

Ayala Band and Colorguard January 2009 Newsletter



As we move into Second Semester Ensembles, it is time to say “THANKS” to the many boosters who worked so hard all marching season. This year we saw boosters and parents coming out to help in so many ways. Whether our students were performing in Anaheim, Los Angeles or in Northern California, we always had plenty of help. Trucks and trailers were loaded and unloaded in record time. Equipment and ten doors were moved, repaired and maintained with precision. Students were fed, watered, cared for, uniforms cleaned and pressed,

The names are too many to list, so this is a note of appreciation to everyone that helped serve food, move equipment, load trailers, baked cookies, chaperoned tours, comforted sick or injured students, sewed, or just came to competitions to cheer for the BAC. Now that we transition to second semester, let’s remember that those students and their ensembles need just as much help as what you provided the marching band.

If you are interesting in helping out this spring, we have several people you can contact to volunteer for:

Mai Le (julie_mai_le@hotmail.com) is our parent volunteer taking care of Drumline and Concert Percussion.

Kathy Higgins and Paula Paterson (grhiggins@aol.com) have volunteered to be the band’s liaisons for both Varsity and JV Winter Guard Ensembles.

Kathy Woghan is our parent volunteer and director for the Canyon Hills Junior High Color Guard. She may be reached at (kwogahn@adelphia.net).

As for Jazz Band, we are still looking for a parent volunteer that would like to get involved and be the representative for their needs. If you wish to help, please contact Bob Wagner (wagnerrobert1@msn.com)

Percussion:

The Concert Percussion and Marching Drumline ensembles have begun their many long hours of practice for their upcoming SCPA season in preparation for the season highlight, a return to the WGI Championships in Dayton, Ohio. Mai Le is our Drumline coordinator and will need lots of help with the spring props and feeding the students before each competition.

Winter Guard:

The Varsity and Junior Varsity Winter guard teams are busy practicing for their upcoming season as well. The Varsity team will make a long awaited return to the WGI World Championships this Spring. We hope you will make time to attend one of their many indoor performances this spring.

Jazz Ensembles:

The Jazz I ensemble already performed their first set at the Holiday concert. It was a treat to watch these talented performers and it really set a festive mood for the holidays. The Jazz I and II bands will be performing in competitions later this spring.

Concert Ensembles:

We also have our symphonic and concert bands which will begin in January. They attend several competitions each year as well. It's always a pleasure to watch them take the stage at these events.

Be sure to come out and support all of our students at these many events. They are lots of opportunities to get involved with these ensembles this spring.

Annual Chino Holiday Parade

On December 13th, the Band participated in the Annual Chino Holiday and Youth Parade. The weather was nice and the atmosphere was cheerful. In true Ayala Style, the band performed once again to the crowds delight. The Front Ensemble traveled the parade route aboard a flatbed trailer donated by Gary Cross and Bulk Transportation. Thank you to all the parents that helped to decorate the trailer with garland, wreaths and Christmas ornaments. Our students also got into the act and used decorations to adorn their instruments. All in all, it was a very festive float. The students performed, with big smiles on their faces and mallets in hand, a repertoire of 5 Christmas selections to the crowds delight.

The band assembled with our Color Guard at Ramona Jr. High School to put together the final touches to their performance. This would set the stage for the heralding of Christmas to Chino, especially for all of the boys and girls on the parade route. As our drum majors blew the first whistle, the spectacle begins.

Marching down the street, one saw the A-Y-A-L-A banner sign being carried by color guard reindeers with Rudolf leading in the center. Behind them, the Sugar Plum fairies danced by with their flowing purple dresses, glittery eyes and delicate wings. Some guard performed with sabers that also added to the excitement. Behind them, guard dressed in their red costumes performed with rifles decorated to look like candy canes and giant red flags were waved to announce the band.

After seeing this spectacular guard entrance, the band marched behind showing the crowd who AYALA is. With their horns a blaring and drums a drumming, the sounds of Christmas could be heard many blocks away. It was no doubt that Ayala was marching down the street. Like toy soldiers, our students marched as if they had done this a hundred times before. They really did a fantastic job and were enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the kids.



Festival in the Hills

Volunteers needed

It is time again to begin planning for our 17th Annual “*Festival In the Hills*” dance competition. This event will be held at Ayala in the school gymnasium on March 6th and 7th. Friday’s evening competition will feature dance soloists, while school groups and dance teams compete all day Saturday.

You can make a difference by volunteering to work a shift, selling program ads or donating items for concessions.

Please contact:

Volunteer Chairperson, Pamela Seranio at: pamela@seranio.com

Event Chairperson, Deidre Hurst at: dhurst@hlpusd.k12.ca.us



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2009 ADVERTISING PROGRAM FUNDRAISERS FESTIVAL IN THE HILLS, SCPA REGIONALS AND GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Ayala High School Band and Color Guard will sponsor three major fundraising events in Spring 2009.

“Festival in the Hills” on March 6-7th will feature some of the finest Junior and Senior High School Color Guard, Drill, and Dance ensembles.

The SCPA Regional Competition to be held on March 21-22nd brings together over 80 schools of the top Junior & Senior High School Percussions Ensembles from Southern California.

The Ayala Band Boosters will host their Inaugural Golf Tournament on Monday, May 4, 2009 at the premiere, private Greg Norman Signature Golf Course at the Vellano Country Club, Chino Hills, CA.

Each student will receive 50% of ads that they sell!!

This is a great opportunity to raise money for your Student Account.

These programs provide a great service to the community. Approximately 6,000 participants, families and spectators will see the program from over 80 schools from around Southern California. Remind companies and businesses, that any money spent on advertising is considered a charitable contribution and is tax deductible.

We are also offering “Personal Ads”. This is an opportunity for families, friends and Boosters, to send best wishes to the participants and/or teams. The ad is approximately 1” X 3” with up to 3 lines, at a cost of \$15.00 each ad. Please be advised that these ads are subject to censure and may be edited accordingly. There is no student credit split for these personal ads.

A Program Advertisement Form can be found on the web site. Make copies of the Program Advertising Form and include one form per each advertisement sold. Be sure all of the information is filled out completely and legibly. Please include your student’s name and telephone number at the bottom of each form for account credit.

Checks should be made payable to: “Ayala BAC”. Place mail your completed forms, with attached checks to: Ayala BAC PO Box 2104, Chino Hills, CA 91709

For ad requirements or if you wish to help in producing these program books, please contact Patty Wagner at 909-465-1950.

Addition details are available on the web site at <http://www.ayalabac.org>

Thank you for a great season!

As we move into the next season(s) I wanted to take a moment and thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the marching program this year, and to the commitment to excellence that our program presented this year. We had many great performances, but I hope you will take away from this season many great memories and experiences that will last many years, if not a life time.

I am proud that I had the Opportunity to work with such an amazing group of people; both student and parent.

Mark Stone