

SHHS 'Topper Band News December, 2009

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 3rd, in the SHHS Cafeteria.

Starting at 7PM, the agenda will include: fruit order pick-up, Holiday Concert schedule, 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:

December 4 – JC Christmas Parade, 6:30 PM

December 7 – 11, Percussion Chair Auditions (9-12, after school – 8th during class)

December 10, Flagline Auditions 3-5 PM

December 11, Fruit \$ due

December 14 – Percussion Ensemble, 9th Grade Band Concert 7 PM

December 15 – 8th Grade and Symphonic Band Concert 7 PM

December 17-18, Exams

January 9, Sr. Clinic Auditions – South Doyle HS (Knoxville)

January 16, Jr. Clinic Auditions – Cherokee HS

January 29-30, Johnson City Band Clinic for 9th, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble

The Johnson City Christmas

Parade will be December 4th, 2009.

Students need to meet at the Burley Parking Lot at the corner of Legion St. and State of Franklin by 5:30. Students can park at the Cranberry St. Parking lot behind Memorial Stadium. The parade begins at 6:30 PM and should be finished by 8 PM. The parade route ends at the Cranberry St. Parking lot.

The Fruit pick-up will be

Saturday, December 5th at the Borla warehouse off of Okolona Rd exit. Students have received pick-up times and they can be located on the booster website under the news heading. All fruit money needs to be turned into by Friday, December 11th.

Auditions for the 2010 Flag line

will be December 10th from 3-5 PM in the band room. We will be having weekly practices during the Spring semester to get ready for next year's show.

The Holiday Concerts will be presented on December 14th and 15th. The Percussion Ensemble and 9th Grade Band will perform Monday and the 8th Grade and Symphonic Band will perform on Tuesday. Both concerts begin at 7 PM and admission is \$5 (or free with Booster Pass). **Dress for all concerts is black bottoms and white tops (conservative dress). The percussion ensemble dress is all black.**

Booster Membership Cards will be on sale through the December meeting. 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).

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 December 12th at 7:30 PM in Seeger Chapel on the campus of Milligan College.

The Drumline attended the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in Indianapolis November 12th-13th. They competed against other drumlines from across the US and placed 6th in the competition. Congrats to the drumline for a great season! Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers that made this trip possible.

All-East auditions for the 2010 Sr. Clinic are January 9th at South Doyle HS and auditions for the Jr. Clinic are January 16th at Cherokee HS. 10-12 graders have received their audition times.

The next deposit for the 2010

Philadelphia/New York trip is due January 15th. Student accounts will be updated by the January Booster meeting.

The Johnson City Band Clinic

will be held Friday, January 29th and Saturday, January 30th in the SHHS Fine Arts Dept. Two clinicians for the have confirmed: Dr. Michael Votta, the Director of Bands at the University of Maryland will be rehearsing the Wind Ensemble and Dr. Eric Harris, the Associate Director of Bands at Tenn Tech will be rehearsing the Symphonic Band. The 9th Grade Band clinician has not confirmed at this time. Students will rehearse Friday after school, all day Saturday, and present a concert Saturday evening. More information will be presented in January.

The Wind Ensemble has

received an invitation to work with the **Director Emeritus of the US Marine Band, Col. John Bourgeois**, at ETSU on Thursday, March 18th, 2010 as part of the first annual Orpheus Festival sponsored by the Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Col. Bourgeois is one of the finest musicians/conductors in our field and established the Marine Band as one of the finest wind bands in the world.

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