

# WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER

“Na Mele o Na Koa” – The Music of the Warriors

August 26, 2008

**W**elcome! The Waiakea High School Band Boosters Executive Board would like to welcome all returning band students, parents, and especially incoming freshmen and their parents to the 2008- 2009 school year. This year promises to be an exciting and fun-filled year with many activities being planned.



Let's first start by introducing you to our hard working volunteers who will keep things running in the organization. Here's the list of individuals you should get to know:

## **Booster Executive Board:**

Kelvin Sewake, President  
Rian Lau, Vice-president  
Karen Murayama, Secretary  
Kathy Komenaka, Treasurer  
Maureen Ota-McClure, Senior Class Director  
Susan Rivera, Junior Class Director  
Lauri Igawa, Sophomore Class Director  
Vacant, Freshmen Class Director

## **Committee Chairs:**

Kathy Shimabukuro, Membership  
Mike Miyahira, Fund Raising  
Rian Lau, Public Relations  
Vanessa Riviera, Chaperones  
Joni Uemura, Concerts  
Maureen Ota-McClure, Awards/Banquet  
Dana Sewake, Awards/Banquet  
Joni Uemura, Uniforms  
Maxine Aki, Refreshments  
Vacant, Manpower/Instruments

## **Student Officers:**

Erin McClure, President  
Lindsey Muranaka, Vice-president  
Marissa Komenaka, Secretary  
Kirk Shimabukuro, Senior Class Rep  
Jonathan Torigoe, Junior Class Rep  
Carissa Nakao, Sophomore Class Rep  
Alison Tengan, Freshmen Class Rep  
Aaron Sewake, Drum Major  
Dennis Lin, Sergeant-at-Arms



## **Some housekeeping items...**

**Membership** - dues of \$25 per family are due by October 1st. As a member, your child will be able to participate in fundraising activities. The monies earned by the student are kept in your child's band account to help you defray your expenses for band activities throughout the year. We realize that there are significant expenses in high school band, so participation in fundraisers will be beneficial to both the students and Boosters in defraying expenses. Please check with membership chair Kathy Shimabukuro, ph. 959-7187, for a form and how to make payment.

**Uniforms** -- Everyone should have been fitted for Band uniforms over the summer. Uniform chair Joni Uemura is working with the Men's Shop to finalize orders. Please contact her at 960-3561 if you have any needs regarding uniforms.

**ALOHA SHIRTS** (with black pants and black shoes) will be used in upcoming parades.

**PEP SHIRTS** (with jeans and athletic shoes) will be used in athletic games and other off-campus performances and activities. Chaperones are required to wear PEP shirts at all events.

**TUXEDO SHIRTS** will be used at concerts:

Boy's attire – White tuxedo shirt with tie, black dress pants and black marching shoes.

Girl's attire – White tuxedo shirt, ankle length black skirt, black stockings and black shoes or sandals with back strap.

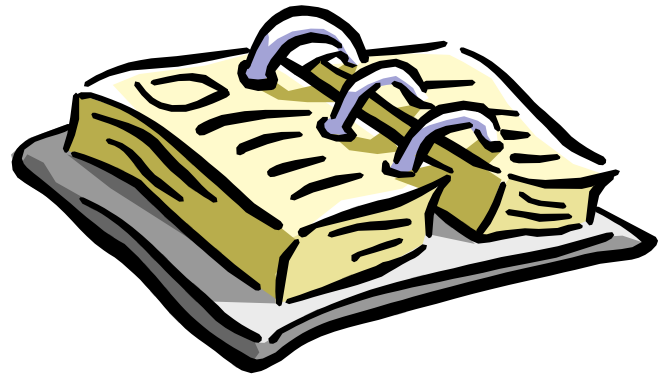


## COMMUNICATION

Every effort will be made to inform you of booster activities. Class directors will be calling or emailing you to remind you of meetings and other important information. We will be publishing this NEWSLETTER as necessary. If you would like to have email sent to you, such as this newsletter, please give us your email address. Also, we will be posting information on the booster website at [whswarriorband.org](http://whswarriorband.org). If you have questions regarding booster activities, please contact your class director. Otherwise, contact Mr. Sewake or Mr. Sever.

**Band Booster general membership meetings are held on the second Monday of**

**each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Band Room.** You are encouraged to attend to get the latest information on upcoming activities and to provide input to the organization on pertinent issues and events. It is a good time to socialize and share some fellowship. After all, your student may be in band for as long as four years! Let's all get involved!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please *mark your calendars* and watch for any future changes in dates as plans do change:

**General Membership meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for **September 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Band Room.** **We will have a mandatory meeting for all parents of/and students who are going to the KMC Band Camp.** Please make it a point to attend. Band Booster membership dues will also be collected at this time.

**KMC Band Camp** – Scheduled for October 9-11, 2008 at Kilauea Military Camp, Volcano. Details will be forthcoming from your class director via phone call and booster secretary via email. **All forms and full payment must be turned in to the lock box in the Band Room by September 5<sup>th</sup>.** The list of all students attending will be finalized at the September 8<sup>th</sup> mandatory general membership meeting, where all information about the band camp will be discussed. If you have questions, please contact Kelvin Sewake at 938-5559 or 959-6768.

**Ice Cream Jam** – The Association of Band Directors, made up of several East Hawaii Schools, will be organizing an Ice Cream Jam fund raiser to raise money to help pay for the annual Band Festival

and other band-related events. This will be held on October 11, from 10:00a.m.-6:00p.m. at the Hilo Civic Auditorium. WHS Band Boosters will participate in this event by selling \$5.00 tickets in which students will get 90% of the net proceeds per ticket up to 20 tickets sold, and then 100% of the net proceeds for all tickets sold above 20. This is a good way to make some money back for students' future costs in band. We will participate by asking volunteers of parents and students to help with manpower at the event. So, please help us by volunteering to work. We will let you know more information and work times.

**Football Games** – Students must report to the stadium gate half hour prior to the game OR as otherwise instructed by Mr. Sever. Chaperones must report 45 minutes prior to the game to receive instructions. Do not be late! The band must enter the gate together, after which the gate will close! PEP shirts are required for students and chaperones in order to enter. All parents and students should have read, signed and returned the Student Rules for Athletic Events and Parades to Mr. Sever's lock box in the band room. Also, be sure to submit any other required excursion forms that are distributed. Please contact chaperone chair Vanessa Riviera at 981-2685 if you need another form.

Football games are set for:

- Sept. 6 – vs. Keau
- Sept. 26 – WHS Homecoming vs. Hilo (afternoon parade will precede the game)
- Oct. 25 – vs. Kealakehe
- Oct. 31 – vs. Honokaa

### Other Major Events for the Year

- Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day Parade
- Nov. 15 – Kona Coffee Parade
- Nov. 29 – Christmas Parade
- Dec. – Christmas concert
- Jan./Feb. – Basketball season
- March/April – Off Island trip, Merrie Monarch parade
- May – Band Festival, Aloha Concert, Band Banquet
- June – Graduation

## FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising committee chair Mike Miyahira is hard at work exploring other means of raising funds for band students and for the Band Booster general fund. Credits earned by the student can be used for any band related expenses (band trips, uniforms, and band banquet just to name a few). Remember, only Booster members are eligible to earn credits so don't hesitate, join the Band Boosters.

As fundraising opportunities arise, we will pass on the details. If you have any good ideas, please share them with Mike, 959-4643, or with your class director.

Upcoming **Pizza Hut Pizza Nights** are scheduled for: Sept. 24, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17. We will get the forms distributed to you prior to these days, so that the boosters can get some credit back for the sales. Please distribute these forms to anyone you know who can help by purchasing a pizza on these days.

## Who Ya' Gonna Call?

Here's some important contact information you may need over the year, so please keep these names and phone numbers on file:

Kelvin Sewake	959-6768	President
William Sever	974-4888x284	Band Director
	961-5452 (home)	
Maureen McClure	959-2435	Seniors
Susan Rivera	961-0380	Juniors
Lauri Igawa	935-5013	Sophomores
Vacant (call Kelvin for now)		Freshmen

