



HIGHLANDER NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE BEST MARCHING BAND IN THE LOS ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Welcome new and old to the 2004-2005 band season!

As the new season creeps upon us we look forward to a year of music and merriment (in other words football games and band competitions) we welcome in our freshmen and our returning students and parents. This year our marching band and dance guard are playing to the theme of the "Last of the Mohicans"

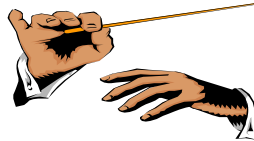
The Highlander Band Parents Assoc. meets the third Wednesday of every month and the next meeting is August 18th at 7:00pm. Parents are encouraged to attend for information on the upcoming season and to mingle and get to know one another.

Membership

YES...it's that time of the year again! Registration forms will be available at the orientation meeting Tuesday August 10th. .

Band Director

Welcome to 2004-2005 highlander band!



We are looking forward to a great year. This is our first year as an "official" music academy. I encourage you to consider your student as a possible music major within our department. It really just means 1 performance ensemble and 1 music major class per semester. Many of our students are already doing more music than that. It helps us to support our new full time music teacher, Ken Mengel.

I am proud to announce that our reputation has helped us receive 2 more professional offers.

We are bidding on a commercial for Hyundai automotive and "The Gilmore Girls" television show with Warner Bros. Studios. We just recently completed a successful performance at their Burbank studios. Not all these offers go through, as this is of course how "Hollywood" goes. But I am very pleased that the kids hard work and parents support allows us to present a professional grade musical performance ensemble! Keep your fingers crossed. Updates as they develop. Keep watching for us in the latest Sugar Frosted Flakes commercial, 7ups' national advertising campaign, "Dodge Ball" with Ben Stiller, and in an upcoming ESPN commercial for college game day. We are dressed as USC's marching band. (can we act or what?) go to www.kiltedband.com and click on resume. You will be impressed.

I hope everyone will come out and see and support our performances this year. It is really fun to see how talented your kids are. It's even more fun if you have an active part in it. Keep watching for chances to help us out with just a little of your time. Together we make a great experience for all of us and the community.

BAND PARENT OFFICERS

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| <i>President</i> | <i>Ron Sipe</i> | 360-0101 |
| <i>Band Director</i> | <i>Al Nelson</i> | 360-2361x395 |
| <i>Membership</i> | <i>Laurel Pavone</i> | 360-0278 |
| <i>Transportation</i> | <i>Bill Oliver</i> | 366-2394 |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Kirsten Stachowiak</i> | 773-0301 |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Jana Ghermer</i> | 363-4823 |
| <i>Uniforms</i> | <i>Renee Norris</i> | 360-9564 |
| <i>Ways and Means</i> | <i>Lidia Sipe</i> <i>Annie Brown</i> | 360-0101 |
| <i>Percussion</i> | <i>Chuck Klein</i> | 773-8808 |
| <i>Highland Dance Guard</i> | <i>Karen Oliver</i> | 366-2394 |
| <i>Instrumentals</i> | <i>Judy Shandling</i> | 363-3339 |
| <i>Competition</i> | <i>Kieth Gurian</i> | 832-7009 |

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| <i>Scrip</i> | <i>Mary Ford</i> | 896-6822 |
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Band Website www.kiltedband.com

Calendar of Events

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| AUG. 9-13 | BAND CAMP |
| AUG. 10 | PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING |
| AUG. 14 | BAND CAMP AND BBQ |
| AUG. 18 | PARENT MEETING |
| SEPT. 10 | FOOTBALL GAME @GRANT |
| SEPT. 15 | PARENT MEETING |

Band Competitions

We are having 2 band competitions this year at GHHS. On Oct. 9th and Nov. 13th. We are in need of the use of a motor home for a first aid station. If anyone out there has one we could borrow for those days please contact Kieth Gurian.

Free Money!

Now that I have your attention, I would like to remind you all of an easy way to raise money for your student's activities and dues: the Scrip & eScrip Programs.

With Scrip, you purchase gift certificates from the program and use them at the participating stores such as Smart & Final, Shell Gas Cards, Macys, Home Depot, Carl's Jr., etc. or purchase Encompass Cards good anywhere American Express is accepted. (See enclosed order form) Your student will receive 50% of the profit into his or her account on a monthly basis. You can submit orders from neighbors, family members and others on your order and save even more!

With eScrip, you register your Vons Club card, ATM/Debit cards, Macy's card, and other credit cards, and when you shop with these cards at participating merchants, you will receive 50% of contribution back into your student's account. This is done 60 days after the end of every month.

By also registering Ralph's Club Cards with our organization, the band can receive up to 4% of your purchase from the Ralph's Community Rewards Program. Please sign-up

using the enclosed registration form. So please register your family, friends & neighbors.

These funds are used as directed by you, for payment and purchase of such items as dues, purchase of uniform parts, payment of trip costs, and band banquet tickets at the end of the year. These funds also carry over year to year, and also are carried over for future sibling.

Everyone has to shop anyway, and with these tools you could easily save enough to pay many of the expenses of Band participation. For more information or eScrip registration forms, see Mary Ford or call 818-8966822.

100% TO STUDENTS ACCOUNTS OCTOBER THRU NOVEMBER 2004

