

SHHS 'Topper Band News

March, 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:

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 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
April 8th – State Contest for 9th, Symphonic, and Wind Ensemble – Greenville

Band Camp Dates

July 12-14, Percussion Mini Camp
July 19-23 – Mini-camps for ALL students TBA (9am-5pm daily)
July 25 – Band Camp registration (1 – 4pm)
July 26-30 – Full band camp (8am-9pm daily)

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

Wind Ensemble: a tuxedo for the men and a black dress/pant suit for the ladies.

9th Grade and Symphonic: Black bottoms and white tops.

All dresses should be very conservative and must meet the knee when seated (school dress code).

Junior Band Clinic

We had a great weekend for the ETSBOA Upper Area Jr. Band Clinic in Kingsport. Respected clinicians from the southeast 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. Each year we want the number of students attending to grow. Let's have more kids audition next year!

Students attending included:

Fissel, Clay
Deakins, Elizabeth
Portwine, Chrissy
Roberts, Lorena
King, Sarah
Bennett, Alicia
Anand, Sajant
Jaishankar, Devika
Humby, Michaela
Hopkins, Catherine
Smith, Lyndsey
Tomita, Anna
Bennett, Jordan
Simmons, Elizabeth
Nimrichter, Erin
Philpott, Austin
Spaulding, Nathan
Blankenstein,
Brandon
Hagy, Kip

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. We need four to six volunteers to help with the food distribution on the 22nd. Contact Mr. Foster in the band office if you are available to help.

- Complete totals on each page.
- Provide name of student on each page.
- Attach envelope with all monies collected to date – checks should be made out to SHHS Band Boosters.
- Please do not include cash – checks only.
- Please turn in order forms and money envelope by the March 4th meeting or turn into the gray money box in the SHHS band room (all money must be collected when product is delivered to patron).

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.

Private lessons

We have a wonderful supply of private instructors available in the Johnson City area including the faculty at ETSU. If you would like assistance in locating a teacher, please feel free to call the band office (232-2193) or consult with a band director at our meetings.

Ensemble placement auditions

for the 2010-2011 school year will take place after spring break. This audition will determine what ensemble your child will be performing in for the Spring semester of 2011. Auditions will take place during the school day and after school.

Contracts for the 2010-11 season will be given out during March. These contracts will need to be signed and returned with a \$50 deposit. Once the contracts and deposits have been received we will be able to begin the process of charting for the fall marching season.

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