

'Topper Band Booster News October, 2009

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 1st, in the SHHS

Cafeteria. Starting at 7PM, the agenda will include: information about our fall contest schedule, kick-off of our annual fruit sale, short discussion about the 2010 band trip, 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:

October 2 – Homecoming
October 3 – Marching Contest, Tennessee High (12 PM – 10 PM)
October 9 – Football, Home
October 10 - Marching Contest, WCU (7 AM – 2 AM)
October 16 – Football, Away (Pep Band)
October 23 – Football, Home
October 24 – Marching Contest, Nashville (7 AM – 4 AM)
October 30 – Football, Away (full band)

The ABC/IKEA Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade

has extended an invitation, and, we have accepted (subject to board approval) to participate in the 2010 event. We will begin our trip with a three day stay in New York City (Manhattan) and then travel to Philadelphia for the parade and a day in the City of Brotherly Love before heading back to JC. This should be a wonderful experience for everyone involved. More info will be handed out discussed at the meeting.

The 8th Grade Band will be visiting with the 'Topper Band during the Homecoming Game. They have been working on the stands tunes and are very excited (as so are we) that they are performing with us. Each student has been assigned a "Band Buddy" from the Marching Band to help them out in the stands. Make sure we make them feel welcome during the game.

October 3rd Competition at

Tenn High; For our contest at Tennessee High, we will be having a rehearsal from 12 PM – 4 PM before we leave for Bristol. Band members will be fed dinner in Bristol before our performance. Our performance time is 7:40 PM followed by the awards ceremony at 8:40 PM. We hope to arrive back at SHHS by 11 PM. Please

come up and support us in our first competition of the year!

October 10th Competition at Western Carolina;

Our preliminary performance time is at 1:15 PM. We will be leaving SHHS at 7 AM. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Finals will begin at 7 PM with awards beginning at 9:45 PM. We should arrive back at SHHS at 2 AM.

October 23rd Competition at McGavock High (Nashville);

Our preliminary performance time is 4:15 PM. Finals begin at 6:30 PM with awards around 10:30 PM. Therefore, we will not be back at SHHS until 6 AM Sunday morning (ouch!).

The Fruit Sale will kick-off at the booster meeting. Information about the sale will be presented at the meeting by our Fruit Sale Chairs, Doug and Beth Miller. The students receive 1/3 of their total sales as profit to be used toward the 2010 trip to Philadelphia/New York.

Fair Share/Travel amount is now due.

Many students used the Pledge Carwash to defray this cost. Many students have not turned in the pledge money or the Fair Share (\$200). This money is used for travel to all of the away football games, competitions (2 contests we will be traveling in charter buses), and meals when needed. At this printing, we do not have enough travel money to attend our next two contests (Western Carolina, Nashville). Please send in a portion at this time if you can. We know times are tough and money is tight but we cannot continue to operate without you help.

New Band Uniforms have arrived and have been in use. If you still owe for the uniform, please send the balance of the price in ASAP. If you are unsure of your balance, e-mail Dr. Vermillion and I will give you the balance. We must have the funds in the account before we can pay for the uniforms.

The Johnson City Christmas

Parade date has been changed to Friday night, December 4th, 2009. The parade begins at 6:30 PM.

Concession stands needs your help!

With our first home games already past, we have JV and 8th 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 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) 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.