

## Happy New Year! Our next meeting is Thursday, January 7th, in the SHHS Cafeteria.

Starting at 7PM, the agenda will include: Discussion of upcoming events in January, update on the 2010 band trip to Philadelphia/New York, and plans for the remainder of the year. These meetings are for every parent (8-12) who has a child in the band.

## Upcoming Dates:

January 9, Sr. Clinic Auditions – South Doyle HS (Knoxville)

January 16, Jr. Clinic Auditions – Cherokee HS

January 29-30, Johnson City Band Clinic for 9<sup>th</sup>, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble

February 4-6, Senior Clinic – Gatlinburg

February 12-13, Junior Clinic - Kingsport

**All-East auditions** for the 2010 Sr. Clinic are January 9<sup>th</sup> at South Doyle HS and auditions for the Jr. Clinic are January 16<sup>th</sup> at Cherokee HS. Students will receive their audition times this week. Students must provide their own transportation. Please plan on arriving an hour before your audition time to warm-up and acclimate yourself to the school layout.

## Sr. Clinic:

South Doyle High School

2020 Tipton Station Road  
Knoxville, TN 37920-9500

Click the event on the booster calendar to get driving directions (Google Map).

## Jr. Clinic:

Cherokee High School  
Old State Highway 66

Rogersville, TN 37857

Click the event on the booster calendar to get driving directions (Google Map).

## Individual Marching Band

**Pictures** are now available for purchase at the following website:

[www.digitalphotoaction.net](http://www.digitalphotoaction.net)

Select “**Find your images**” on the left side of the page and select “**Science Hill Band**” from the events page.

**The Fruit pick-up** was a huge success at the Borla Warehouse! What a great site for the pick-up. Many

thanks need to go to the Millers for their work on this important fundraising event. Any remaining fruit money needs to be turned in ASAP.

**2010 Flag line** has been selected and will practice Tuesdays from 3-5 PM in the band room during the spring semester to get ready for next year’s season. We plan on having another audition late in the spring for anyone that missed the initial audition.

## Concert Dress for Wind

**Ensemble members** include tuxedo for the men and a black dress/pant suit for the ladies. The dresses should be very conservative and must meet the knee when seated (school dress code). The men will be provided a tuxedo jacket and pants. They must provide their own tuxedo shirt and black bowtie/cumber bun. These can be purchased at any finer department store, men’s store, or tuxedo rental store (the internet is a good place to look as well).

## The next deposit for the 2010

**Philadelphia/New York trip** is due January 15<sup>th</sup>. Approximately \_ of the trip balance is due (\$200). If you have at least a \$200 credit to your account, you are good to go!

**Student Accounts** will be updated this week. The accounts should show any fundraising profits as well as debits to their account (trip cost, uniform cost, or other monies owed to the boosters).

## Frozen Food Fundraiser

will begin in February at the band booster meeting. The event will run through March 4<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds of the sale will go toward each student’s account.

## The Johnson City Band Clinic

will be held Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> in the SHHS Fine Arts Dept. Two clinicians for the have confirmed: Dr. Michael Votta, the Director of Bands at the University of Maryland will be rehearsing the Wind Ensemble and Dr. Eric Harris, the Associate Director of Bands at Tenn Tech will be rehearsing the Symphonic Band. The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band clinician has not confirmed at this time. Students will rehearse Friday after school, all day Saturday, and present a **FREE** concert

at 7 PM Saturday evening.

## Private Lessons:

One of the main components of a nationally recognized band program is the inclusion of a significant private lesson program. This will improve your child as a musician and help build self confidence as a player. In the past, we have had as many as 50% of our students involved in lessons. That number is much lower now. If we can help you line up with a teacher, please feel free to call the band office (232-2193) or consult with a band director at our meetings.

Private lessons have a direct impact on chair auditions, clinic auditions, and scholarships. While we feel our staff does a great job of helping all students succeed, we cannot give the kind of individual attention necessary to teach each student in our program. We encourage you to invest this extra money in helping your child feel even more successful as part of the Science Hill HS Band.

## The Johnson City Symphony

**Orchestra** will be providing free tickets to our students to attend their concerts this season. Students will let one of the band directors know they are interested in attending a concert and we will give them a voucher for a free ticket to be redeemed at ticket booth the night of the concert. The next concert is February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in Seeger Chapel on the campus of Milligan College.

**Trailer Adds** can be purchased through our Trailer Add chairperson, Pam Smith. Please contact her if you know of someone that might be interested.

**Band Booster Emails:** To receive band booster emails, you can go to the web site ([www.shhsbandboosters.org](http://www.shhsbandboosters.org)) and subscribe. Choose the "Subscription" menu item at the bottom of the page, and provide your email address. You will now receive band-booster emails, keeping you up to date with the latest band booster information