

Glendora Tartan Bands and Pageantry
G L E N D O R A H I G H S C H O O L
A Pasadena Tournament of Roses Band for 2010

Directors Report February 4, 2010

I. Program

- a. Bandorama was another success. We are no longer working with a community group, which now gives us exclusivity in all matters. This should be a tremendous long range financial benefit to our program.
- b. Thank you to everyone for all their help it making it such a great event and concert.

II. Concert Band & Wind Ensemble

- a. We have been working on some of our festival pieces for the spring as well as for the spring concert scheduled for Thursday April 22.
- b. Pieces for concert band include “Toccata for Band”. This is classic piece of concert band literature. We are also playing a new piece called “Rise of the Firebird”. This is quite a challenging piece for our brass. We are still “test driving” our lyrical piece, but it looks like it will be “On a Hymnsong by Philip Bliss” by Donald Holsinger.
- c. Wind Ensemble will definitely be performing Exulte by Hazo. This is an amazing piece. Ask your student to pull it up on JWPepper music
- d. Most of the pieces we are performing are available to listen to on JWPepper music online or performed by other bands on You Tube.
- e. I am interested in doing an overnight or weekend trip with the Wind Ensemble. To make this happen, we would need some parents to “spearhead” a trip. If you are interested in helping, please contact me and we will set up a meeting.

III. Jazz Band

- a. Jazz band has been performing at the home basketball games throughout January. Next week we have the final league games on Tuesday and Thursday (Feb 9th & 11th).
- b. This Saturday the Jazz band will be performing at the City of Hope. Parents of the Jazz Band are welcome. The call time at CoH is 2:30 with performance 3-4.
- c. Our Jazz festivals (these are competitions as well as concerts) will be: Mayfair Jazz Festival – February 27, Fullerton Jazz Festival March 27, and Mt SAC Jazz Festival – May 1.
- d. Jazz Under the Stars will be on Friday May 7th. This will be a great concert, but we need lots of help making it a successful event.

IV. Drum Line

- a. The line is really starting to “cook”. Hector and Jered feel that we are right on schedule. They have finished up the drill for the second movement and will soon be working on the 3rd movement.



- b. Reminder - the competitions are: Feb 20-West Covina, March 6- Eastlake, March 13 – Tartan Tournament, March 27 – King, April 17 Jurupa Valley, and April 24 Championships.
- c. Uniforms should be in sometime next week.

V. Pipe Band

- a. I'm proud of the growth of the Pipe Band, they are sounding very good for this time of the year.
- b. Pipe Band has a performance on Wednesday during the 12-1 hour in Claremont. We need several drivers to help. This is a pay gig at a private elementary school and I think it would be good for our program.
- c. Queen Mary Scottish Festival is February 13 & 14. The band will be in competition both days as well as performing in the noon parade. Several of our students are also in competition as soloists. Drum Majors are also competing.
- d. I am interested in having the Pipe Band perform at the Las Vegas Games April 17 & 18. I am looking for several parents to help organize this. If you are interested in helping to make this happen, please contact me and we will set up a meeting.
- e. We have three or four 8th grade musicians that are now taking lessons from Jen.

VI. Marching Band

- a. I am treating second semester “Marching Band” as an “opportunity wheel”.
 Mondays – 2010 Marching band (now working on some stands tunes and reading potential marches for next year).
 Tuesdays – Woodwind & Brass technique, ensembles and small ensembles.
 Wednesday – Concert music, music theory, and sight reading.
 Thursdays – Jazz studies, music, and Improvisation.
 Fridays – Sectionals as needed (MB is off).

VII. Other

- a. I would like to solidify our fundraising and sponsorship program. We have some great ways to help raise funds for the success of our students. This becomes even more important next year because of substantial budget cut backs including transportation. – I would like to have a meeting in two weeks on **TUESDAY February 16.** Everyone is welcome. This is just an organizational – 1 to 1 1/2 hour meeting. **7PM**
- b. It is too early to know exactly what the impact will be, but there is a possibility there will be major adjustments to the marching band for next year.
- c. Please communicate with our district the importance of the Fine Arts and especially music in our schools. It is important that you express your views.