

SHHS 'Topper Band News

February, 2010

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 4th, in the SHHS Cafeteria.

Starting at 7PM, the agenda will include: Discussion of upcoming events in March, Frozen Food sale, an 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:

February 12-13th, Junior Clinic – Kingsport
March 1st – Frozen Food orders due
March 2nd – 8th Grade Percussion Recital – 7 PM (free)
March 5-6th, Johnson City Band Clinic for 9th, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble
March 6th – JC Clinic Concerts – 7 PM (free)
March 9th – Percussion Ensembles Concert – 7 PM (free)
March 18th – ETSU Clinic with Col. Bourgeois (1:30 – 5 PM)
March 22nd – Frozen Food pick-up
March 23rd – Contest Concert – 9th, Symphonic Bands – 7 PM (\$)
March 25th – Contest Concert – 8th, Wind Ensemble – 7 PM (\$)
March 29th – Frozen Food \$ due

The Johnson City Band Clinic

has been rescheduled for Friday, March 5th and Saturday, March 6th in the SHHS Fine Arts Dept. The clinicians for the event will be: Dr. Michael Votta, the Director of Bands at the University of Maryland will be rehearsing the Wind Ensemble and Donald Peach, a retired band director from Lincolnton, NC, will be rehearsing the Symphonic Band. The 9th Grade Band clinician will be Ms. Roxanne Haskill, the director of the JC Concert Band. Students will rehearse Friday after school, all day Saturday, and present a **FREE** concert at 7 PM that evening.

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).

Senior Band Clinic

We had another great weekend for the ETSBOA band clinic in Knoxville. Nationally renowned clinicians from Texas, South Carolina, and Tennessee were on hand to conduct the groups with the concert performances being a great success! The students were exemplary in all areas of musicianship, attendance, and behavior. Stephanie Sams and Patrick Hodge will be attending the All-State Band and Orchestra Clinic in April.

Students attending included:

Sydney Chandley
Olivia Anderson
Emma LaPrade
Emily Casey
Caitlin Bentley
Stephanie Sams
Andrew Wang
Ashley Billings
Kate Ryals
Victoria Duncan
Katherine West
Adelina Whittington
Jackson Hill
Patrick Hodge
Hannah Estep
Andy Karsai
Josh Spalding
Montel Chan

Frozen Food Fundraiser will end on March 1st. All order forms should be turned in on that day. The products will be delivered on Monday, March 22nd, at the end of school and the money is due March 29th. All proceeds of the sale will go toward each student's account.

The next deposit for the 2010

Philadelphia/New York trip is due April 5th. Approximately 1/3 of the trip balance is due (\$200). If you have at least a \$200 credit to your account, you are good to go!

The Band Banquet has been set for May 14th at Munsey Methodist Church. Please look for more info at the end of April/beginning of May.

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.

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 March 20th, at 7:30 PM in Seeger Chapel on the campus of Milligan College.

Band Booster Emails: To receive band booster emails, you can go to the web site (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.