



Please Welcome Our New Band Director: John Theisen!

Hello Students, Parents, and all who are involved with music at Buena H.S.,

I am very excited to have this opportunity to be the new music director at Buena High School. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you as we move ahead with plans and events for the next school year. I realize that everyone has had to work together to face challenges the past few years and I know that can be difficult. Your efforts will pay off, thanks for staying strong. I do want you to know, that things are looking good for the future.

I plan to keep band camp for Marching Band the same dates and times as it has been on the website (July 26-August 6). I am currently working on staffing, and a competitive Marching Band Show as well as additions to the band calendar for the upcoming school year. Please keep an eye on the band website. All new information will be updated on this site.

I have just finished my school year in Minnesota and am heading to Ashland, OR to complete my masters degree in instrumental conducting in July. From there I will be moving to California a week before band camp. In the meantime, if you have any questions or thoughts, please email me at this address until I receive my school email account john.theisenbhs@gmail.com

The following bio of mine will give you some background information on me. I look forward to meeting you all in person soon! Students, practice hard and set high standards for yourselves so you can enjoy the upcoming successes for next year!

Thank you,

Mr.Theisen

(sounds like 'Tyson')



Biography

John is originally from Central Minnesota where he graduated from Rocori High School in 1989. In 1990 He moved to California to join the Blue Devils Drum & Bugle Corps where he played snare drum. He was Blue Devil of the Year in 1992.

After aging out of Blue Devils, John began his teaching career with several drum corps including the Blue Devils B Corp, Blue Knights Winter Drumline, Nite Express (IA), and Black Gold Winter Drumline (OK).

He has taught with many successful band programs including Rosemount High School, The University of Tulsa, Broken Arrow High School, Moore Public Schools, Collinsville Public Schools, and consulted, arranged, and judged for many programs around the country.

John completed his undergraduate degree from the University of Tulsa and is currently finishing his masters degree with the American Band College in Ashland, OR.

The groups he has worked with have enjoyed much success and great experiences including 9 Bands of America Regional Finalist appearances, 2 Grand National Finalist appearances, 8 State Championships, many superior ratings at Concert Band Contests, Band Trips to several states, Hawaii, and China!

John has lived in Minnesota, California, Colorado, Oklahoma, is moving back to California to be with loved ones and is looking forward to great new opportunities. The Buena High School Music Program is an exciting new step for John, and he looks forward to sharing his skills with the community to foster great musical and life enhancing experiences.