

El Modena Band and Colorguard Boosters Newsletter

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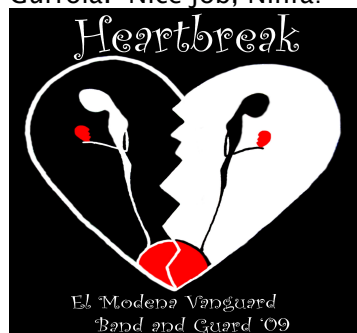


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From the Director's Desk by Randy Ames

By now you have most likely seen our new theme shirts being worn by the band and guard students and some of the parents. The graphic was crafted by Assistant Guard Captain, Ninfa Gurrola. Nice job, Ninfa!



We now have worked out the drill with music for the ballad. Though still a bit rough, we are confident to have more of the kinks worked out soon and will begin working on the closer. Our performance during the home game against Tesoro was decent for our first one, and we are looking forward to being sharper and a lot more polished

What the Prez Says by Annamarie Debski

Well, we are underway with another new marching season! It was great to see all the parents at the BBQ and Meeting on the last day of band camp. Thanks to Chef Stan and his great crew of helpers for another wonderful meal. We could not do it without all the donations from our band families. I look forward to many more great meals to come throughout the season.

Our first home football game went off without a hitch. All the parent participation was great to see, new and returning faces alike. Parents were helping with uniforms, equipment, hair, water, taking pictures and helping with whatever needed to be done.

by our next home game on Friday, October 2nd. Our rookies still have a ways to go, but they are coming around.

Many of you are exceeding all expectations in what you do for the Band and Guard and I again want to express my appreciation to you for being very dedicated and for the countless ways you offer to help.

Also, thank you all for your hard work and great salesmanship that gave us a very successful first time fund-raiser - Cow Chip Bingo.

Gratefully,
Randy Ames

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It is so nice to see the band in their uniforms - they look sharp! It is a special treat for the new parents to see, especially when they are out on the field performing this year's show "Heartbreak" for the first time. I can't wait to see the Guard in their new costumes - hopefully at the next game. With each week that passes, we will see the progress with the additions and improvements made each week. I hope that everyone can come out and see and hear the show. Our children really enjoy having their families come out and support them, and it is a great way to share in their high school experience.

Go Band and Color Guard!!!!



BIG BAND BOUTIQUE



@ THE BIG YELLOW HOUSE

THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD!! 9AM TILL 4PM!!

This is your opportunity to purchase those items you have always wanted without attending or hosting a home party! We are sponsoring a boutique, and **YOU ARE INVITED!** Pass the word to your family, friends, and neighbors, because they are invited, too! There is no practice that day so everyone can come and everyone can start shopping for the holidays now!

Here are some of the vendors we will be having there to buy from: *Party Lite, Creative Memories, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Longaberger Baskets, Cookie Lee, Mama's got a new bag, Celebrating Home, PMS Chocolates, Silk flowers, Tastefully Simple, Scentsy, Jafra skin care, handmade items and much more. Remember, 20% of all sales go to the general fund so all of the students to benefit.*

Please come and help support the Band and Colorguard programs by attending. Look for the Big Yellow House @ 705 S. Yorba St, Orange.

Rehearse-a-thon is coming!!

Rehearse-a-thon is coming October 10th to a practice field near you!! This is a marathon, 12-hour Saturday practice to get ready for our first competition the next week.

Every student was asked to address letters and envelopes to ten (or more) relatives, friends, and neighbors asking for their support and pledges. This is a great way to involve any out-of-town supporters. All donors receive a thank you note which includes the information they will need for tax deduction purposes next spring. Donations are split 50-50 between your child's student account and the general fund. So turn in your letters right away to Mr. Ames for mailing and he will get them out. With your help, this can be a great success again this year!

GO GREEN!!
(and put some "green"
in your student account!)

"How can I save the planet and meet my band fair contribution amount at the same time?" you ask.

Sell some Mixed Bag Designs Reusable Bags! These sturdy bags come in so many

cool colors, sizes and patterns

and will arrive just in time for holiday shopping (and holiday giving!!). Students have gotten order forms already.

Orders are due by Thursday, October 8th.

For questions, information or more order forms, contact Janine Bleakly at

(714) 337-5844.

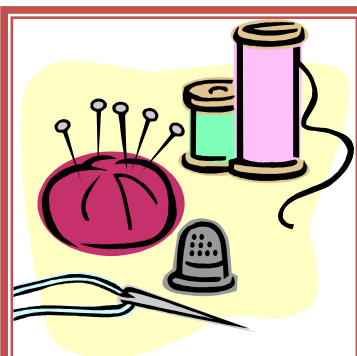


Hospitality Meal Tickets

Our first competition is just around the corner! Meal tickets are available during the regular season and Championships, but you must buy your tickets in advance so we know how much food to prepare. Boosters can purchase meal tickets per individual event (\$5 per person), for the entire regular season (\$20 per person), **or** for the regular season plus Championships (\$35 per person). **Tickets are only available in advance**, and must be ordered no later than 7:00 AM the Monday prior to the event for the regular season and no later than Monday, November 16th for Championships. No tickets will be sold on the day of the competitions. Our competition schedule and deadlines are as follows:

EVENT:	DEADLINE:
October 17 th Ayala Competition	Monday, October 12 th 7:00 AM
October 31 th Costa Mesa Competition	Monday, October 26 th 7:00 AM
November 7 st RCC Competition	Monday, November 2 th 7:00 AM
November 14 th Trabuco Hills Competition	Monday, November 9 th 7:00 AM
November 21 st (Saturday) Championships lunch	Monday, November 16 th 7:00 AM
November 21 st (Saturday) Championships dinner	Monday, November 16 th 7:00 AM
November 22 nd (Sunday) Championships lunch	Monday, November 16 th 7:00 AM

Contact Anne Beem to purchase your meal tickets, either by email at abeem91858@aol.com, or by phone at 714-633-8708. We look forward to a fabulous marching season, and encourage you to come to every meal and celebrate our kids' success! Go Band!!



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(714) 744-3227
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10% of profit
goes to the
Band's General Fund!

Seniors 2010

Many thanks to the senior parents who have already sent in their \$100 check (payable to EMVBBC) to help with the extras to recognize our 18 seniors. If you have not, please send it in as soon as possible. We are currently working on the two page spread for the yearbook and must pay the cost soon (half of which is paid by the seniors).

Every senior parent should have received your Senior Parent buttons. They turned out great thanks to Ron and Stephanie. If you have not received yours, please check with your student as I gave some to be delivered home.

Don't forget -save Thursday November 12, for Senior Recognition Night. You will need to arrive no later than 6pm to purchase your ticket and be out on the field ASAP. I will send out more information as time gets closer.

**Watch for an envelope coming home with your senior to order pictures. One 5 X 7 of you with your senior is already paid for, and you can place more orders. Please send back the envelope even if you do not order more—it helps the photographer keep track.

GO SENIORS!!!

Call me with any questions:

Anne Beem - Home # 714-633-8708

Senior Mom for 2010





1st COW CHIP BINGO BIG SUCCESS! (VENE! VIDI! POOPIE!)

We have been planning this event for months and the day finally came. We had cows at El Modena on the practice field! At 1PM the 3 cows were led out to the field and walked around until they did what cows do best. Here are the results: Plop #1: ticket 2837 Rosann Myron of Mission Viejo won \$175.00 (sold by Rebecca Debski who won \$50.00). Then Plop #2: ticket 885 Poupee Tran-Calzalar of Cypress won \$350.00 (sold by Katelin Lally who won \$75.00). Then the final Plop #3: ticket 1618 Tony Marsicano of Dunnellon Florida won \$525.00 (sold by Rebecca Debski who won \$100.00). Everyone had fun watching the cows and enjoyed their lunch and snacks from the Bando Café.

We want to thank everyone in the Band and Guard for selling their tickets. We were able to sell over 2000 tickets! Great Job everyone! Hospitality wants to give a BIG THANK YOU for all the help the day of the event. Everyone helped by cooking, serving, taking the money, manning the bake sale table, soda and making popcorn. Thanks to Anne Beem for bringing the popcorn machine we hope to use it again in the future. All the EZ-Ups were great to have in the sun.

Special thanks to Dan, Joe and Petrie (Alex) for painting the field not once, but two times, and to Dan for making a new grid to make sure everyone's number was correct on the grid. Also thanks to Nolan and his crew that cleaned up all the plops that the cow left for us. Shawn and I can't say thank you enough to everyone. It was a group effort! Thank you!!



Hospitality (Bando Café) Chef Stan



During the fall season the hospitality crew provides a meal for the band and guard after competitions and special occasions. This makes certain each member gets a good meal during the day. We don't do it alone; we ask each band and guard member to contribute to the planned menu. Watch for a flyer requesting food and drink donations, the items will rotate each week. These donations are greatly appreciated and help keep our cost down (and thus fees down). Let us know if you have any connections to lower the cost of food or can donate paper goods (any design will do for plates, table covers and napkins). Did a holiday or birthday go by and you still have table covers and napkins? We can use them please bring them in. Parents (Booster) we welcome your help in the kitchen and setting up for serving. You too can enjoy a meal look for details in a separate article in the newsletter. Looking forward to another great year! Go Band and Guard!!

WBA Championships -Fresno, California

November 21-22

We are busily getting things organized for the WBA Marching Band Championships this year! Preliminary competitions for our division will be held on Saturday, November 21st, at Koligian Stadium near Central High School in Fresno, and Finals will be held on Sunday, November 22nd, at Buchanan High School in Clovis, CA. We have already booked the rooms for the entire marching band, color guard, and support staff for Friday, November 20th, and Saturday, November 21st. There are additional rooms for friends and family at a hotel located within 8 miles of the Finals venue at:

Piccadilly Inn Airport
5115 E. McKinley Ave.
Fresno, CA 93723
Phone 559-251-6000

We have twelve rooms available for parents and family members wishing to attend. Rooms are available for \$89.00 per night, which includes a complimentary hot breakfast on Saturday morning. These rooms are being held until October 20, 2009. Just contact the hotel and tell them that you are part of the "EL MODENA HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS & FAMILY" group, and you will be assigned an available room at our group rate. Get your reservations in early, as the rooms will go quickly! If you have any questions, call Sue Coffman at 714-744-6932 (doulasue@yahoo.com) or Annamarie Debski at 714-771-3265 (debski2@sbcglobal.net).

If you are interested in car-pooling and/or room-sharing with other parents, please contact Sue Coffman, as she is organizing a contact list. This is an excellent way to save on travel costs, enjoy your Booster friends, and meet new band parents!

Go Band and Guard!!

got nametag?

Hey Boosters! If you have not yet received your personalized Booster Nametag (or if there was a typo on the one you got) please contact Anne Beem at (714) 633-8708.



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Important Upcoming Dates

Oct. 2	<u>Performance</u> - Home Game v. Foothill
3	Big Band Boutique
9	Away Game v. Dana Hills
15	<u>Performance</u> - Homecoming Game v. El Dorado
17	<u>Competition</u> - Ayala
22	Booster Meeting 7 PM
23	<u>Performance</u> - Home Game v. Canyon
27	Band and Guard Photo Day
30	Away Game v. Tustin
31	<u>Competition</u> - Costa Mesa
Nov. 6	Away Game v. Brea Olinda
7	<u>Competition</u> - Riverside CC
12	<u>Performance</u> - Home Game v. VillaPark Senior Recognition Night
14	<u>Competition</u> - Trabuco Hills
17	Booster Meeting 7 PM
20-22	<u>Competition</u> - WBA Championships Fresno, California



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Editor's Note:

Parents, staff, and students are welcome to submit articles, letters, photos, etc., for possible inclusion in upcoming issues.

Please send them to ddkaraffa@sbcglobal.net, marked "El Mo Band Newsletter" in the subject line.

The deadline for submitting items is the 23rd of the previous month.

*Thanks so much for your support!
Debbye Karaffa, Editor*

**Deadline for November issue:
October 23, 2009**