



THE EIGHTH NOTE

September 2010

The Monthly Newsletter for the Supporters of the Fred C. Beyer High School Band and Color Guard

BEYER BAND & PARENTS MARCH ON TO ANOTHER SEASON OF AMAZING PERFORMANCES !!!

Connectivity

Preparing for another exciting season, the Beyer Marching Band & Color Guard prepares themselves to give an outstanding show entitled "Connectivity".

"Connectivity," features "Go Do" and "Boy Lilikoi" by Jónsi. In today's fast-paced society, we are more connected than ever before. Social networking websites and smart phones with video cameras and multimedia messaging capability have profoundly impacted the way we interact with each other. Connectivity artfully explores these cultural phenomena, featuring the electrifying music of Icelandic singer Jónsi, arranged by Nate Bourg and Shekhar Khedekar, and the beautiful visual designs of Oliver Bullock and Samora Mellor.



For those students & parents new to the Marching Band & Color Guard, we welcome you to our wonderful group of students, faculty and parents. The success of this program is not all dependant on the students doing an outstanding job along with the guidance of highly experienced staff, it also involves participation of the student's parents to make the show a success. All parents are welcome to help participate in the behind-the-scene activities to make an award-winning show. The students will be traveling all across the state to perform in high-quality stadiums and need your support to help feed them during the day, setting up & taking down the equipment, providing on-the-spot support & maintenance (yes, things go wrong like popped buttons, instrument & equipment adjustments, etc-for example, a few years ago I helped do an emergency trailer axle support repair job on one of the band trailers!). By providing this support it allows the students to concentrate on their roles in the performance. Please introduce yourself to any of the "Blue Crew Members" and inquire as to how you can help out-your time will be much appreciated not only by other Blue Crew Members, but mostly by your son or daughter as well as the band students.

Note from the Reporter



Hello, I am Gerry Stillwagon-the reporter & designer of this monthly newsletter. I will do my best to capture the spirit of the events in the marching band season. I welcome your comments/suggestions to make this newsletter entertaining and informative for you. If you have suggestions, ideas, or would like to participate in developing the newsletter, I can be reached at gnstill@pacbell.net.

BEYER BAND CAMP WEEK (07/26/10 TO 07/30/10)

LOTS OF HARD EFFORTS DISPLAYED!!!



MEET THE BAND STAFF-Marcos Rivera-Band Director



Marcos Rivera is Beyer's Director of Bands in his second year with Beyer. Mr. Rivera comes as a graduate from California State University, Fresno in May 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with instrumental emphasis in Percussion. Through his education at Fresno State, Mr. Rivera taught at middle schools and high schools in Lemoore and Clovis as a visual/percussion technician. In the summer of 2008, Mr. Rivera participated in the Olympic Orchestra in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In May 2009, he completed the intense Credential Program at CSU, Fresno with subject area in Music. Beyer High School is his first position held as a professional in Music Education.

Mr. Rivera, we are proud to have you lead these outstanding students & staff of the Beyer High School Marching Band & Color Guard!

BEYER BAND CAMP WEEK (07/26/10 TO 07/30/10)

BEYER STUDENTS SWEAT IT OUT FOR A WEEK!!!



MEET THE BAND STAFF-

OLIVER BULLOCK-Visual Designer/Choreographer

Oliver began writing drill in 1990 for Hoover High School in Fresno, CA. Since then, he has served in this capacity for many competitive groups throughout California and the United States. He has been the visual caption head and designer for Beyer High School since 1997. He held the same role for the Santa Clara Vanguard Cadets from 1998-2006. In 2004, he began designing drill for the Pioneer Drum & Bugle Corps based out of Milwaukee, WI, serving as their program coordinator in 2006. In addition to writing drill, Oliver has been staging winter guards and percussion ensembles since 1990 as well.

Welcome again Mr. Bullock for developing another exciting program!!!



BEYER BAND CAMP WEEK (07/26/10 TO 07/30/10)

A NEW EXCITING PROGRAM TO DAZZLE AUDIENCES!



MEET THE BAND STAFF-NATE BOURG-Wind & Front Ensemble Arranger

One of Beyer's outstanding Music Directors is Nate Bourg-Percussion Director & Front Ensemble Arranger. At age 7, Nate began his musical experience as a piano student. His musical studies began at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, CA, and continued on to San Jose State University studying under Anthony Cirone-a world renown artist. Nate was a member of the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps front ensemble. Recently, Nate earned his B.S. in Digital Audio Technology and Music Composition/Arranging at Cogswell Polytechnical College under Dr. Timothy Duncan.

Nate-Beyer Band is fortunate to have a man of your talents for another year!!!



ANNUAL BBQ & GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER (09/18/10) DEVOTED PARENTS HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE BAND!!!



MEET THE BAND STAFF-SAMORA MELLOR-Color Guard Choreographer



This is Ms. Mellor's first year as Color Guard Choreographer for the Beyer Color Guard. She previously taught color guard for 5 years at Riverbank High School. She is currently a Special Education teacher with Modesto City Schools and a graduate of Chapman University. Samora is a Modesto native and has been a participant in color guard programs since 6th grade. She is a graduate from Beyer High School and was a Beyer Color Guard in 1996-2000.

Beyer is fortunate to have her lead the Color Guard program for this year and she will provide a wealth of experience to the program.

Welcome Ms. Mellor, we all look forward to your successful leadership!!!

BAND CAMP (09/24/10)!!!

A TIME TO GROW, POLISH UP THE PROGRAM & HAVE FUN!!!



MEET THE BAND STAFF-SHEKHAR KHEDEKAR – Battery Arranger

Shekhar Khedekar has been a Percussion Battery Technician for Beyer High School since the Fall season of 2004. Originally from West Hills, CA, he marched snare drum with the Conquistadors Youth Band (Moorpark, CA) in 1998, and moved on to the Sacramento Mandarins Drum and Bugle Corps in 1999 and 2000. Shekhar concluded his drum corps career on snare drum with the six-time world champion Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps from 2001-2002. In addition to teaching at Beyer, Shekhar has been the percussion instructor for the UC Berkeley Marching Band since 2002. Shekhar has a B.S. from UC Berkeley and a M.S. from UCLA, both in Mechanical Engineering. Currently, he lives in Berkeley, CA and works at a software company in San Rafael, CA.

Many thanks again for your outstanding guidance & teachings with the Band!!!



MEET THE BEYER BAND EDUCATIONAL STAFF

Fall 2010 Design Staff

Oliver Bullock - Visual Designer/Choreographer
Shekhar Khedekar - Battery Arranger

Nate Bourg - Front Ensemble and Wind Arranger
Samora Mellor - Color Guard Choreographer

Fall 2010 Music & Visual Staff

Nate Bourg - Assistant Band Director
Blake Underwood - Head Brass Instructor/Visual Technician
Samantha Christensen - Woodwind Instructor/Visual Technician

Oliver Bullock - Visual Caption Head
Chris Arriola - Head Visual Technician

Fall 2010 Color Guard Staff

Samora Mellor - Color Guard Manager & Choreographer
Jessica Loveless - Color Guard Technician

Eddy Castro - Head Color Guard Instructor
Francisco Guerrero-Color Guard Technician

Fall 2010 Percussion Staff

Dale Pauly - Battery Co-Caption Head
Ashley Briar - Front Ensemble Caption Head
Jennifer Jacobs - Front Ensemble Technician

Justin Berona - Battery Co-Caption Head
Nithin Kumar - Battery Technician
Ariell Nichols - Battery Technician

Fall 2010 Alumni Volunteers

Cesar Lopez
Spencer Christensen
Sarah Donaghy

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR EXTREME EFFORTS AND COUNTLESS HOURS OF DEVOTION TO MAKING THE BEYER HIGH MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD AN ONGOING SUCCESS!!!

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IMPORTANT DATES / FUNDRAISERS

Important October Dates! *

Friday, October 1, 3:00pm	Percussion Rehearsal
Saturday, October 2, 7:30am	Band Photo Session
Saturday, October 2, 10:00am	Marching Band Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 5, 4:55pm	Marching Band Rehearsal @ Johansen
Thursday, October 7, 5:00pm	Guard Rehearsal
Thursday, October 7, 7:00pm	Executive Board Meeting
Friday, October 8, 12:00am	Percussion Rehearsal
Saturday, October 9, 9:00am	Marching Band Rehearsal-WBA MIV
Monday, October 11	Dutch Mills Ends
Tuesday, October 12, 4:55pm	Marching Band Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 12, 7:00pm	Booster General Meeting
Thursday, October 14, 5:00pm	Guard Rehearsal
Friday, October 15, 3:00pm	Percussion Rehearsal
Friday, October 15-20	Japanese Homestay
Saturday, October 16, Time TBD	Golden State Tournament of Bands
Monday, October 19	Chevy's Family Night
Tuesday, October 19, 4:55pm	Marching Band Rehearsal
Thursday, October 21, 5:00pm	Guard Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 26	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
Tuesday, October 26, 4:55pm	Marching Band Rehearsal
Thursday, October 28, 6:30pm	Home Football Game
Friday, October 29, 7:00pm	Percussion Rehearsal
Saturday, October 30, Time TBD	WBA Sierra Cup Classic

*Time and Dates are subject to change
so please check your calendars daily.

AND MANY THANKS TO...

...ALL SUPPORTING PARENTS WITH YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED IF WE ARE TO KEEP THE BEYER BAND GOING!!! PARENTS PLEASE MAKE YOUR SEASON DONATIONS TODAY SO THERE WILL BE CONTINUING SUCCESSES TOMORROW!