



DVHS Music

BAND . ORCHESTRA . CHOIR

August 2025

MUSIC BOOSTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer. Let's celebrate the return to school with music and food! On Saturday September 6, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, join us for the annual Music Booster Pancake Breakfast in front of the quad. DVHS Orchestra, Band, and Choir will perform throughout the morning while our volunteers serve plates of hot pancakes. We need your help to make this event a success!

Please [click here](#) to donate items and [here to volunteer](#) before and during the event.

Tickets are :

- Adults: \$15 (*includes 1 raffle ticket*)
- Teens / Tweens (Middle & High School): \$10
- Children (Elementary School): \$5
- Lil' Kids (Pre-school and under): FREE



Tickets are included in the Diamond Level Music Booster Membership. If you are interested in upgrading your membership, please contact us at dvhsmusicboosters@gmail.com. Tickets are available on our [Future Fund](#). All proceeds will benefit the music programs.

BECOME A MUSIC BOOSTER MEMBER

Please become a Music Booster Member! Your [membership](#) is used for sheet music, instruments, instrument maintenance, concert attire, transportation to events, competitions, and other music program expenses. Depending on your pledge level, you will receive tickets to our concerts and have priority admission. A win win!

Music Booster Board Meetings are held monthly in the band room at 6:30 PM. During the meetings, we discuss upcoming events, identify any support needed, and help make DVHS music program the best-in-class. All parents welcome!



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Monday, September 15
Monday, October 20
Monday, November 17
Monday, December 15

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your invaluable support enables our exceptional music program. Please assist us by completing this [Volunteer Interest Survey](#) and contributing to our upcoming events.

Volunteering for Pancake Breakfast:
Setup, cooking, ticket sales, and cleanup
[Sign up here](#)

Donate non-perishable items or make a monetary contribution to help make the Pancake Breakfast a success.
[Sign up here](#)

Assist the Pep Band during football games by supervising and serving food. [Sign up here](#)

Become a Music Booster Member
[Sign up here](#)

Double your contribution with Corporate Matching
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IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, September 6, 8:30 to 11:00 AM: Pancake Breakfast and Performance

September 26, October 24, October 31: Pep Band

Friday, September 27, 7 PM: Homecoming

October 7: Blue, Silver, Pearl and Chamber Orchestra Fall Concert

October 8: Choir Fall Concert

October 14: Band Fall Concert

MEET OUR TEACHERS

Ms. Teri Musiel

Band Director

Concert Band
Symphonic Band
Wind Ensembles
Jazz Band



Teri Musiel is one of four music directors at our school, and currently teaches 4 levels of band and jazz band. She started the music program here 16 years ago when the school opened and taught band, choir, orchestra, jazz, and steel drum band. The program has grown from less than 80 music students to currently over 800. The bands have traveled to Los Angeles, Hawaii, Canada, Boston, and a trip to New York with a performance in Carnegie Hall.

Ms. Musiel has been a music teacher for 30 years in the San Ramon Valley USD. She received her Bachelor's degree and teaching credential in Music Education from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California; she also received her Master's degree in Conducting from the American Band College in Ashland, Oregon. Ms. Musiel has played trumpet and percussion in professional and local groups including the Diablo Light Opera Company, Piedmont Light Opera, Diablo Symphony Orchestra, Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra, Contra Costa Wind Symphony, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos Educators Band, and the Danville and San Ramon Community Bands.

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Mr. Paul Rhodes

Orchestra Director

Blue Orchestra
Silver Orchestra
Pearl Orchestra
Chamber Orchestra



Paul Rhodes received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Dominican College, where he studied cello with Margaret Rowell and conducting with Hugo Rinaldi, and the Master of Music in Cello Performance from the University of Texas at Austin as the graduate assistant to Paul Olefsky.

Mr. Rhodes is a member of the Oakland Symphony and, in the summer, the Carmel Bach Festival. Locally, he has worked with the symphonies of Berkeley, Marin, California, Sacramento and San Jose, as well as with the New Century Chamber Orchestra, Opera San Jose, San Jose Chamber Orchestra, and Earplay.

Outside the area he has served as Principal Cellist with the Austin Symphony during their tour of France and Germany, and has also appeared with the San Antonio Symphony, Brandywine Baroque, Orchestra of Santa Fe, Reinische Philharmonie, and the Jugend im Musik festival in Vienna, on both modern and baroque Cello.

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Mrs. Diana Walker



Choral Director

Vocal Ensemble 1
Vocal Ensemble 2
Treble Clef
Concert Choir
Chamber Singers

Diana Walker is the choral director for all five vocal ensembles at Dougherty Valley High School. She has taught in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District since 2009 and has performed with numerous vocal ensembles throughout California over the past 20 years. Since 2006, she has taught music at every level—from kindergarten through undergraduate courses—and is passionate about helping students of all ages grow as both musicians and people.

She holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Music Education from the Biola University Conservatory of Music and a Master's in Music Education. Diana is an active member of the American Choral Directors Association and regularly engages in continuing education to bring fresh ideas and best practices to her classroom and ensembles.

Outside of teaching, Diana enjoys sharing good food with friends, singing along to musical theatre soundtracks, and spending time with her husband, two children, and black lab.

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Ms. Lauren Gibson



Band and Orchestra Director

Concert Bands
Symphonic Band 2
Wind Ensemble 2
AP Music Theory

Lauren Gibson is entering her 13th year of teaching and currently teaches Band and AP Music Theory at Dougherty Valley. She was previously the Instrumental Music Director at Acalanes High School for five years where she taught various music disciplines, including Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Choir, and AP Music Theory. She also taught K-5 music in Washington for 4 years.

Ms. Gibson received her Bachelor's degrees in Music Education and Flute Performance from the University of Montana. She furthered her education with a Masters of Music from the University of the Pacific, where she served as a Graduate Assistant of Bands. Ms. Gibson is now the Secretary for the Executive Council of the California Music Educators Association as well as the Secretary for the Contra Costa County Honor Band.

Residing in San Ramon with her fiancé and rescue dog Kaia, she enjoys working out at Orange Theory during her free time.

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SRVUSD volunteering requirements have recently changed!

Effective July 1, 2025, to be eligible to volunteer for the 2025-26 school year, all volunteers will be required to complete a Livescan fingerprint background check as well as mandated reporter and sexual harassment prevention training. There are 3 levels of volunteer clearance:

Level One: General School Volunteers and Day Field Trip Chaperones

Level Two: Field Trip Drivers

Level Three: Overnight Chaperones

The volunteer clearance process takes time. Please initiate the process at your earliest convenience by following these instructions at **Be a Mentor**. We have many upcoming events and trips. By completing your volunteer clearance, we can ask for help when needed, making school-sponsored music outings possible. Thanks for your support!

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