

# Band Notes

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## President's Message

Welcome back to another fantastic year planned for Foothill Marching Band! Yahoo, Class of 2009--you have waited patiently to be the seniors, with all those wonderful perks. It was so nice to see all the smiling faces going through Walk-through Registration, and at these first few days of Band Camp. The excitement is in the air and you can tell this is going to be a fantastic field show this year (as is every year, really). Its fun to see the alumni coming back and checking up on what's going on--once a band geek, always a band geek! And, it also shows how much of a family we really are. I am so blessed to be a part of this great program, and I am so happy that my children have been able to also be a part of the legacy of Foothill Band. There is so much more to the band culture than just learning to play an instrument or auxiliary, there is a special connection all the way around between the kids, the parents, and the program. We are very lucky to have this.

We're starting off quickly this year, with a performance at the Stanford football game on Aug. 28th which will be televised. Marching season is always busy, and I'm impressed every year at how these students can balance everything they have going on.

Make this a year to get involved. To keep this program as great as it is, we need your support. Make it a point to attend the Booster's meetings: they are the first Thursday of each and every month at 7pm in C-6. Visit the website regularly for information, and volunteer to work either as a chairperson, shadow, or any other help that is needed at our fundraising events like Band Review, Crab Feed, and Winterguard/Percussion Show. We need you to make all of these successful, and you will be amazed at how much fun you can have as well! Come to the home football games, too, to cheer the band on -- there's 5 of them this year. Your children love it when you come to see them perform, because they are so proud to be a part of this. They work extremely hard and they look (and sound) absolutely fantastic. Many, many thanks to Moorf, Mr. G., Mack, Mr. A, Ron and Jolie, for their dedication to our kids; along with some alumni who have come back to help during Band Camp to teach the show. As we travel around to the other Band Reviews, you will see how we are the best!!!

This is going to be a great year!

**Georgette Whitbred, President  
Foothill Band Boosters**

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## Vice President's Message

### Membership Update

Welcome to another great year for the Foothill Marching Band and Color Guard. Thank you to all the parents, who joined the Band Booster Family this year. Your donation of \$30 dollars comes with some nice benefits. First you will receive a 2008-2009 Band Directory soon, second you are now a voting member of the Boosters so be sure to attend our meeting and cast your vote and third and *new this year you will receive a \$5 discount on Winter and Spring concert performance put on by the Foothill Bands*. The biggest winner is your student, who gets to enjoy participating in such an outstanding band program lead by Mr. Moorefield and Mr. Galdeira. All donations go into the Band general fund which pays for equipment, additional instructors and all the cost associated with moving the music and much more.

If you have not joined yet just go to the website click on Forms and complete the Membership Form and drop it off with your \$30 tax deductible check in the band slot. It is never too late to join!

### Music Fan Donation Challenge

#### ***Earn Money for Your Student Account and the Band***

We are conducting a Family and Friends type donation drive this year. The letter of instruction and sample form letters will be distributed at the Band Booster Meeting and also sent home with your student. We ask that you make ten copies of the sample form letter have you or your student write a short note on the letter, address the letter and return to the Band slot. We will take care of the postage and collect back any donations.

As an added incentive you will receive a 50% credit of any donations directly to your student account. So get out those address books and business cards. Please be sure to clearly sign your name and include your band student's name so we can correctly credit your account. Donations of any amount is accepted and just think if everyone turned in 10 letters and even 30% donated as little as \$10 that would be over \$5,000. Of course other Bands have done this same fundraiser and reported receiving donations in excess of \$15,000.

Looking forward to an exciting year and as your Vice President I am honored to serve such a terrific group of dedicated parents. Welcome to all our new Band Family members and glad you have decided to join the fun!

**Holly Higgins, Vice President**  
**Foothill Band Boosters**

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## A Note From Angela

Hi all and welcome back! And a special welcome to all the Freshman parents, you're going to love being part of the band family. We have a wonderful year in store and the kids are looking great already! This years show is very exciting we'll all be dancing in our seats.

I'll be cooking lunches or dinners on the trips again this year, so if you have any ideas or if you'd like to help at the venues, please just let me know. It's going to be really fun so don't miss out! Hope to see you soon.

Angela Mogannam  
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## Scrip News

*by Sandi Newton*

### **DISCOUNT GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE**

#### ***Lower your Student Band Fees***

Foothill Band's Scrip program is designed to help you pay your band fees by buying discounted gift cards to popular retail stores and restaurants. Here's how it works: You buy discounted gift cards for full price, and the difference is credited to your own child's band account. None of this money goes into the general fund – it all goes toward paying your own band fees.

Here's what you do: Go to the Foothill Band website, click on "Fundraising/Scrip" and download an order form. Order gift cards for gifts or to pay for purchases you make anyway, like Regal Cinemas, Safeway, Home Depot, Shell Gas, and many local retailers, restaurants and fast food places. You pay the full price – i.e., \$10 for a \$10 Starbuck's card – but the 7% discount, or 70 cents, goes into your student's band account (discounts vary by vendor – check order form). This adds up! And is a painless way to help pay band fees. You can now open an account on-line and place orders yourself! Click on the How to Order link for instructions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at [scrip@foothillband.org](mailto:scrip@foothillband.org) or phone 417-0267.

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