



Savanna High School
Mighty Rebel Band and Colorguard

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And now a note from our illustrious Tournament Chair



Thank you to everyone!! We pulled off another Savanna Field Tournament yet again!

You all just ROCK, and are the best group of volunteers to do this with. This could not be pulled off without everyone coming together to work as a team, as we have one of the BIGGEST shows around.

Yes, there is a lot of prep work ahead of time for our Tournament, but the day of lots of stuff happens that I don't do: Pallets of food, paper goods, and coffee stir sticks are purchased and organized - making sure we had power, electrical and propane, throughout the stadium - buying boxes of donuts right when the shop opens - hanging signs and painting the field - coordinating shopping trips throughout the day cause folks seemed to just keep eating - counting many, many dollars and coins and writing out checks - managing adults, kids, school groups, and those folks who just "showed up to help" - cooking quiches, lasagnes, trifles, and then walking them up 38 stairs (yes, I counted) - schmoozing the media (both radio and TV!) who came - driving pit carts for other schools - picking up trash and digging out those bottles and cans - cooking up pounds of carne asada and flipping hundreds and hundreds of tortillas and hamburgers - chopping up tomatoes, onions, cilantro, lemons and limes - making sure I actually sat down every six hours or so inside and outside of the restroom - making sure I actually finished more than two bites of food in a row - being my sidekick when dealing with the one complaint of the day (not about us!) - tracking down kids who may or may not have left their band shoes locked up at school - cutting up apples and making halos and selling programs, tickets, candy and flowers - making nachos and potatoes and chicken bowls over and over - pulling bee stingers out of my hand - driving trucks and manhandling lights - overall being so darn flexible to do whatever was needed - and most important of all, everyone doing all of the above with a smile.

"We have the best parents" - directors and parents and vendors alike mentioned to me during the day how they love coming to our show, because the parents (and their kids!) are so great to be around. Everyone's hard work showed to the crowd, to the judges, to participating bands, and especially to me.

Thank you!

Lori



Everyone concurs . . .



Hi everybody. This was easily the best run tournament I have seen since I've been at Savanna. The head judge, who just retired after 30-plus years of teaching band, said that it was one of the best events he's attended and he wants to let the boosters and students know how much he appreciates all the hard work that went into running such a great event. I have received several phone calls and emails from directors that just wanted to let us know how much they enjoyed the tournament and the students at hospitality. Our show continues to be the premiere event in southern CA and it's the hard work of the volunteers and students that makes it all happen.

Thanks to everyone, Brian Belski

Presidential Notes:



December. September seems a long time ago ... in fact, it was! There were tournaments that were – and tournaments that weren't. Football games – and sometimes not. Magic Mountain. 1st place finishes, and some heartbreaks. And, of course, there was that big thing we did just a few weeks ago ... you remember? Yeah, the 31st Savanna Field Tournament (and one of the best to date, I think).

Whew ... I am tired just writing about it. But you know what – I know that we did well – not just because we achieved, but because we did it together. Each and every week there are a ton of people that make this organization one of the best around. Things get done that you probably never ever see – but they happen because of tireless (well, at this point – maybe tired) volunteers, friends, and coaches – most importantly people like each of us willing to do something extra each week for the good of the students.

Thank you. You are going to read that word a lot in this issue, as it is really a time to say thanks to so many that have helped throughout the marching season – and I know there are many more than we could ever name – whether you rode on a bus, put plumes in shakos, handed out water, or one of the many other tasks ... thanks!

Sincerely – and Happy Holidays,

*Bill Ramm
Booster President*

P.S. Don't miss our first Concert of the year – Thursday December 20th. The concert will be held at the Kennedy Auditorium – the newest facility in the district (and one with lots more room than our auditorium – so bring your friends and family – let's fill that auditorium!)



Championship Results

On a very cold night in Murietta, only the top 10 Bands got invited to perform – and Savanna continued a long tradition of making it to championships. Although the results were not up to our usual high standards, the band still finished 7th for the Southern California invitational.

Though not announced, something to be noted were the very high results of the Colorguard, who ended the night in third place. Through out the season, the Colorguard has emerged as a top scoring program at all of our events.

Our congratulations to all the students! We are proud of the performance – and the growth that took place this season.

A special thanks to our School administration for their support all year long – Thanks! Mrs. Wagner, thank you for leading this great school and your support throughout the year



In addition, thanks to Mr. Carmona for coming out to the tournament and handing out our morning Sweepstakes awards!

2007 Savanna Field Tournament Winners

AM TOURNAMENT HIGH SCORES	
Category	School
AM High Music	Los Alamitos
AM High General Effects	Los Alamitos
AM High Visual	Alta Loma
AM High Percussion	Garfield
AM High Auxiliary	Los Alamitos
AM Sweepstakes	Los Alamitos

DIVISION WINNERS	
Category	School
1A Band – 1 st Place	Monrovia
1A Auxiliary – 1 st Place	Chaffey
1A Percussion – 1 st Place	Chaffey
2A Red Band – 1 st Place	San Pedro
2A Red Auxiliary – 1 st Place	Newport Harbor
2A Red Percussion – 1 st Place	Scripps Ranch
2A Grey Band – 1 st Place	Capistrano Valley
2A Grey Auxiliary – 1 st Place	Garfield
2A Grey Percussion – 1 st Place	Western
3A Band – 1 st Place	Cerritos
3A Auxiliary – 1 st Place	Saugus
3A Percussion – 1 st Place	Los Alamitos

PM TOURNAMENT HIGH SCORES	
Category	School
AM High Music	Esperanza
AM High General Effects	South Hills
AM High Visual	Warren
AM High Percussion	Vista
AM High Auxiliary	Esperanza
AM Sweepstakes	Esperanza

DIVISION WINNERS	
Category	School
4A Red Band – 1 st Place	California
4A Red Auxiliary – 1 st Place	Canyon
4A Red Percussion – 1 st Place	California
4A Grey Band – 1 st Place	South Hills
4A Grey Auxiliary – 1 st Place	South Hills
4A Grey Percussion – 1 st Place	South Hills
5A Band – 1 st Place	Loara
5A Auxiliary – 1 st Place	Rowland
5A Percussion – 1 st Place	Rowland

*A season of thanks to: **OUR LOADING CREW ...***

Now here are a group of students that really do go the “extra” mile. Each week not only do they take part in our performance, but they are in charge of loading up the trailer (and unloading) for each event.

This means that after the others go on break, they work another hour loading up everything and making sure that we are ready to go. And this year – being the first year we used the trailer, they had to work out the system (and help evolve it) week after week. This all meant that they were hot and tired, missed a lot of meals, and had to listen to me whine a lot (and that is not pretty) over the course of the season . . . and yet they kept plugging on!



So, George, Christina, Derek, Rita, Miguel, and Derick – THANK-YOU!





There are many volunteers and vendors that help put on the Savanna Field Tournament - we would like to give a big thank you for their product donations and overall support of our event -

<i>Arrowhead Water</i>	<i>Smart & Final</i>	<i>Northgate Markets</i>
<i>Hot 92 Jamz</i>	<i>KIIS-FM</i>	<i>KDOC-TV</i>
<i>The City of Anaheim</i>	<i>Disneyland Resort</i>	<i>Knott's Berry Farm</i>
<i>Norm's Restaurants</i>	<i>Anaheim Disposal</i>	<i>The Mallipudi Family</i>
<i>Magnolia Baptist Church</i>	<i>Knott Ave. Christian Church</i>	<i>Loara HS Band</i>

In addition, several Savanna High School groups came out and volunteered during the day, working side by side with their fellow students:

SHS Key Club

SHS National Honor Society

SHS ASB

Oh, and of course, the dedicated alumni who returned to WORK - thank you, we appreciate you!!

Thank you gifts -

As you may remember, everyone that worked more than the one required tournament shift, got entered into a drawing for thank you awards. We know working 12-18-22 hours is A LOT of work. Thanks to our friends at Disneyland, Knotts, Hare Designs (T-Shirt people at the tournament) and radio station KIIS-FM, we had great things to give away - here are the winners and their prizes (If you have not been contacted yet by the time you get this newsletter, let Patricia know)

- (4) Knott's Berry Farm tickets - Sage Cole (Parent)
- (4) Knott's Berry Farm tickets - Vincent Vu (Alumni)
- (4) Disneyland tickets - Kimmy Boydston (Alumni)

- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Edwin Lovo (Alumni)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Bill Ramm (Parent)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Eileen Aispuro (Alumni Parent)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Cliff Breeden (Parent)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Rico Holquin (Parent)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Diana Franco (Parent)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Phoebe Nishimoto (Alumni)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Andrew Woodcock (Alumni)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Ron Quinton (Parent)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Chelsea Knopp (Alumni)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Laura Quinton (Volunteer)
- \$10 Baja Fresh gift card - Ryan Smith (Alumni)
- \$15 Baja Fresh gift card - Javier Alcala (Parent)

- "Old School" DVDs - Sandy Reeley (Parent) (Love American Style, Perry Mason, Mission Impossible, The Wild Wild West)
- (1) 50 free iTunes gift card - Karina Cortes (NHS volunteer)
- DVD - Dominic Holquin (Student) (BET-College Hill, Girl Friends, Grey's Anatomy)
- (1) Savanna Band tote bag - Crissy Wagner (Student)
- (1) Savanna Band tote bag - Katie Trent (Student)
- (1) Savanna Band tote bag - Hannah Nishimoto (Student)

Soooo ... who were those other folks out there?

Our coaching staff:

*Rudy Arevalos, Brass Coach
Michael Briones, Brass Coach
Mark De La Vega, Percussion Instructor
Rabert Hahn, Colorguard Instructor
Richard Huang, Percussion Instructor
Dan Kerlin, Sax Coach
Fernando Penalzoza, Marching Instructor*

*Nadine Arreola, Clarinet Coach
Scott Bilbruck, Visual Designer
Kelly Davis, Colorguard Instructor
James Hollis, Marching Instructor
Janelle Janovich, Flute Coach
Matt Lackey, Marching Instructor
Tim Tintari, Percussion Instructor*

We are very excited by the excellent coaching staff that Mr Belski has put together. Their modest stipends are paid for by the Booster budget, but most important thing to know is that their contributions make Savanna one of the top performing programs around. Through their efforts, each student gets more personalized time with a coach that is dedicated to their area. Each week they spend many hours with our students, and yet so often we forget to sing their praises!

*Coaches – **THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON***

And here is a little more on a few of them (we will try to highlight a few each month):

Kelly, Colorguard Instructor:

Kelly Davis is in her fourth year teaching the colorguard at Savanna. She recently graduated from Cal State University Fullerton with a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology. She hopes to one day teach physical education at the elementary school level.

Kelly marched in the colorguard for the Riverside Community College Marching Tigers in 1999 and 2000. She also was a member of the 4-time WGI world champion Fantasia winterguard in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2004. From 2000 to 2002, Kelly was a member of the colorguard of the 6-time DCI World Champion Santa Clara Vanguard from Santa Clara, CA.

Kelly currently splits time between teaching colorguard at Savanna, Valencia, Esperanza and Whitney High Schools. Kelly lives with her husband, Brad, in Anaheim, CA.

Mark, Percussion Instructor:

Mark de la Vega is a fourth year Music and Political Science major and Educational Studies minor at the University of California Irvine. Hailing from Palmdale, CA, he graduated from Quartz Hill HS in 2004 with an International Baccalaureate diploma. He was a member of Pacific Crest Drum & Bugle Corps for four years: two years in the front ensemble and two years as the drum major. He was a charter member of Pulse Percussion and is a current member of the Riverside Community College winter drum line. He also has participated in performances by the UCI Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and has musically directed several plays and musicals on campus.

Aside from teaching the Savanna HS front ensemble, Mark teaches the El Modena HS front ensemble, and is a designer and instructor for the Vanguard Percussion Ensemble, the current ADLA Independent Open champions. He is also a drum major consultant for West Covina HS. Mark will be teaching the front ensemble of Mystikal Drum & Bugle Corps for the 2008 DCI season.

Mark lives in Irvine with two roommates, a French exchange student, and a Wii console. He enjoys Guitar Hero, Resident Evil, and baking honey-butter cornbread. Finding himself at the cusp between youthful capriciousness and mature responsibility, Mark is keeping his career options open after he graduates college.

Come see his Senior Recital on May 24th, 2008 at 2PM in Winifred Smith Hall in the Clare Trevor School of the Arts on the UCI campus.

Nadine, Clarinet Instructor:

Nadine Arrelola grew up in Whittier, CA. She Graduated from Whittier High School when the band was under the direction of Christopher Palas. She moved to Fullerton to pursue a music education degree. She currently attends Fullerton College, and plans to transfer to Cal State Long Beach. She performs in the Fullerton College Community Band on Bass Clarinet, and plays with a clarinet quartet for fun.

She works full-time as a Seattle's Best Cafe manager also.

Technology Update:

We recently updated the Booster Website at www.Savannaband.info . Hope that it helps – and if you have comments or suggestions (or find typos) let me know.

Now just one thing - if you bookmarked the old front page, you probably have a link to www.savannaband.info/home - which is the old front (and still out there in cyberspace). You will need to just retype the basic info in your browser (meaning www.savannaband.info) and it will get you to the new front page, and reset your bookmark to that.

We will be trying to migrate more info to the web – maybe resulting in lighter newsletters and all. Let us know what you think?!

It is also a great place to download a PDF version of this, which among other things means you can see the color version of all the pictures!



We Survived

EIGHT WEEKS OF MEMORIES (8WOMs)

And now starts the next season . . .

Next Performance:

Join us for our Holiday Concert on December 20th. Held at the new Performance center in AUHSD at Kennedy High School.

Special Thanks:

This month goes to our tournament “donators” – whether it was food ,information, or equipment – these organizations came through for us!

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