



FROM THE DIRECTOR

I would like to thank everybody affiliated with the EMHS Vanguard Band and Color Guard Organization for their kind words and support as I assume the position of Director. Although I am currently a long term substitute, I am completing my credentials in instrumental music at California State University, Fullerton. My intentions are to apply for the full time position when the district officially posts the job opening.

A little background information on me is: my primary instrument is the trumpet and I have played it for close to twenty-five years. I have performed with the Riverside Community College for several years in the marching band, wind ensemble, and jazz ensemble. RCC has taken me to such places as the Bands of America Grand Nationals in Indiana as guest exhibitionists, The London New Year's parade, Scotland, Spain, and most recently featured with two other great trumpet players in Rome, Italy. Locally, in Moreno Valley, I started a summer marching program for the local high school students and it remains an active groups of approximately forty participants each year. Over the past few years I have taught at several high schools as a brass and visual coach an arranged music for half time shows. I have performed with the jazz ensembles, wind ensembles, symphonic brass, brass ensemble and orchestra at California State University, Fullerton. Most recently, I was brass caption head for a local all-age drum and bugle corps and this fast fall I ran the band program at Orange High School while the Director was out on maternity leave.

If there is anything that I can do to help out please do not hesitate to contact me via my email Jhelms@orangeusd.org or the band office. I am excited to be part of the EMHS Vanguard organization and I am confident that we can accomplish great things together.

Jeff Helms
Director of Bands
El Modena High School

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and I would like to welcome everyone back to school after the holidays and thank you for supporting everything during the first half of our band and color guard season. I hope this finds everyone having a great 2009.

As you all know, we have started our spring semester activities. Auditions were held for the performing groups, Wind Ensemble, Vanguard Percussion Entertainment (VPE), Winter Guard and Jazz Band. In addition, many of our fine young musicians are going to audition for the Orange Unified District Honor Band in the near future. Be sure to check with our new director, Jeff Helms for any information you need, or check out our web site: www.elmobandandguard.com.

Come out and support one or more of the many performances that will be held over the next few months.

As a reminder, the Parent Booster Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month in the band room at 7 pm. We have had great participation so far this year and want to make sure that everyone feels welcome and is encouraged to attend. These meetings are a great way to stay in touch with your child's band and color guard activities. In addition, there are a variety of fundraisers available during the spring semester to help pay off student fees and get a jump on next year's fees. I know that VPE and Winter Guard students are working hard on trying to fundraise so anyone who wants to help, you are all welcome.

Thanks again to everyone for your support of the Elmo Band and Color Guard so far this year and Here's to a great second semester!!

Anamarie Debski
President 2008-2009

EL MODENA HIGH SCHOOL - 3920 SPRING STREET, ORANGE, CA 92869
BAND AND COLOR GUARD BOOSTERS

**TREE LIGHTING AND
CHOIR PROCESSION**

**Twass the Tree Lighting and Choir Procession on Sunday, December 7, 2008.
I will remember it always as a magical evening.**

**We arrived at 1:30 to unload the cooking equipment and set up our booth.
Santa's helpers Mark Lee and Stan Debski starting grilling onions, peppers,
and garlic to let everyone know we had arrived.**

**Annamarie Kringle was buttering the bread and adding cheese for the sand-
wiches to be cooked that night.**

**Janine and Mary got ready for the ice brought in from the North Pole by the
Rice Family. Now the soda and water would be chilled just right.**

Come one, come all ye faithful to this winter night.

**We started serving children young and old, big and small. Marky, being the
Grinch, took the cash and placed it out of sight.**

As the temperature dropped Mary started calling out:

“Grilled cheese sandwiches, hot off the grill!!!”

**It moved to the top of every child's wish list, even some adults. People came
from near and far looking for the booth selling the grilled cheese sandwiches!
Terry Goldman, Margaret Clarke and Sue Coffman relieved helpers Jeff and
Shellie Rice for a well deserved break.**

Then, all of a sudden, it started out soft, it became louder and louder.

**What was it all about? Sirens and sirens abound. We could hardly believe our
eyes, when what did we see?**

**Santa and Mrs. Claus riding a fire engine around the XMAS tree! Oh my, the
reindeer were beside themselves. Then, in a wink of an eye, the center plaza
was sparkling with lights. The trees were all lit and the Angels took flight. The
next thing we heard, much to our delight, the choir was singing, O'Holy Night.**

**Our booth was visited by Elmo's own Ms. Solis and child, The Hess and Fast
Families (after watching their own Orin and Sarah perform on the bells),
Jaena and West is Best Imboden, the Lallys, Ron and Stephanie Martinez and
many others. Thank you for all your support and to all a Good-Night!**

Mary and Janine

SEE'S HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

This year's See's Holiday Fundraiser ended with some very impressive sales by several of our band and guard families sixteen students participated to bring in a total of \$2,716.80 in sales.

Their hard work added \$414.91 to the band's general fund. Each student who participated paid down some of their own band fees.

We've got to give a shout out to two students in particular:

Brenton Gaines with the highest sales total of \$611.20 and

Scott Bleakly with the most items sold, 65...Wow!

Both students received an itunes \$15.00 gift card.

Thanks to all that helped make this fundraiser another "SWEET" success for our band and color guard!

Jennifer Beem, Scott Bleakly, Alec Coffman, Rebecca Debski, Brenton Gaines, Diana Guevara, Tom Kar-
affa, Julie Lee, Katie Manzano, Nolan Markey, Antone Ribaldo, Alyson Telford, Guillermo Tudelqa,
Alyssa Young and Christian Young

You probably get tired of us always beating that fundraising drum—but just imagine how low our band fees would be if everyone participated in the fundraisers... And lowering the band fees is a good thing, right?!

The general fund would have money to purchase more instruments, modern equipment and transport the instruments safely and easily, continue feeding the kids at our Band Café, and the list goes on and on.

We realize this is a difficult time for most families, ourselves included, but please consider participating in future fundraisers. Not only monetarily, but your time and talents are always needed and appreciated. This is a team sport for our kids and we need all of you to continue making this an enjoyable experience for them. And who knows? You may find yourself having a good time as well!!

Mary and Janine

Fundraising chairpersons

CALENDAR

January

Saturday...24th —7 am to 1 pm.....RUMMAGE SALE

February

Thursday... 5th — 6:30.... BOOSTER MEETING

Saturday...7th — 7 pm...WINTER GUARD PREVIEW SHOW

Saturday...14th — WINTER GUARD AT ARCADIA

Monday...16th—WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY-NO SCHOOL

Saturday.. 21st — WINTER GUARD O.C. INVITATIONAL

TUBA CHRISTMAS

by Sue Coffman

An amazing sound! And such a sight as well! All those Tubas/ Sousaphones/ Baritones/ Euphoniums...all together in one place!

It was Sunday afternoon, December 21st in the Plaza in front of the AMC Theaters at Downtown Disney...And almost 500 low brass players assembled for the Fourth Annual Tuba Christmas performed free for the general public's listening pleasure.

They performed approximately 15 Christmas tunes, and the low rumble of those magnificent instruments filled the air and vibrated under our feet.

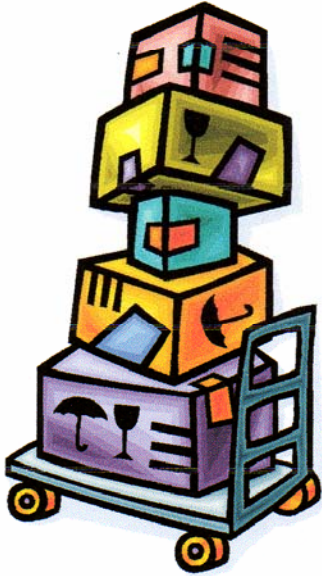
It was awesome, and we cheered on the four El Modena Bandos who came to play.”

Katie Manzano, Nolan Markey, Daniel Martinez, and Christian Young! There were even awards handed out for the most festively-attired tubas and their handlers. All in all, a splendid way to gear up for the Christmas Holiday a few days later!



From the editor: I expect to see Alec Coffman playing a real instrument next year!!!

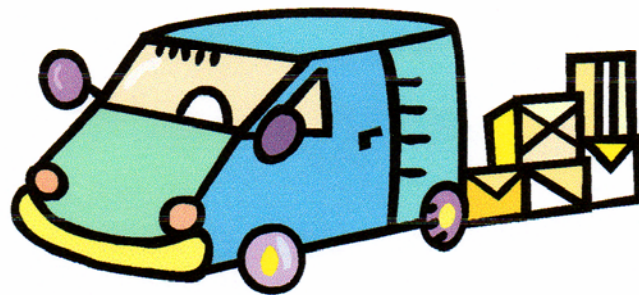
RUMMAGE SALE



Saturday, January 24, 2009
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
El Modena High School
(Corner of Spring and Esplanade)
Orange, CA

All proceeds support the
El Modena Band and
Color Guard

Donation
Drop off:
Friday, Jan. 23rd,
12:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Questions:
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FROM THE GUARD ROOM

Anne Beem and Kathleen Rivera

2009 WINTER GUARD

Our Winter Guard team would like to welcome three new team members, Eva Cruz (Sophomore), J.T. Goldman (Junior) and Brenda Rios (Freshman). The current team now has twelve members.

The team has been practicing vigorously already. Their show for this year is titled "1,000 Paper Cranes". It will be an awesome show as always.

The team is looking forward to their debut here at El Modena in the gym on Saturday, February 7th at 7:00 pm. We encourage everyone to come, watch and support our team. Invite your friends and family. This year the debut show will also include several other Winter Guard teams from the surrounding area. There will be a nominal donation from entrance to this wonderful first time debut show.

The team's first official competition will be on Saturday, February 14th in Arcadia. It should be really exciting.

Rose Parade!

by Jennifer Beem

January 1, 2009 has come and gone and I survived the Rose Parade! What another wonderful experience to be selected to do the Rose Parade as part of Pasadena City College for the second year.

Being able to march with some of the friends that were made during last year's parade and the new ones made this year was so awesome. Marching over 25 miles during the past two months (culminating with the 5 1/2 mile march down Colorado Blvd) was most exhausting but still very exciting. I must say that I was ready for all this fun to come to an end.

Being able to be part of the Bandfest once again was awesome. The various bands that were selected for the Rose Parade performed a couple of days before the parade at Pasadena City College. Bands from all over the United States and even one from the United Kingdom and Mexico performed.

It was so neat to not only hear the bands but also to see what their color guard did for their routine. I look forward to auditioning again this October for a spot in the 2010 Rose Parade. I hope maybe some of the Elmo Color Guard team will audition with me. It is such a wonderful and memorable experience. Words cannot describe!



THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU

I just wanted to personally thank each and everyone that has made our marching season possible. A big thank you to Mark for stepping up to hold things together when you did not have to. Steven and Mike, we could not have made it without your hard work, it was appreciated. Eric and Angie, thanks for putting together another awesome routine. And of course, Mr. Mosely, your support to our program was so impressive and appreciated.

The Band Booster parents were there to support all of us during this challenging marching season. I know at the beginning we all kind of wondered if we would even make it to championships. With out everyone's support and dedication to our program and us kids, we never would have survived the past few months. A special thank you to our booster parents that were able to keep everything in order for us, from the parents that helped with the uniforms, water bottles, Mr. Papparazzi, equipment dads and moms, chef dads, just each and everyone (I would love to name each and everyone of you but, I am afraid I might miss someone) of you that came to support us. Of course thank you Colorguard Moms for taking care of us girls from ironing our uniforms to securing our hair pieces.

Thanks for another great season full of wonderful memories!

Jennifer Beem

**All members of the El Modena Vanguard Band
and Color Guard Booster Club
Here is your chance to make a difference!**

I would like to announce the upcoming election of officers and appointment of directors for the upcoming 2009/2010 school year (July 1 to June 30). The election of officers will be held during our May Booster Meeting. At our next meeting I will be appointing a nominating committee made of of two booster board members and three individuals from the general membership. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, please email me at debski2@sbcglobal.net or better yet come to the meeting on February 5th @ 7 pm and tell me in person.

I encourage anyone who is looking to become more involved in the lives of their children to participate by running for an elected office or expressing an interest one of the appointed directors positions. Following this letter is a list of the elected board and appointed directors positions along with a description of each position's Responsibilities. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at: 714-771-3265.

Thank you,

Annamarie Debski
President 2008/2009

Positions for the 2009/2010 school year are as follows:

The President shall: Preside at Executive Board meetings and general Booster meetings. Appoint a nominating, director, and unit representatives. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee. Fill, by appointment, vacancies that occur on the Executive Board, with the approval of the remaining members. Act as the primary liaison between the Director and the Booster Club. Act as the Director's liaison with the Director is unable to attend the meeting.

The First Vice President shall: Aid and assist the President. Act in the capacity of President during the President's absence. Succeed to the office of the President for the remainder of the term if that office becomes vacant. In cooperating with the second Vice President, organize and conduct fund raising projects, with the approval of the Executive Board.

The Second Vice President shall: In cooperation with the First Vice President, organize and conduct fund raising projects with the approval of the Executive Board.

The Secretary shall: Keep a written record (minutes) of all Executive Board and General Booster meetings. Handle all correspondence of the Executive Board. Keep a current copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

The Treasurer shall: Receive accountings of all deposits of Booster funds from the Fiscal Secretary. Issue payments according to procedures described in Article VII. Present a written statement of account at every meeting of the organization and at other times when requested by the Executive Board. Submit a full annual report to the organization by the last meeting of the fiscal year.

The Fiscal Secretary shall: Be responsible for the coordination of the collection of all funds of the Booster organization. Coordinate the deposit of all funds with the fiscal institution(s) authorized by the Booster Board. Provide an accounting of all funds collected on a monthly basis and in a manner and as requested by the Treasurer, the Booster Board and the Auditor.

The Student Accounts Representative shall: Maintain accurate records of all student accounts, mail account statements to parents or guardians of students monthly. Maintain accurate records of all student accounts.

The Auditor shall: Audit the books and financial records in January and at the end of the fiscal year in June. Prepare a written report to present to the Executive Board.

Still More Ways To Get Involved! Don't Let Your Child's High School Year Slip Away!

Section 5: Duties of Appointed Directors

The Director of the Newsletter shall: publish the monthly newsletter, with information including upcoming events and activities, fund raising projects and booster meeting times.

The Director of Communications shall: contact all members by email or telephone regarding upcoming events and activities.

The Director of Equipment shall: be responsible for props and equipment for field shows and other Equipment unit performances, and will organize and direct a support crew for each performance.

The Director of Uniforms shall: be responsible for the fitting, distribution and maintenance of the marching band uniforms.

The Unit Representatives shall: act as liaisons between their units and the Executive Board. They will contact and organize volunteers to assist in the function of their respective units. They will supply information regarding performances, competitions and events to the Director of the Newsletter.

Units are Band, Color Guard, Jazz, VPE, Championships, Seniors, and New Members.

The Director of Publicity shall: publicize entertainment unit and booster events to the public through press releases, signs, and other methods as appropriate.

The Director of Hospitality shall: organize meals or snacks for the entertainment unit at Performances during the fall season.

Magic Music Days at Disneyland
Mark your calendars!

MARCH 6TH!

More information will be available soon..

El Modena Band and Color Guard Boosters
Board of Directors 2008-2009

Executive Officers

President	Annamarie Debski
1st Vice President	Mary Spomer
2nd vice President	Janine Bleakly
Secretary	Mary Telford
Student Accounts	Stephanie Martinez
Treasurer	Roberta Lee
Financial Secretary	Lupe Gaines

Appointed Directors

Communications	Ron Martinez
Equipment	Bob Rivera
Newsletter	Janice Markey
Publicity	Sue Coffman
Hospitality	Rick Manzano
	Mark Lee
Uniforms	Terry Goldman
	Margaret Clarke

Unit Representatives

Band	Sue Coffman	Seniors	Lynn Manzano
Jazz	Open	Championships	Paula Ribaldo
Color Guard	Anne Beem	Parent Rep.	Lupe Gaines
	Kathleen Rivera	Percussion	Open

HELPERS NEEDED FOR RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, January 23rd from 12 to 7 pm.

Saturday, January 24th from 6 am to 2 pm

Trucks needed for clean up and haul away. Let Mary Spomer know by 1:00 pm if you can provide a truck.

