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Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness and life to everything. Fine music is the essence of order and leads to all that is just and good, of which it is the invisible, but nevertheless dazzling, passionate and eternal form.

- Plato

**News and Reflections**

It is with sadness in my heart that I announce the passing of Mark Blinoff. Mark had been battling Cancer for the past year and a half. Last Thursday, Mark passed away. Mark was an amazing person, father, husband, and supporter of the instrumental music program at CV. His involvement with the Falcon Booster club in my first years at CV was essential for its growth and success. He single-handedly developed and implemented the idea of selling Krispe Kreme Donuts on a weekly basis as well as the need to create a CV music foundation. His ideas were like him; vibrant, passionate and over the top. We will miss Mark not only for his contributions to the CV Music Program, but also for the way he energized all who came in contact with him. He made us feel like we were truly a part of something special. Our sympathies go out to his wife, son and daughter. He was truly a great man.

Last week was busy one. Combine Star Testing, after school rehearsals, 35 minutes classes, a marching band gig and the Instrumental POPS Concert, one can truly say that we are not slackers!! Our Pops Concert was amazing. The audience truly enjoyed our selections of TV tunes as every group performed at the top of their ability. Sure, we were all sweltering under the intense heat of the auditorium, but we still rocked the house. This has been an intense year for everyone. It’s not over yet, but we are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. I am proud of our hard work and accomplishments.

**Important Dates this week:** check <http://falconmusic.org/Instrumental/Calendar/detailed.htm> for more details.

Monday, 5/23 through Friday, 5/27 –

STAR testing Schedule this week – science classes only, normal schedule.

Drumline Info meeting Monday 3:15, Drumline clinics after school all week.

Auditions for Jazz Band and Symphony by Appointment, after school all week.

Friday, 5/27 – Instrumental Awards Banquet! Dinner, Slide Show, Awards. 6:00pm–11pm. Semi-formal attire. La Canada Country Club. Tickets at the door \$35.

Saturday, 5/28 – Senior Prom.

**Important Dates next week:** check <http://falconmusic.org/Instrumental/Calendar/detailed.htm> for more details

Monday, 5/30 – Memorial Day Holiday –.NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, 5/31 through Friday, 6/3 – after school: Drumline Clinics, Jazz & Symphony Auditions.

Thursday, 6/2 – CVHS Senior Awards Night

**Tryouts for Jazz and Symphony Orchestra, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Auditions are this week. See Mr. Schick for times.

### **Clinics and Tryouts for Drumline, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

This year, we will have clinics for everyone interested in being on drumline starting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and ending on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Auditions for Drumline will be June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup>. Audition forms will be available on May 23<sup>rd</sup> after school.

### **End of the Year Banquet, May 27**

We already have over 250 instrumentalists primed and ready for our annual End of the Year Banquet. It will be at the La Canada Country Club from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. Semi-Formal Attire. Tickets are now only available at the door for \$35.00 each.

### **Band Camp / Drum Camp / Officer Camp**

This year, Band Camp will be at CVHS starting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and lasting for two weeks until September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet from 9:00 – 4:00. Band camp is essential to learning our field show, parade march and pep songs. It is a mandatory function. Please contact Mr. Schick if you have any questions. Drum Camp will meet a week early on August 15<sup>th</sup> and last for three weeks until September 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Marching Band Officers will meet Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> to prepare for Band Camp. Times for Drum Camp and Officer Camp will be forthcoming.

### **General Fundraising Opportunities**

Worlds Finest Chocolate - Download order form from [www.falconmusic.org](http://www.falconmusic.org) and turn in to Mr. Schick to get a box of 50 bars.

ESCRIP – **Electronic Scrip fundraiser.** . Go to [www.falconmusic.org](http://www.falconmusic.org) and click the link “escrip.”

This is the easiest fundraiser to help the music department. Our group name is Falconmusic and our ID number is **149030987**.

KOREAN SCRIP – Contact Eunice Cho ([sahron4689@aol.com](mailto:sahron4689@aol.com)) for scrip from Korean Grocery stores in Glendale.

### **Web Page Update – [www.falconmusic.org](http://www.falconmusic.org)**

Newsletter, Audition form

### **Musical Joke of the Week:**

Kenny G walks into an elevator and says "This rocks!"

Until next week...

Musically yours,

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