

Arts For Life !

SOUTH TAHOE HIGH

PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTER ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS PABA?

The STHS Performing Arts Booster Association (PABA) is dedicated to providing the support necessary to ensure the best art, music, drama and choral programs possible for our students. As a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, we raise funds to help defray expenses with 100% of all monies raised directly supporting the needs of these programs as requested by the department teachers. The majority of our budget comes from memberships, so please become a member or renew your membership today! In addition, you can also contribute to PABA at no cost to yourself, by participating in the e-scrip program (details below.)

Approximately one-third of STHS students are involved in the performing arts programs. Over 120 students routinely audition for roles in the school plays, and are cast in one of many roles or encouraged to participate as stage and tech crew members. The musical alone has over 60 students involved in the production. No other program at STHS, academic or athletic, provides this many students with the opportunity to be part of a “team” – and a winning one at that!

PABA meetings are typically held every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the STHS Band room. You’re welcome to attend the next meeting on **Tuesday, Oct. 20**. It would be great to see parents of some of our younger high school students, as your ideas are always welcome!

PABA Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents: Pam Singer, Donna Bray

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WELCOME HOME, MR. SCOWCROFT!

The new instrumental music teacher, Casson Scowcroft, is no stranger to the Tahoe area. Truckee-born, he is happy to be back in Tahoe teaching Band, Orchestra, Beginning Guitar and French at STHS. Fresh out of school at CSU Chico, where he received bachelors and masters degrees in music, Casson has high hopes for the instrumental program. While at CSU Chico, he directed the concert band and ran the pep band and plans on using that experience to bring new life to STHS.

The instrumental music program is organized a bit differently this year. Both the Band and Orchestra take place fourth block on alternating days. This is done so that both ensembles can last all year with all musicians enrolled throughout. Already, numbers have improved in both classes so several honor bands and orchestras will be formed.

This year look forward to a Veteran’s Day Concert that will involve all the ensembles at the middle and high schools and the holiday musical: **White Christmas**. A full pit orchestra, comprised of the school’s finest musicians, will perform Irving Berlin’s famous tunes. The Band and Orchestra Winter Concert in January will be the last concert in the Little Theatre before the arts building is razed to make way for the new **Media Arts Center**.

With both construction and state certification happening this year at the high school, it is going to be a busy and exciting time. But we know that with continued parental support it will be a very successful and inspiring year as well.



DRAMATIC ARTS

A TALE OF TWO VENUES From Niv in the Drama Department

The next couple of years will be both exciting and challenging as we explore a variety of production venues and experiment with new performance styles. There will only be one show performing in the Little Theatre this year. It is the Holiday musical favorite, *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*. You may remember the old movie classic, well; this NEW stage version (it played on Broadway for the first time just last year) has been updated with some great chorus numbers while keeping the old favorites. It is sure to put everyone in a "Happy Holiday" mood.

It is a star-studded cast with Christopher Yarrow, Nick Kushner, Catie Kushner, Chelsea Wightman, Will Caglia, and Emily Dixon in the leading roles, plus a bevy of very talented actors, singers and dancers in our musical chorus. We are planning to have a full orchestra this year including both students and professionals that will really help this musical come alive. The show is full of favorite Irving Berlin songs such as *Blue Skies*, *I Love a Piano*, *Happy Holiday*, and of course the title song, *White Christmas*.

Performance dates are December 10, 11, & 12 at 7:00 and December 13 at 2:00. If you have ever performed on the Little Theatre stage, we would love to have you join us on stage for the finale during the Sunday matinee, December 13. We hope to close our beloved, and well used, Little Theatre with a Holiday extravaganza that will warm your heart and keep your toes a tappin'. So bring the whole family and join us for our fond farewell performances.

After January 2010 the Little Theatre will be closed until September 2011! That's 19 months without a theatre in which to perform. I have had to be creative and think "outside the box" in planning for our spring show. This year the Advanced Acting class will be involved in a Commedia Del Arte' workshop that will include writing, composition, costuming and mask making. It will be both demanding and exciting.

We will be creating our own version of Carlo Goldoni's, *The Servant of Two Masters*, which was originally written in Italy at about the same time Shakespeare was writing and performing in England. This show involves zany physical slapstick comedy, imaginative characters, crazy costumes, music, and improvisation, and is performed in the round. We will be performing this for STMS and the elementary schools in the spring, and are still looking for a creative venue for our public performance. Any suggestions you might have are very welcome.

I am so excited about the shows and about the changes happening around us. It gives me a great excuse to try new things and experiment with new ideas and acting styles. If your student is involved in the productions, please support them by practicing lines or finding a costume. Let them know you appreciate their efforts, dedication, and hard work, and please understand they may need extra assistance getting work done. I know this will be a great year if we all work together!

P.S. If you have a spare weekend, I'm sure we could use your help getting the musical together or packing up things in the theatre. By April 1st, we need to have every book, every shoe, every light, every costume, and every chair out of the theatre! And that's no April Fools!



ASHLAND TRIP



Advanced Drama Students and chaperones traveled to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival October 1-4. The students saw six plays over three days and participated in an acting workshop. Students enjoyed seeing *A Servant of Two Masters*, as they will be performing it this spring! Through your donations, PABA purchased a book of seats for one of the shows, thank you!

2009-10 PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1-3: "YOUNG AMERICANS"

CLASSES IN MUSIC, SINGING, AND PERFORMING. SHOW ON TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM
AT MIDDLE SCHOOL MPR, CALL LISA OR ASHLEY KERN AT 530-541-3041

NOVEMBER 9: VETERAN'S DAY "CELEBRATION CONCERT"

7:00 PM @ STMS MPR, INSTRUMENTAL AND CHORAL PERFORMING GROUPS

DECEMBER 4-5: "FESTIVAL OF TREES" COMMUNITY MUSIC CELEBRATION

7:00 PM @ MONT BLEU

DECEMBER 10-13: "WHITE CHRISTMAS" PERFORMING ARTS DEPT. MUSICAL

@ STHS LITTLE THEATRE, THURSDAY-SAT. 7:00PM; SUNDAY MATINEE 2:00PM

DECEMBER 15-16: LTUSD CHOIRS HOLIDAY CONCERT

7:00PM @ MONT BLEU. ALL SCHOOLS CHOIR

JANUARY 8-9: CMEA CAPITAL SECTION HONOR BANDS

SELECT HS AND MS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS

JANUARY 13: STHS WINTER CONCERT (INSTRUMENTAL)

7:00PM STHS LITTLE THEATRE

FEBRUARY 18-20: CBDA ALL STATE HONOR BANDS

SELECT MS AND HS STUDENTS. FRESNO, CA

MARCH 11-14: CMEA STATE CONVENTION AND HONOR BANDS AND ORCHESTRA

SELECT HS AND MS STUDENTS. SACRAMENTO, CA

MARCH 31: LTUSD SPRING STRING FLING MS AND HS STRING STUDENTS

7:00PM. MIDDLE SCHOOL MPR

JUNE 1-2: STHS "POPS" ALL HS MUSIC, CHORUS & ACTING STUDENTS

7:00PM LOCATION. TBA

ARTS, MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT ACADEMY

STHS will have all-new Arts, Media and Entertainment facility by the fall of 2011! Thirteen and one half million dollars are dedicated to this project through grant money and Measure G funds. One grant is for establishing and enhancing a Production/Managerial Arts school, which allows students to be trained in Production Arts (producing, stage management, technical theatre). This grant also provides for renovation and new equipment for the theatre and television (VTV) classrooms. A second grant is for new construction of the Media and Design Arts Academy building adjacent to the Theater. This will house editing, recording, filming and screening facilities and classrooms that will provide students the opportunity to be trained in their academic pursuits in the areas of Film Editing (Filmmaking, Cinematography, Pre/Post Production), Multimedia (Digital Graphics, Design, Digital Photography/Video), Web Design, and 2D/3D Animation and Modeling.

These new programs and facilities, combined with our already successful performing arts department, will give STHS a state-of-the-art facility that provides marketable training for students, as well as attract new students and families to the area to attend this one of a kind high school academy!

Performing Arts Booster Association Goals:

- ♪ to involve the community in supporting the STHS Performing Arts Department
- ♪ to provide financial assistance and services for the music and drama departments
- ♪ to encourage students to participate in the activities of PABA
- ♪ to encourage, enhance, and actively support music and drama department exposure
- ♪ to serve as a means of communication between the Performing Arts Department, school administration, and parents in order to keep everyone advised of activities and projects.

EASY WAYS FOR YOU TO SUPPORT STHS PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTER ASSOCIATION:

PABA receives donations from Safeway, Macy’s and Raley’s, at no cost to you, just by you choosing STHS Performing Arts Booster Association as a donation recipient on your card registration.

1% of all of your purchases add up fast, so please take a bit of time and join today!!

♪ **Go to www.escrip.com**- select Safeway club card, Macy’s or other participating merchants then select STHS Performing Arts Booster Association as one of your recipients. Remember to register each year!

♪ **Raley’s Quality of Life Card**- STHS Performing Arts Booster Assoc can be a recipient of their donations. Go to www.raleys.com. If you need a card, please contact Pam Singer at pamslt@sbcglobal.net.

JOIN OUR GROWING LIST OF 2009-10 MEMBERS:

Band Leader: \$100 Membership:

Barbara Grant, Jay and JoJo Conroy, Bob and Pam Grant, Novasel Family, Del and Ed Laine

Star Performer: \$150 Membership: Cookie and Paul Rork

Maestro: \$200 Membership: Madonna and Mike Doyle

Benefactor: \$250 Membership: John & Kathy Percival

SEND YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION AND RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

\$10-Production Assistant: Receive program and newsletter recognition during the 2009-10 academic year

\$25 - Supporting Role: Receive program and newsletter recognition during the 2009-10 academic year and one ticket to any Performing Arts Department program (fundraising events not included.)

\$50 – Concert Master: Receive program and newsletter recognition during the 2009-10 academic year and two tickets to any Performing Arts Department program (fundraising events not included.)

\$100 – Band Leader: Receive program and newsletter recognition during the 2009-10 academic year and four tickets to any Performing Arts Department program (fundraising events not included.)

\$150 – Star Performer: Receive program and newsletter recognition during the 2009-10 year, six tickets to any Performing Arts Department program (fundraising events not included) and free refreshments.

\$200 – Maestro: Same as the Star Performer but you get eight tickets

\$250 and above – Benefactor: Same as the Star Performer but you get ten tickets.

JUST CUT AND MAIL THE BOTTOM SECTION WITH YOUR DONATION TO:

STHS Performing Arts Booster Association

1735 Lake Tahoe Blvd.

So Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

2009-10 PABA Membership Application	
Name _____	
Mailing Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Student’s Name _____	
Donation Amount _____	(Make checks payable to STHS PABA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I’d like to receive my newsletter via email at _____	
Mail to: STHS Performing Arts Booster Association, 1735 Lake Tahoe Blvd., So Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	