

# SHHS 'Topper Band News

November, 2009

## **Our next meeting is Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, in the SHHS Cafeteria.**

Starting at 7PM, the agenda will include: recap of our fall contest schedule, fruit orders will be taken, more information about 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:**

November 11 – Veteran's Day Performance, 2<sup>nd</sup> period

November 11 – All East audition \$ due  
November 11-13 – Drumline attending PASIC in Indianapolis, IN

November 16, 17, 18 – Chair placement auditions, 3-5 PM

November 17, 19, 23 – 2010 Flagline auditions, 3-5 PM

December 4 – JC Christmas Parade, 6:30 PM

## **2009 Marching Season is great success!**

Marching season has come to a close but the SHHS band was highly competitive. The band finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall on Oct. 3 at Tennessee High with the Drumline taking top honors for the day. After making finals at WCU, the band finished 5<sup>th</sup> competing against a very talented field of bands. The season ended in Nashville with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish, Superior Band Award, Superior Guard Award, and the Guard winning class the 3A/4A award in prelims. Congrats color guard on an outstanding finish! For the year, we competed against over 70 bands.

Congratulations on a successful marching season! Thanks to all of the chaperones that donated their time to the band this year. You make our jobs so much easier.

## **Concessions were a great success this year!**

Thanks to all of those that helped in the booth. We are so fortunate to have the concessions at the games; this fundraiser provides a tremendous amount of support that ultimately leads to the success of the band program. A special thanks to Dana Miller for chairing this position. We look forward to new facilities next year at the new stadium.

**The Drumline** will be attending the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in Indianapolis November 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. They will be competing against other drumlines from across the US.

## **Auditions for the 2010 Flag line**

will begin November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM in the band room. 2009 members will need to audition for next year's line. Let's try to recruit many new members so we can have a huge membership next year. We will be having weekly practices during the Spring semester to get ready for next year's show.

## **Chair Auditions**

for all band members will be November 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. The 10/12 students will audition the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> graders will audition on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Audition will take place in the 10/12 bandroom from 3-5 PM. Students will sign-up for five minute slots starting next week.

## **Students planning on auditioning**

for the 2010 Jr/Sr clinic will need to complete their registration form and turn in their \$6 fee to a band director by November 11<sup>th</sup>. Wind Ensemble members are expected to audition while other band members are highly encouraged to participate. Auditions for Sr. Clinic are January 9<sup>th</sup> at South Doyle HS and auditions for the Jr. Clinic are January 16<sup>th</sup> at Cherokee HS.

## **The 2010 Philadelphia/New York trip deposits**

will be due November 18<sup>th</sup>. The deposit amount is \$100 and is non-refundable. This deposit will confirm your space on the trip. The approximate cost of the trip is \$950 for students. Tagalongs will cost \$1045 for triple occupancy and \$1130 for double occupancy. Students can use money in their band accounts (parents too) for the initial deposit. Please make checks out to SHHS Band Boosters. More details, sign-up sheet, and an updated itinerary will be at the booster meeting this Thursday.

## **The Fruit Sale**

will end on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. All orders are due during class or at the booster meeting that night. Many thanks to the

Fruit Sale Chairs, Doug and Beth Miller! Fruit will be delivered on December 5<sup>th</sup>. All fruit money needs to be turned into the band by Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in Seeger Chapel on the campus of Milligan College.

## **The Johnson City Christmas Parade**

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

## **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.