

**Our next meeting is Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SHHS Cafeteria.** Starting at 7:00PM, the agenda will include: marching band uniform purchases, colorguard audition info, marching band contracts, booster exec. board for 2009-10, and more. Every band parent is encouraged to attend!

#### **Upcoming dates:**

**March 30** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/Symphonic Band Concert: 7pm, SHHS

**March 31** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade/ Percussion Ensemble/Wind Ensemble Concert: 7pm, SHHS

**April 2** - Concert Festival: Greenville – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – 1:35 pm, Symphonic Band – 4:35 pm, Wind Ensemble – 7:45 pm.

**April 6, 13, 20, May 4** – Colorguard training sessions – SHHS Bandroom

**April 15-17** – All State Band Clinic: Nashville

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Day of percussion

**April 20-24**– Band uniform garage sale, 3-5 PM – SHHS Bandroom

**May 11-15** – Colorguard audition camp, 4-6 pm daily

#### **Band Camp Dates!**

**July 20-24** – Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders, color-guard, percussion amp (8am-5pm daily)

**July 26-31** – Full band camp (8am-9pm daily)

#### **Colorguard**

Training session will begin April 6 and continue each Monday in April and May from 4-5:30 pm daily with the audition camp running May 11-15 from 4-6 pm. Auditions will be held Friday, May 15.

#### **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.

#### **Mentoring Program**

Students have begun the mentoring program at the SHHS band room. Please encourage your children that are participating to meet with your mentor/mentee at a regular basis.

**A New Website** design is being planned for use for the 2009-2010 school year. The plan is to have the site serve as the primary communication vehicle for the entire band program. Students will be able to download forms, calendars, marching music, etc. This is another way that the band staff can communicate with all parents in a more efficient way!

**Ensemble placement auditions** for the 2009-2010 school have been completed and students will be notified of their ensemble placement by April 2nd.

**Contracts for the 2009-10** season will be given out the week of April 6th and due April 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Parents:** The commitment on these contracts is what allows us to custom-write a show that fits our band completely. Once the contract is signed and deposits are made, we expect each student to be at band camp in the July and be a member of the marching band in the fall and concert bands in the spring. Please help us teach the meaning of commitment to your children/our students.

**The Percussion Section** was recently selected to perform at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in November. They will be competing against other drumlines from across the country. The cost of the trip is \$320 with the first installment of \$150 due by May 15. Please see Mr. McGuire or call the band office for more details.

**Day of Percussion** (April 19<sup>th</sup>) is a joint concert with area high school percussion ensembles and the ETSU percussion ensemble. The concerts are held at SHHS and begin at 5pm. They are free and open to the public.

**IB Update:**

Students that are enrolled in the IB program will be able to enroll in band as well! Please see your counselor for more information.

**Summer Music Camps** are available at a number of universities in our area for children to foster their musical abilities throughout the summer. The lengths of the camps vary from one week to four or six. Check out the websites below for more information:

Carson-Newman College

<http://www.cn.edu/music/camps.htm>

Cannon Music Camp (ASU)

<http://www.cannon.appstate.edu/>

Furman Band Camp

<http://www.furman.edu/depts/music//degreesandprograms/BandOrch.htm>

U.of S. Carolina Summer Music Camp

<http://bands.music.sc.edu/clinics.html>

U.of North Carolina at Greensboro

<http://www.smcamp.org/>

Brevard Summer Music Camp (NC)

<http://www.brevardmusic.org/>