

Newman Smith Area Band Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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Dear Band Families!

My newsletter already. I cannot believe that this year is nearly over. It has seemed so short! Our band performed splendidly this past month adding more accolades to an already impressive list! If you did not get a chance to hear the Jazz bands at competition - do not miss the outside concert in May. It is truly inspiring. The music makes it all worthwhile.

Concessions are truly over for the year...or are they? Standridge Stadium has been selected as the site for the US Junior Olympic trials. This will be a great opportunity for our booster club to really shine! The trials are June 18th, 19th and 20th. We do not know the exact times yet - but we will have the stand open from at least 10AM to 7PM all three days. I know it is summer, but you know you will miss all your band parent friends if you go too long without seeing them! Watch your e-mail and the website for more information as soon as we get it.

Another year behind us means a changing of the guard in many of the board positions. We have a lot of fun and would love to have more of you join! In this newsletter is an explanation of the positions we currently have open. I know sometimes it can sound daunting, but there is always support and people to

pitch in and help. I really want our booster club to be successful and that means welcoming and open. I hope that most of you know me, and I am not the highbrow type...every single parent is welcome and valued. Even if you just want to hang out with the current board members and get a feel for what is involved - we would love to have your participation.

There are so many ways to be active and support the band and in doing so support your student. Please contact any board member or me and get involved.

This month there are so many opportunities to see your student perform - please do not miss them. The website is updated and there is a list in this newsletter. Also, we hope to see you at the banquet on the 9th. Every parent is welcome. Tickets go on sale on Thursday - do not miss out.

Since this is the last newsletter, I just want to say that it has been my pleasure to serve as the president of this club the past year. We made many changes - some successful and some that just looked good on paper - but we had a very productive year. I look forward to next year with excitement. I hope you do too.

Dawn
NSABC President

MR. C'S NOTES



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Greetings from the NSHS Band! Finally, we are moving into the home stretch of the school year and everyone is looking forward to summer and all the things that season entails. The students of the Trojan Band have established themselves as one of the top programs in the Metroplex through their numerous outstanding performances this year. The marching band was a finalist at the Birdville ISD Marching Contest and then the band received straight 1's at UIL Marching Contest. We had 12 students selected to the All-Region Jazz Ensemble (the most in the Region) and 21 students selected to the All-Region Band followed by a record 6 students selected to an All-State Honor Group...the most in CFB and in NSHS Band history. This spring we had 70 students receive a 1st division on their UIL solo and in our annual collaboration with the NSHS Orchestra, the Newman Smith Symphony Orchestra received straight 1's at UIL Concert Contest held on our campus. The Jazz Ensembles maintained their status as some of the best in the area through strong performances at the UTA Jazz Festival where Jazz Ensemble II received 1st place and Jazz Ensemble I received 3rd place out of the 15 competing schools. At the prestigious TCU Jazz Festival, both bands received 2nd place for their strong performances. Finally, our concert bands did a remarkable job at the recent UIL Concert Contest held at Centennial

High School in Frisco where all 3 groups received a UIL Sweepstakes for earning a 1st division in both their concert and sightreading performances. NSHS was the only school in our classification to have all 3 of their ensembles rated 'superior' in all areas. Obviously, we are extremely proud of the kids and their accomplishments!

We are now moving into the final phase of the year with spring concerts, the band banquet, tryouts, and the spring marching camp. Lots and lots to do as we close out this year and set our sights on even bigger and better things for next year. Plans are well under way for our 2009 marching show and we are excited about being able to compete next fall for the opportunity to go to the Texas State Marching Contest in San Antonio. I know the kids are really excited about it as well so it looks to be a very intense and fun fall marching season. Before all of that, we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events in May with the Percussion Ensemble, the Jazz Ensembles, and the Concert Bands...the kids really deserve all the credit and hopefully we can recognize them with our attendance and support! Thanks to all of you for your help and support of the great things going on in the NSHS Band!!!

Bill Centera
Band Director

PERCUSSION BEAT

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Percussion Spring Concert on May 5th at 7PM in the NSHS Theatre!

Also, please note that additional

percussion rehearsals will take place on May 11, 18, 26 and at the Spring Band Camp on May 30th.

Rob Parks
Percussion Director

CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS!

I would like to thank all of the mentors for helping to find workers for the concession stand. It was a difficult job at times - especially when we found out about events at the last minute. We are working on some ways to make this work more smoothly. If you have suggestions, please let me know. I just can't tell you how much I appreciate the times that I sent out emails and had people respond so willingly and so quickly. We hope to be able to involve more parents next year so that everyone's burden will be lighter.

Now... We have an awesome opportunity to make some extra

money this summer. Please mark June 18 - 20th on your calendar. We will be needing volunteers to work at the concession stand during the USA Junior Olympics Trials. We will open early each day and close at about 7:30 at night. This is a HUGE event and we will be able to include our new Freshman students and parents as well as all of you who are in town in June. We will let you know more about scheduling soon.

See you at the Spring Marching Camp on May 30th. Bring your calendar and be ready to sign up for the June event!

Deb Moss
Master Concession Scheduler

CONCESSION STAND UPDATE

Progress has been made in the acquisition of an ice machine for the visitors' side concession stand. With the purchasing power and expertise of the school district's HVAC department, we are buying a 600-pound, air-cooled Manitowoc ice machine. This has the same ice capacity as the old machine, which provided plenty of ice for that stand. Delivery of the new machine will be around the first week in August....just in time for the fall football season. This will also give us time to dispose of the old machine and have the site rewired for the more substantial electrical load.

Another exciting piece of equipment we now have that everyone will want to use is a snow cone machine. Donated by past band parents, this machine will generate a lot of sales this June 18, 19, and 20 when the

stadium hosts the USA Junior Olympic trials. Cold snow cones should "hit the spot" on those hot summer days.

Finally, a big thank you to Roy Rabenaldt, a senior dad, for his "ice delivery service." Roy generously volunteered his vehicle and gas, his time from work to come early to the stadium, and his muscles to load several empty ice chests, drive over to the Knights of Columbus Hall, scoop and fill the chests with their ice, return and unload the chests for every event utilizing the visitors' side stand ***SINCE LAST OCTOBER!!!!***

When you see Roy, remember to tell him thanks. His generosity and service were truly appreciated. I could not have kept that side running without him. Hey, Roy, thanks!

Beth Malouf
VP - Concessions

BOOSTER CLUB BOARD -- OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2009/2010

We have several openings on the board for the next school year. The board meets once a month. Please consider the following opportunities to join in the fun and contribute to the best band booster club in Texas!

Treasurer: Enters and tracks deposits and payments; generates a financial report each month to track budget. Must be proficient in Quickbooks and interact heavily with President and Asst.

Treasurer. Most activity occurs in fall but does continue into spring.

Entertainment: Plan several events throughout the year including Ice Cream Social, Band Breakfast, Senior Night, Fall Party, Spring Banquet, Spring Marching Clinic Picnic, and Fall and Spring TMEA. Coordinates with other parents to provide goodies and punch for concerts. Contact Meredith Sterk at

meredith.sterk@gmail.com.

Newsletter: Produce a monthly newsletter to relay information to band families. Requires a PC and working knowledge of desktop publishing as well as e-mail access. Approximately 5 hours/month. Contact Barbara Huffman at huffmanbw@verizon.net.

Webmaster Apprentice: Shadow the current Webmaster; take over maintenance and support of website for 2010/11. Requires software programming skills with HTML, php, and MySQL experience. Contact Greg Huffman at gthuffman@gmail.com.

In addition, we need many committee members to support each chairperson. Please contact Dawn at 214-394-1022 or crackofdark@yahoo.com if you are interested in any of these positions - or just as importantly - to train for the following year.

JAZZ CORNER

The NSHS Jazz bands were very successful at the TCU Jazz Festival. Both Jazz I and Jazz II earned 2nd place in their categories, and Phillip Black was awarded the Outstanding Trumpet Player of the Festival!

You won't want to miss the annual Jazz in the Park concert on Thursday, May 14, at the Carrollton

Outdoor Amphitheater (west of Carrollton City Hall, off of Jackson Road). The concert begins at 6:30PM and both bands will play in this beautiful and relaxing setting.

Susan Wyatt
NSHS Jazz Liaison

BAND BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Band Banquet tickets are now on sale! The cost is \$20.00 each and they can be purchased from the Student Band Board.

This year's banquet will be held at the Addison Crowne Plaza on Saturday, May 9th, from 6:00PM to midnight. Please plan on attending

and enjoying the entertainment - our kids are great fun! If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Sterk at meredith.sterk@gmail.com

Meredith Sterk
Entertainment

LAST CHANCE FOR BAND PHOTOS

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures...

There are only two more opportunities in which to get your pictures for this year. We now have pictures dating from the Spring Band Camp & Picnic in May to the Jazz concert.

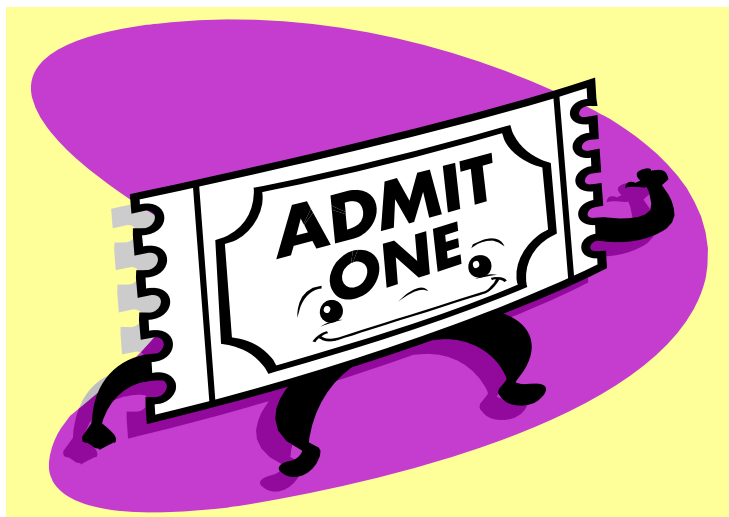
A table will be set up before and during the Band Banquet on May 9th. Arrive early at the Spring Concert on May 16, we will be setting up a table for you to see the pictures before concert time. Remember this will be the last chance you will have

the opportunity to purchase pictures of that special hard-working band member before the end of the school year.

If you have any questions about the pictures, please call Jim at 972-416-8834 or Sharon at 972-242-5014. You can also email me at jimvato@verizon.net.

Remember, the money that is collected goes to support your band.

Jim Grijalva
Historian



Capri Sun Juice
(small cartons w/straws)

Small (pop top)
Pudding/Fruit cups

Small (pop top) Beanie
Weenie/Spaghetti, etc.

Packages of Gum

Small Packages of Chips

Snack-sized Cracker packs

Snack-sized Cookie packs

Beef Jerky

Cereal (small individual
packages)

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

A friend in my prayer group is in need of food donations to make hundreds of breakfast bags for homeless and street kids. Do you know that Texas has the most homeless children in the US? There are about 337,000 kids without homes. The reasons kids leave home are many, but some studies suggest that as many as 90 percent of the youngsters who leave home do so because of child abuse. And thirteen kids die on the streets every day from abuse, disease,

suicide, and hunger. They rarely eat properly and are sick most of the time.

The Newman Smith band can help by dropping off one or more of the items listed. Mr. Centera will provide a table in the band hall for donations through May 6th. All donations, big or small, will be appreciated!

Ginnie Bateman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Band Car Wash	Apr. 25	9AM - 3PM Various Sites
TAKS Testing	Apr. 27-May 1	
TMEA Region 24 Meeting	May 2	NSHS
AP Testing	May 4-15	The Learning Center
Percussion Spring Concert	May 5	NSHS Theatre
Lone Star Ambassadors European Tour Meeting	May 7	NSHS Band Hall
Officer Elections	May 8	NSHS Band Hall
Drum Major Tryouts	May 8	NSHS
Dallas Wind Symphony Festival	May 9	Meyerson Symphony Center
Annual Band Banquet	May 9	Crowne Plaza Hotel/Addison
Drum Line Camp	May 11	NSHS
Jazz-in-the-Park Concert	May 14	Carrollton Amphitheatre
Band Cluster Festival	May 16	NSHS Theatre
Drum Line Camp	May 18	NSHS
Spring Trip	May 22-24	San Antonio
Memorial Day	May 25	
Drum Line Camp	May 26	NSHS
Senior Walk	May 29	First Baptist Church
Spring Marching Camp & Picnic	May 30	NSHS & Josey Ranch Park
Final Exams	June 1-4	
Graduation	June 7	UNT/Denton