

# Topper Band Booster News September, 2009

## **Our next meeting is Thursday, September 3rd in the SHHS Cafeteria.**

Starting at 7PM, the agenda will include: information about our fall performance schedule, kick off our annual Pledge Carwash, 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:**

September 4 – Football, Away  
September 10 – Thunder on the Lake, Winged Deer Park – 7:30 PM  
September 11 – Football, Away  
September 12 – Car Wash Fundraiser  
September 18 – Football, Away  
September 25 – Balance of PASIC trip fees due  
October 2 – Homecoming  
October 3 – Marching Contest, Tennessee High (all day)  
October 9 – Football, Home  
October 10 - Marching Contest, WCU (all day)

**2010 Trip information** will be discussed at the next Booster meeting. At this time we are in negotiations with tour companies to develop a great trip for the 2010 school year. We plan on having the trip finalized with an estimated cost by the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## **October 3 contest at Tenn High.**

For our contest at Tennessee High, we will be having a mini-camp from 12 PM – 4 PM before we leave for Bristol. More info will be coming soon concerning all our contest itineraries. t

## **The Johnson City Christmas Parade**

date has been changed to Friday night, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## **Band Camp a huge success!**

The students did a great job all week; despite the weather, we accomplished all our goals and the season is off to a great start! Thanks for all the help the boosters provided, especially the Hospitality Committee chaired by Kim Latimer, for the wonderful evening meals.

**New Band Uniforms** will arrive this week for those that ordered them in the spring. Due to the entire band not

having the complete band uniform, we have been performing in our show T-shirts.

## **How the Pledge Carwash**

**works: Every child should sell pledges and every child will need to wash cars on September 12<sup>th</sup>!!!** Each child in band grades 9-12 has received a carwash pledge sheet. The request is for people to pledge one penny for every car we wash as a band. With our annual goal of 1,000 cars in one day, a penny pledge will give a \$10.00 donation. (This donation is 100% profit for your child).

If your child gets 20 people to pledge a penny, that is \$200.00 towards their individual account! That is money that doesn't come out of your pocket! Our rain date is September 19th! **Every HS Band member then comes on Saturday and works for four hours washing cars (9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm)**, collects the pledges, and turns in the money by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Where does the pledge car wash money go?** As in past years, every child in Marching Band has to help defray the costs of travel for the fall. We call this our fair-share amount. For this fall, the amount is \$200.00 per student. Some people just pay the money in a check, others donate through the car wash, others get people to donate and pay for this cost through the pledges. Any money raised above these costs will roll-over into the student's individual accounts and can be used for the cost of our next major trip (2010-11).

**We will need parents help to support the carwash.** If you haven't signed up yet to monitor a site, the carwash chairs, Ian and Brenda Darling, will be there on Thursday night to sign you up.

## **The sewing committee needs**

**your help!** Our show Flags are under construction by our sewing committee but the task is so huge they still need much help. Any band parent can help and you don't have to sew! Please contact Serena Crowder 833-1544 for a schedule. This effort saves our band about \$10,000 a year! Thanks to all the parents who have made these great flags for us. If you can help in the final push

to complete this mammoth project, see Serena at our meeting.

## **Thunder on the Lake!**

Our percussion section, along with sections from Tennessee High, Sullivan East, Sullivan South, Sullivan Central, and Happy Valley will be performing in the annual *Thunder on the Lake* at Winged Deer Park on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Bring a snack and a lawn chair to the park and enjoy these fine ensembles. The concert is free and begins at 7:30PM.

## **Concession stands needs your help!**

With our first home games already past, we have JV and 8<sup>th</sup> grade games held every week at our stadium. With a full slate of home games this year, this effort is important to keep the general fund in healthy state and pay for staff members who help our band. See our committee chairs at the meeting to sign up and help.

## **Committees are doing great!**

Go to our website: [www.shhsbandboosters.org](http://www.shhsbandboosters.org) and check out all the information on our committees and their activities. For every parent, there is a way for you to become involved. This is a great organization to be part of and greatly influences the success of the SHHS Band.

**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

**Booster Membership** Cards will be on sale through December. The Booster pass allows you free admission to all concerts beginning with the Winter Concert and concludes with the Spring Concert. Passes are \$10 for each adult and child (concert admission is \$5)

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