

# WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER

*"Na Mele o Na Koa" – The Music of the Warriors*  
January 21, 2010

## Pep Band Boosts Spirit at BB Games

The WHS Pep Band has a busy schedule playing at upcoming WHS basketball games. They'll even be earning a little money playing at one of the UHH basketball games.

Members should wear pep band attire – jeans, blue polo and tennis shoes. Report to the WHS gym with instrument by 6:30 pm.

Here's a rundown of upcoming games:

Fri., Jan. 29 – WHS girls team vs. Kau  
Sat., Jan. 30 – WHS boys team vs. Keaau  
Mon., Feb. 1 – UHH game at new UHH gym  
Sat., Feb. 6 – WHS girls vs. Pahoa

## Teri Beef Fundraiser in February

This year's main fundraiser for the WHS Band is selling tickets for teriyaki beef plate lunches to be picked up outside KTA on Sat., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Preliminary ticket sales have been good, but students can still get more tickets and sell them through February 7. For more tickets, contact Joni Uemura at 959-6619.



Tickets are \$7.50 per plate lunch, which will include freshly grilled teri beef, corn and rice.

This event has been very successful for the band in the past, but it requires a lot of help from family and friends. We still need people to

volunteer their grilling skills and help with cleanup later in the afternoon.

The shifts include:

7 a.m.-1 p.m. – setup and grilling meat  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. – plate assembly and sales  
12 noon – 4 p.m. – cleanup and return grills

If you can help, please email Claton Mine at [claton@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:claton@hawaii.rr.com).



## Save Cans for the Band

The band is collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles for recycling one Saturday each month at the high school. The first drive in October yielded contributions worth more than \$160.

Upcoming dates are February 27, March 27 and April 17.

Dropoff is from 8-10 a.m. in front of the high school at the main entrance. We'll take both small (16.9-oz) and large (2-liter) plastic bottles, with or without caps, as well as aluminum cans. Please separate items into these three categories.

We also need manpower so if you can help on one of these Saturdays please call Kelvin at 938-5559.

## Band Trip to Oahu Being Planned for April

Plans are being made for an off-island trip to Oahu for the band. The dates are Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25. A tentative itinerary has been

developed and details are being finalized. Here's a first look:

**Friday, April 23** – Depart Hilo early morning. Arrive on Oahu and tour the USDA quarantine facility at Sand Island, the state capital and visit with legislators, play with the Royal Hawaiian Band at Iolani Palace, and take palace tour. Travel to Camp Erdman on the North Shore for evening.

**Saturday, April 24** – Spend day at Camp Erdman, (a YMCA camp) and participate in a wide variety of activities, including archery, swimming, volleyball, and crafts, all run by the camp staff. Students will stay in cabins and meals will be served at the camp.

**Sunday, April 25** – Depart camp, tour the Dole plantation, travel to Pearl Ridge Mall for performance, shopping and lunch. Fly back to Hilo for early evening return.

Estimated cost: \$290 per person.

A flyer will be sent home with students soon, with a detailed itinerary and cost breakdown, signup dates and payment deadline.

## Pizza Night Produces

The November pizza night was another successful and painless fundraiser for the band. Nearly \$170 was raised, while families enjoyed a tasty Tuesday dinner and parents didn't have to cook.

The next one is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Come Listen to the Band, Be a Chaperone

The State DOE requires that the band have 2-4 adult chaperones at each event. So volunteer a few hours of your time and get to enjoy the music.

Your participation is also another way to financially support your child. When you chaperone band activities, your child's account is credited up to \$15 per event for your time.

Please consider signing up to chaperone upcoming events and contact Sandy Nakao for details – 959-2259.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Some dates have been changed from the previous schedule so make sure you update your calendars.

- Jan. 29** – Band plays at WHS girls BB game
- Jan. 30** – Band plays at WHS boys BB game
- Feb. 1** – Band plays at UHH game at new gym
- Feb. 6** – Band plays at WHS girls BB game
- Feb. 20** – KTA teri beef fundraiser
- April 10** – Band marches in Merrie Monarch parade
- April 23-25** – Band trip to Oahu (tentative)
- May 8** – Band Festival at Civic Auditorium
- May 12** – Aloha Concert at UHH theater
- May 15** – Band Banquet at Church of the Holy Cross
- May 22** – Band plays at WHS graduation  
8:45 a.m. rehearsal  
5:15 p.m. arrival for 6 p.m. ceremony

## Who Ya' Gonna Call?

If you have questions about any band activities, call one of these people:

Kelvin Sewake	959-6768	President
William Sever	974-4888 ext. 284	Director
Vanessa Riviera	981-2685	Seniors
Lauri Igawa	935-5013	Juniors
Peg Bitter	981-2761	Sophomores
Susan Honda	959-7307	Freshmen

**Next Booster Mtg. – Mon., Feb. 8th**