

Newman Smith Area Band Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear NSABC families,

Welcome to a new year of Trojan Band!! I would like to extend a huge hug to each of our returning families and especially to our new freshmen parents! I am truly honored to serve as your president this year. We have many great board members who have already done an outstanding job getting ready for the whirlwind that is marching season.

In many ways, it is out with the old and in with the new, as we have taken comments and suggestions from last year's parent meeting and really tried to streamline and improve our booster club. We hope that you will find they are exciting changes and will make your experiences this year easier and more fun!

By the time you receive this newsletter, parents will have already laid the groundwork for concessions, Tournament of Champions has been set, the marching directory is underway, uniforms have all been fitted, and student pictures for directory and buttons are done. Not bad for the week before school actually starts!

For those of you who have not had an opportunity to attend a parent meeting, I would like to point out a few major changes. Concessions are our fund raiser - that is all we do. Though it can be hard work - it can also be fun and rewarding. Many hands make light work and we are excited to try the new section-based method of filling the stands. Each marching section has been assigned at least 2 weeks in the football season to be available to fill the roster. We hope that this is less intimidating than having weeks and weeks to try and keep up with concessions. Debbie Moss has done a great job of getting all the information color-coded and set up. We encourage you to participate. This year we have added some late shifts to help with clean-up after homecoming games.

The more people with nacho cheese on their shirt - the merrier! There will be a Golden Hot Dog Award for the section with the highest percentage of participation - so sign up today! Each family is responsible for working at least 3 shifts. It is a great way to get involved and meet other parents.

This year - be proud and green! We are wearing our spirit wear in the concessions - that is a major change from years past. In addition to the normal spirit wear, we have added a PARENTLINE t-shirt. This is the same as the HORNLINER and DRUMLINER shirts our students wear - but green. They are awesome! Julie Larson and Ginnie Bateman will be offering spirit wear at each function and before each home game. Become part of the "sea of green"!

On the "sea of green" theme, please mark your calendars for the BOA Arlington (October 4th) and the Birdville Marching Festival (October 11th). Our students will be competing and we will want to fill the stands with support. Watch the website for performance times. Also, band parents sit near the band at all games home and away. Don your shirts and join us for a great rousing time!

On a final note, band does tend to become a second family, and as a choir person, I am amazed at the sheer number of hours each student willingly pours into music. I know that not everyone has the same exact amount of time to devote to tournaments and games and hot dogs, but our band program and your child will benefit from every minute that you contribute. If you have a special situation, we have many things that always need to be done. Let me know and we will help you find a niche. Please take the time to read the newsletters and watch the website (nshsband.org) and I look forward to seeing everyone this year at many different events.

Dawn Cloe
NSABC President



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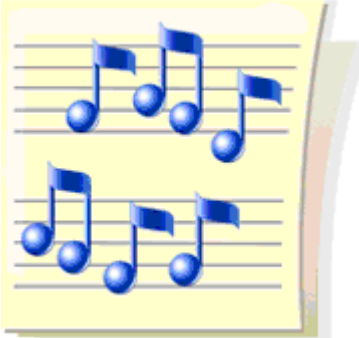
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MR. C'S NOTES



“Our field production of ‘The One’ is loosely based on the Cirque du Soleil production of ‘Quidam’ and it should be a real eye opener.”

Greetings from the 2008 edition of the Trojan Band! As you can probably tell from your kid dragging in each day, we have been hard at it for the past 2 weeks or so and the kids have made incredible progress. We have an outstanding freshman class once again and a solid core of returning students which bodes well for our success in 2008. Our field production of ‘The One’ is loosely based on the Cirque du Soleil production of ‘Quidam’ and it should be a real eye opener. We have changed some of the design team that we use and it seems to have made a big difference in both the visual and musical aspects of the show. The kids are working hard and for the first time ever, we should finish learning all the marching steps by the play-a-thon. That is no small feat as the show is over 70 pages long!

Of course, we want to welcome Mr. Andy Rein to our band family. Andy has been doing a great job along with Mr. Parks and he is fitting in nicely to our staff. Andy is a graduate of Austin Peay University and holds a Masters of Music Performance degree from DePaul University in Chicago. He is quite an accomplished bass trombone player and a former member of the Colts Drum & Bugle Corps. I also want to welcome Mrs. Tamara Coalson to our staff. Tammy is on the dance faculty here at NSHS and

she is joining us to work along with Ms. Roth and the Troyanns. She is a wonderful teacher and she’s been doing a great job this summer.

I want to congratulate our students who participated in the Drum Corps International circuit this summer which concluded with the DCI World Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Philip Black and Trey Langley (Madison Scouts) and Amanda Bateman and Jim Laclede (The Crossmen) had the experience of a lifetime and they are now back at work with us to learn our show. We are very proud of them and the experiences they have add to our group and rub off on the rest of the students. We are really proud of them!

Finally, we hope to see a HUGE crowd out for the annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 7PM at Standridge Stadium. This is a big deal for the kids and the first time they get to perform for an audience. It is really important to be there for your kid and it means a lot to them and to all of us. I hope to see you all as we kick off another exciting year with the Trojan Band!

Mr. C
Band Director

PERCUSSION BEAT

The percussion students got off to a great start at percussion camp the week of July 21st. Thanks to all students, percussion staff and parents for their hard work and

dedication throughout summer band!

Rob Parks
Percussion Director

MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY

As most of you know, there have been many changes in the structure of our booster club this year. We hope they are all useful and make volunteering easier and more fun! Some jobs are large, some are very small, but all are rewarding, fun, and appreciated by the kids. One of the biggest changes is that every band family is a member of the club. Your membership fee was included in the band fees paid. This saves time and also money, as we do not now have to guess how many directories to produce. As a member you are welcome to attend board meetings. We value each person's input.

Each family joining will receive one of our indispensable directories. Besides the student

photos and contact information, the directory also contains the band function calendar, concessions schedule and most important -- maps to the stadiums where football games are held -- great to have in the car! Please make sure that any address changes that have occurred since last year have been updated. Each family will also receive a button with your student's picture!! If you want more than one, please see me at the Ice Cream Social or the Booster Breakfast. Additional copies can be purchased for a minimal charge. Let's have a fun and great year helping together!

Pam Fedorko
Membership & Directory

UNIFORMS

There will be a make-up day to fit your student's band uniform on Saturday morning, August 23rd. This will also be the make-up day for photos for the band directory. Please remind your student to sign up on the sheet in the band hall.

If you are unable to make it on the 23rd, please contact me at teresa_o@verizon.net.

Teresa Oostenbrug
Uniforms

BAND PHOTOS

Marching season has officially started. We will be taking pictures all throughout the year, from practice during this month in the school parking lot to all band events. You can buy those special memories of practice, football games, concerts, and all other fun stuff. There will be several events during the year when you can purchase pictures of that special hard working band member. Arrive early at Standridge Stadium because we will be setting up a table at all home games for you to see the pictures before game time.

pictures of your child, please let us know. Also if you want that extra shot on the field let us know and we will make every effort to zooooooooooooooooom in and get your child's picture.

We will try our very best to take pictures of each and every band member, but if you do not see any

If you have any questions, please call **Jim at 972-416-8834** or **Sharon at 972-242-5014**. You can also email me at jimvato@verizon.net for those special requests (please provide name and instrument they play). Remember, the money that is collected goes to support your band.

Jim Grijalva
Historian

SPIRIT WEAR - PUTTING YOUR OWN SPIN ON IT!

This year we have the opportunity to totally personalize our already great NSHS band spirit wear. If you would like to add an instrument or names to your shirts - please contact Molly McGee-Pettitt! She has graciously offered to embroider spirit wear. Though no cost is

incurred, you can make a contribution to the band if you desire. You can contact her via e-mail - molly9027@hotmail.com. Thanks Molly!!!!

Julie Larson
Ways & Means



WATCH OUT FOR FLYING HOT DOGS!

Working concessions is easy and actually a lot of fun. Each and every detail of what to do, how to do it, and when to do it, is posted in the concession stand. If you would like to see what it's like, you are welcome to stop by the concession stand at 6PM on August 21st. We will be training Stand Managers before the Ice Cream Social...your child must be there at 6 PM so stick around and learn all the ins and outs of perfecting nacho cheese! This year we have assigned sections to be responsible for manning the stands. We hope that this will encourage people to get to know other parents and students in the section as well as make it easier to schedule. Check the schedule on the band website:

http://www.nshsband.org/booster/concession_schedule.php

At each of the events there will be a Stand Manager, Early Adult Workers and Concession Workers. For Homecoming

games we are going to try a new thing: later workers to come and help clean up! Stand Managers are responsible for the moneybags, keys and ensuring that everything runs smoothly during the event. Early Adult Workers come early and begin preparing the food. Their shift is over once the concession workers arrive. Concession Workers sell food and drinks and continue preparing food as needed during the event.

There have already been several opportunities to sign up; but you can also reserve your spot at the Ice Cream Social on August 21st and the Band Breakfast on September 6th. Mentors will be contacting you with information regarding empty spots. There will be a Golden Hot Dog award for the section with the highest parent percentage of participation. We look forward to seeing you!

Debbie Moss
Master Concessions Scheduler

NEW THIS YEAR...SECTION MENTORS

We have added a new position to our band family this year - Marching Section Mentors. These great upperclassmen parents have volunteered their time and expertise to help answer questions, give advice, and make sure that concessions spots are filled! We are so appreciative of their time! We are still looking for a parent for Bass Clarinet. Please contact Dawn at 214-394-1022 or crackofdark@yahoo.com if you would like to get involved.

Trumpets	Darren & LaNita Gardner	972-245-6191
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	Ginnie Bateman	972-236-2187
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	Katherine Womble	972-416-7762
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Bass Clarinets	Open	

WHEN DO I WORK?

BARITONES

Aug. 24-30
Sep. 28-Oct. 4

BASS CLARINETS

Sep. 7-13
Oct. 19-25

CLARINETS

Sep. 14-20
Oct. 12-18

FLUTES

Aug. 31-Sep. 6
Oct. 26-Nov. 1
Nov. 2-8

MELLOPHONES

Sep. 7-13
Oct. 12-18

PERCUSSION

Sep. 21-27
Oct. 26-Nov. 1

SAXOPHONES

Aug. 31-Sep. 6
Oct. 5-11

SOUSAPHONES

Sep. 21-27
Nov. 2-8

TROMBONES

Aug. 24-30
Sep. 28-Oct. 4
Oct. 19-25

TRUMPETS

Sep. 14-20
Oct. 5-11

ATTENTION: TURNER VS SPRUCE GAME ON SEP. 4TH HAS BEEN CANCELLED

WHAT'S NEW AT THE CONCESSION STAND

Opening the concession stand at the beginning of the fall season is an enormous task. There is food to be ordered, equipment to be brought back into running order, and cleaning to be done. This year we have purchased a new hot dog grill for the home side and are looking to eventually replace the one on the visitor's side also. We have had school district electricians, plumbers, HVAC, and building maintenance personnel servicing various items in the concession stand and correcting a few problems that will make our job easier.

This year we have signed a 5-year contract with Pepsi so we will be changing out all the fountains and the ice bins they sit on, all the wall coolers, all the round rolling coolers, all menu boards, and anything else that Coke has provided for us in the past. Pepsi will bring us all new equipment. We will serve Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist, Dr. Pepper, and Tropicana Orange from our new fountains. We will also be serving three flavors of Gatorade

in the bottles.

New menu items will be warm pretzels and four flavors of Italian ice. We will also be serving home-made tamales and flautas from Los Jalapenos Restaurant. All of these should be a big hit with our customers.

The district is busy building a new ticket booth and new bathrooms on the visitor's side and has set up their construction office in our concession stand. At the current time it is not very "customer friendly," in fact, the word "disaster" comes to mind. We will have a big job ahead of us getting the concession stand cleaned and stocked by the first game.

So when the call or email comes to help at the concession stand, please say "yes, I will," because many hands make light work. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Beth Malouf
VP-Concessions

WHY WE DON'T SELL COOKIE DOUGH or IT'S TOC AND UIL CONTEST TIME...

We are once again starting to organize some of the biggest fundraisers of the year for our wonderful band. We as a band will host 2 contests at Standridge Stadium this fall and we need all the band parents to participate to make this work. There are 2 different Saturdays this year - TOC is September 27th and UIL October 18th. We have bands from all over the State of Texas participating. We do everything from serving food, helping direct buses and cars, seating visitors, selling tickets, escorting bands to the warm up and performance areas, selling t-shirts, helping bands get their pictures taken, taking orders for video sales, giving the bands water before and after they perform.... and the list goes on. We have a great time getting to know the other band parents as well as the kids (yes, our kids are out there with us). Please mark your calendars and be ready to roll

up your sleeves and have fun! There have been many opportunities to sign up already, but you will have more at the Ice Cream Social as well as at the Band Breakfast. Hosting these contests as well as running the concession stands during football and soccer season is the way that our band raises funds for the year. It sure beats selling cookie dough, candy, wrapping paper, passbooks, and so many other things that other organizations must do. We also have need of committee chairpeople for both events.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn at 214-394-1022 or crackofdark@yahoo.com.

Dawn Cloe
NSABC President

GET YOUR FOOTBALL TICKETS EARLY!

2008 Varsity Football Season Tickets are now available. Tickets are \$30.00 for all 6 home games. There will be two opportunities to purchase tickets: August 21st at the Ice Cream Social and September 6th at the Booster Breakfast. Band families usually try to sit together by the band, so join us! You may also contact Willie Agnew at willie.agnew@ps.net to purchase tickets.

2008-09 NEWMAN SMITH AREA BAND CLUB OFFICERS

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JAZZ CORNER

Welcome to another exciting and busy school year! We are fortunate at NSHS to have two very accomplished and successful jazz bands, Jazz I and Jazz II. The students and directors work hard during the year in order to perform jazz at a very high level, and the fruits of their labor are evident in the many individual and group awards they receive.

Already our jazz students are preparing for the Region Jazz Band auditions to be held on September 20th at RL Turner High School. Results will be posted on the band website (www.nshsband.org) and in the band newsletter. Good luck to all!

Susan Wyatt
Jazz Band Liaison

ENTERTAINMENT

On Thursday, August 21, come out to Standridge to see what your students have been diligently working on for the last month! Cool down on the mezzanine with some ice cream. Then on Saturday, September 6, we will be serving up donuts, muffins and fruit at the Booster Breakfast. Once again, you will see how your students have progressed!

You will also have the opportunity to get to know the other parents in your section. If you are interested in helping out at either of these events, please contact Meredith Sterk at Meredith.Sterk@gmail.com. We'll see you soon!

Meredith Sterk
Entertainment

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stand Manager Training	Aug 21	6PM at Standridge Stadium
Ice Cream Social	Aug 21	7PM at Standridge Stadium
Last Uniform Fitting	Aug 23	Band Hall
TMEA/UIIL Region 24 Meeting	Aug 23	NSHS
Board Meeting	Aug 26	6:30PM in Band Hall
Game vs Denton Guyer	Aug 28	7PM in Denton
Game vs Keller Central	Sep 5	7:30PM at Standridge Stadium
Booster Breakfast	Sep 6	9AM in Cafeteria
Game vs Irving	Sep 11	7PM in Irving
Region Jazz Auditions	Sep 20	RL Turner HS
Game vs Highland Park	Sep 25	7PM at Standridge Stadium
Tournament of Champions	Sep 27	All Day & Evening at Standridge