



SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL Performing Arts Booster Association

Arts For Life !

President's Message

As we close out this school year, I want to thank all of the teachers, students and parents who made the performing arts programs at STHS a success. We will miss our graduating seniors but wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

Our last meeting of the school year will take place on June 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the band room. Please join us as we elect officers for next year and discuss plans for next school year. A group of new energetic parents are taking the reins as some of us retire from PABA, and they will need your help!

The fine arts teachers have allowed our students to grow as musicians, actors, singers, and artists as is evidenced by the many prestigious college programs STHS fine arts students are admitted into and by the local talent that is continually present in our community. I cannot think of a better way to help our teachers continue their fine work than to participate in PABA in whatever way you can!

It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with the PABA board and the STHS teachers and administration for the past seven years. When my son was a freshman, PABA was a small group of band parents that was just becoming a 501c3 non-profit. This year, as my daughter graduates, PABA assists with not just the instrumental music (band) program, but also with the drama, choir and visual arts programs. We have grown and been able to assist in so many ways with the help of many dedicated parents and volunteers. As the theater begins its long-awaited renovation in 2010, there will be the opportunity for PABA to grow and assist in even more ways. I encourage all of you to become involved – the fine arts programs at STHS touch the lives of more students than you can

imagine. With new and better facilities, it will touch and encourage even more students to find a way to express themselves through the arts! The future of PABA and the STHS Fine Arts Programs is incredibly bright – let's keep it that way!

Sincerely,

Penny Stewart, President

PABA's GOALS:

- ♪ Involve the community in supporting the STHS Performing Arts Department
- ♪ 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 the parents to keep everyone advised of activities and projects

2008-09 PABA Officers

President: Penny Stewart
Vice President: Pam Singer
Secretary: Cindy Wise
Treasurer: Ellen Camacho
Membership: Karen Sullivan
Refreshments: Diane Yarrow
Publicity: unfilled
Newsletter: Penny Stewart

HONOR BAND

Each year California Music Educators Assoc. and California Band Directors Association offer regional and all-state honor group opportunities for young musicians. This opportunity comes with a very specific and challenging list of audition material. Only those musicians highly motivated and dedicated to devote many extra hours of their own time to learn the repertoire and make the required recording are considered for these prestigious events.

This year the Northern California Band Directors Association held their annual event at Humboldt State, on February 5-7th. Senior trombone player **Rand Norberg** and freshman percussionist **Nick Sullivan** represented STHS at this event. Junior baritone player Melissa Ewing was also selected, but was unable to attend. They met with approximately eighty other selected Northern California high school musicians, where they practiced and performed a concert under the direction Mr. Grant Okamura of Hawaii all within three days!

This year's All-State Honor Bands were held in Fresno on February 19th-21st. Approximately 300 students, selected from around 1000, come together from the north and south to form three bands culminating in a performance of the highest quality. **Rand Norberg** accomplished the rare honor of being selected all four years for the All-State Band. Melissa Ewing was also selected and made her second trip to All-State.

Melissa also was selected through an audition process for the 2008 Western International Band Clinic. This four day event was held in October, 2008 in Seattle and features students from all of the western states. Melissa's talent was recognized with a first chair placement in one of the four bands!

CONGRATULATIONS RAND, NICK, AND MELISSA ON YOUR TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS!!

VISUAL ART HONORS

Two STHS students were among only 50 from across the United States accepted into the California Dept. of Education's Innersparks Summer Visual Arts Program. **Shari Warden** and **Taylor Garcia** will spend a month at UCLA this summer to study with some of the best professional artists in the world. They also get to tour museums and artist's studios from Disney, Pixar, Getty They both won full scholarships and will receive 4 college credits for attending.

STHS grabbed three of the four top honors in the annual 4th District, U.S. Congressional Young Artists Contest. **Eric Harrod** won first place and received an all expense paid trip for three people to Washington, D.C. to have his work hung in the U.S. Capital for the next year. Eric was also awarded a scholarship to Savannah University. **Shari Warden** won second place. **Enieda Sanchez** won 4th place. This annual contest draws hundreds of entries from high schools throughout the entire 4th Congressional District like Roseville, Rocklin, Placerville, and Auburn. The show is being held in Placerville and at a reception on May 29 Senator Tom McClintock will award the prizes. Those who attended the silent auction at the winter concert are probably not at all surprised at these results given how impressed we were with the art work on display!

Starting Friday, May 15, 2009, STHS art students will enjoy a 6 day workshop on scroll painting with the Venerable Lama Lobsang Tsultrim from Tibet! What a great opportunity for our students.

CONGRATULATIONS SHARI, ERIC, TAYLOR AND ENIEDA FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

POPS 2009

Saturday, May 30, 7PM
STHS Little Theater

Once again the Performing Arts Department will present the end of the year extravaganza, POPS 2009. POPS is always a great concert filled with upbeat and modern tunes for you to tap your feet and boogie in your seat to! The program also features the drama department's awards program – basically STHS' mini version of the Oscars.

The Advanced Wind Ensemble will play song *Blue Bells of Scotland* and *Highlights from Cars*. The select members of the Show Choir and the members of the Advanced Choir will entertain the audiences with songs from Tony Award nominees and winners, like *Hairspray*, *Hair*, and last year's winner *In The Heights*. STHS Alums Bubba Romagnolo, Becca Kushner, and Tessa Dixon are assisting the choir with some choreography!

POPS is a great way to wind up the year and always leaves you feeling happy and light-hearted and proud to be associated with such a great performing arts program at our high school!

ASHLAND TRIP ADVANCED DRAMA

Once again, Ms. Niven will be taking select students from the Advanced Drama class to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon next fall. While at the festival, they will be seeing numerous shows, attend workshops, watch set changes, and enjoy other drama delights! Deposits were already due - see Ms. Niven with questions.

TADA....Tahoe Arts and Design Academy

With the passage of Measure G, upgrades to the Visual and Performing Arts facilities are finally going to become a reality! Plans are being drawn up and construction on the addition is slated to begin in May 2010! The new facility will not only include upgrades to the theater, bathrooms and existing classrooms, but also will include new classrooms like a screening room, a film editing room, and a dance studio. This will allow for expanded opportunities for our students!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To our **Graduating Seniors** for entertaining us and amazing us with your incredible talents! Good luck in your future endeavors!!

To **Drake Niven**, for once again wowing us with his sets! You never cease to amaze us!

To **Mike Wilford and Meeks Lumber and Kirk Morris and Mountain High Cabinets**, for your generous and continuing support of the STHS drama productions!

To the **Outgoing PABA Officers** for volunteering your time to help support our students. We will miss you!

To **Marcia Sarosik** for her dedication to the musical as their choreographer the past several years as well as for opening her studio for use free of charge for STHS' musical practice.

To the **Directors** for your passion and enthusiasm for your art and your willingness to share it with our students!

To **All those who supported Measure G** to improve the performing arts facilities and programs at STHS among other things. I know we can't wait for it to be done!

THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF PABA

PABA, South Tahoe High School's Performing Arts Booster Association, was founded by concerned parents of the Instrumental Music Program at STHS about ten years ago. Over the years, PABA broadened its horizons to include all of the fine arts programs at STHS and became registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All officers volunteer their time.

PABA's main mission is to offer financial support to the choral, drama, music, and visual arts programs at STHS. Through the years, this organization has raised money through the sale of refreshments at performing arts events, basket auctions, grocery card donations, and memberships. One hundred percent of all monies raised directly support the needs of these programs as requested by the department teachers. These needs often include student scholarships, the purchase of sheet music, choreography, copyright payments for the use of play materials, guest conductors, parent information newsletters, and so much more.

Over 500 different STHS students are enrolled in these classes, and many more participate in the plays. This means that well over one-third of the STHS student population are involved in the fine arts programs. Over 120 students routinely audition for roles in the three plays, and if they aren't selected for a starring role, they are cast as a chorus member or encouraged to participate as stage and tech crew members. The musical alone has more than 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!

With this many involved students, the needs are real, and the payback enormous. The growth and pride these students attain is real and obvious. With the new facilities that are on the horizon, the incredible reputation of the fine arts department can finally reach its true potential.

Currently, we find ourselves in difficult economic times. We know that money is tight. However, for these important programs to continue to receive our much needed support and flourish, we are asking for your help. A donation in any amount would be greatly appreciated. Memberships start at \$25.

Without the participation of parents, PABA will not be able to provide the level of support these programs deserve. Please consider volunteering your time also in whatever capacity you can!

Thank you for your consideration.



WELCOME INCOMING FRESHMEN PARENTS



Many parents think that their days of involvement with their student’s education end at Middle School. NOT SO!! Your volunteer efforts and involvement are still needed and appreciated! PABA is a great way to stay involved and informed with what’s going on at the High School and the Performing Arts Department. We are a volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit organization that raises money solely for the support of the performing arts programs (instrumental music, drama, and choral) at the high school. If you have never attended an STHS play or concert, you are in for a special treat. It is truly amazing the talent that our small town produces and it is evident on the stage of the STHS Little Theater.

PLEASE STAY INVOLVED!

FUNDRAISING REMINDERS

PABA receives donations from Safeway and Raleys just by you choosing PABA as a donation recipient on your grocery card registration. It’s easy and it doesn’t cost you anything, but a little bit of time!! 1% of all of our grocery bills will add up fast, so please join today!!

♪ Safeway Club Card – Go to www.escrip.com, follow the Safeway clicks, and select PABA as one of your recipients. Remember to renew your Safeway Card each year!!

♪ Raley’s Quality of Life Card – PABA can be a recipient of their donations. Go to www.raleys.com.



2008-09 PABA MEMBERS



Benefactor (\$250 +)

Rich and Kim Elder
Kathy and John Percival
Stephen and Diane Yarrow

\$100 Band Leader

Deanna Maddox Brothers
Keith and Linda Cloutier
Greg and Carol Daum
Paul and Lee Ann Genasci
Pat and Lisa Kern
Del and Ed Laine
Novasel Family
Paul and Cookie Rork
Austin and Beverly Sass
Jan Halpern Segal and Harry Segal
Elsie S. Weil

\$50 Concert Master

Jay and JoJo Conroy
Robert and Beverly Dore
Mike and Carolyn Robinson

\$200 Maestro

Peter and Julie Butler
Dr. Michael and Madonna Doyle

\$25 Supporting Role

Donna Hawksford
Debbie Henderson
Gary and Joanne Jones

\$150 Star Performer

Ellen and Paul Camacho

DON'T FORGET – NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS – JUNE 15th 6PM in the BAND ROOM!!!

STHS PABA – Come Join Us!!

\$25 - Supporting Role

Receive program and newsletter recognition during the 2009-10 academic year and receive 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 receive 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 receive four tickets to any Performing Arts Department program (fundraising events not included)

\$150 – Star Performer

Receive program and newsletter recognition during the 2009-10 academic year and receive 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

2009-10 PABA Membership Application

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student's Name _____

Donation Amount _____ (Make checks payable to STHS PABA)

Yes, I'd like to receive my newsletter via email at _____

**Mail to: STHS Performing Arts Booster Association,
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