfer to Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, 400 Beach St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 - voted the world's best <i>Seaside Amusement Park</i> with rides, restaurants, miniature golf, video game arcades and bowling. Unlimited Ride Wristband also includes 1 game of Laser Tag and 1 game of Miniature Golf • Included in the package will be \$20 in Boardwalk Bucks good at any food outlet on the Boardwalk • Following close of park or at the Director's discretion, load bus for transfer back to hotel
Saturday, May 8, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at the hotel • 9:00am - Check-out of the hotel and load bus with luggage for transfer to California's Great America to enjoy a day of fun and thrills • Meal Deal vouchers included for lunch and snacks • 3:00pm – Load bus for transfer home to Los Alamitos – Approximate arrival at school 11:00pm

If you have any questions, regarding the above information, please contact Christy Coats at ccoats@sbcglobal.net, and/or Mr. Rush at jrush@losal.org or Mr. Sebastian at rsebastian@losal.org Please return the lower portion of this page indicating your students' participation in the festival.

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Please print, and return to the white booster box located in the band room, or mail to LAHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 1556, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 – Attn: Santa Clara Festival

_____ Yes, my student _____ will be participating in the festival.

_____ No, my student _____ will not participate in the festival.

Enclosed is my check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____. The balance of \$ _____ will be paid in full on or before March 25, 2010.

Parent Name:

Parent email address:

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Students may NOT DRIVE themselves to field trip activities.

Los Alamitos Unified School District
NOTICE OF SCHOOL-SPONSORED FIELD TRIP OR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Student's Name _____ M ___ F ___ Grade _____ School LAHS

A trip is planned to Forum Music Festival – San Mateo, California

Date of trip 5/6/10 – 5/8/10 Instructor in charge John Rush & Richard Sebastian

Departure time 3:30 p.m. -5/6/10 - LAHS Return time 5/8/10 – estimated 11:30 p.m.

Type of activity Adjudicated Music Festival – Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony and Color Guard Performance Groups

Transportation, if needed, provided by District bus/van XX Chartered bus/van Private vehicle

1. As stated in the California Education Code 35330, "All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against Los Alamitos Unified School District or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion."
2. In the event of illness or injury, I hereby consent to whatever x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care are considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician, surgeon, or dentist and performed by or under the supervision of a member of the medical staff of the hospital or facility furnishing medical or dental services.
3. I fully understand that participants are to abide by all District/school rules and regulations governing conduct during the tip. Any violation of these rules and regulations may result in that individual being sent home at the expense of his/her parent/guardian.
4. Should travel be delayed or the stay be extended for any reason, the parent/guardian will be responsible for any additional costs. The purchase of travel insurance is advised.

In case of an emergency on the field trip, please contact:

Home phone (____) _____ Cell phone/pager (____) _____
 Name _____ Relationship _____ Work phone (____) _____

If the above-named person cannot be reached, list to whom the child may be released in case of emergency:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Home phone (____) _____ Cell phone/pager (____) _____
 Work phone (____) _____

Write below your choice of physician (2nd choice may be school selection):

Physician's Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

IMPORTANT:

- My child may participate in this voluntary field trip/excursion.
- I authorize any licensed physician to render necessary emergency treatment for injury or serious illness when neither parent can be reached and will assume all financial responsibility for such treatment. I authorize the school to choose a physician in case of emergency.
- I do not want my child to participate in this voluntary field trip/excursion.

Parent/Guardian Signature

If your child has "routine" or "as needed" medication in the school Health Office, complete the following section.

Check all that apply:

- My child has orders for medication in the Health Office.
- My child does not need any medication sent from the school for this field trip.
- Please send my child's medication to be carried by the chaperone and administered when my child goes to the chaperone at the designated time.

COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF FORM

- My child's medication is for a life-threatening condition (diabetes, asthma, severe allergic reaction) and my child:
 - Must carry the medication AT ALL TIMES.
 - Knows how to use the medication independently.
 My child already carries this medication will pick it up from the Health Office before departure.
- My child has diabetes and:
 - Will bring all necessary snacks and treatments for low or high blood sugars from home. *(Please send enough food to cover the entire day in case there is a delay in getting meals.)*
 - Will need the glucose meter from the Health Office and will bring all other supplies from home.

My child has a MedicAlert bracelet or other medical identification on his/her person at all time. *(This is strongly recommended for all students with medical needs.)*

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date