

Newman Smith Area Band Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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Dear Band Families!

I cannot fathom how this year has gone by so quickly! We had so many students make State and I have heard from some very reliable sources that the concerts were spectacular.

UIL season is almost upon us - so do not miss your opportunity to hear your student play. The website and this newsletter have all the important dates for you to transfer to your calendar.

Mr. C. has informed me that the tuxes have arrived - so our men will look dashing I am sure! Do not worry ladies - soon we will transform your look!

Concessions are still going strong - thanks to all who have given of your valuable time. We still have a whole month of soccer games and track meets left - so let's push through to the end. Be on the lookout for messages from mentors and Debbie Moss advising of slots that need to be filled.

This is also the time to start thinking about joining a planning committee for next year. We have several board seats open - including the Treasurer. These are very important positions that we really must have so that our booster club continues to be the very best. Some are small and

some are very large - but all are important. Please let me know if you are willing to serve or even shadow for the future for any positions. I can be reached at crackofdark@yahoo.com or 214-394-1022 anytime. We love having all of you helping and we have fun...really we do!

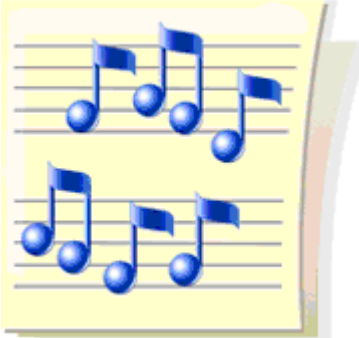
We will also be looking for parents to be mentors for next year....and we will send out a memo about a meeting for those positions. We had great success with that this year - but we have many more ideas to expand those positions in the future.

We will be sending home information for ad sales for the 2009 TOC competition....with great prizes for highest seller both student and family. We are hoping to get enough ad sales to finance TOC totally. Get out there and get your retail store or dentist to participate!

I know that there is a flurry of events that will be stuffed into the next 3 months and your time is valuable. I want to thank each and every one of you for making this band the absolute very best!

Dawn
NSABC President

MR. C'S NOTES



“A special congratulations is in order for the 70 students who received 1st division ‘Superior’ ratings at UIL Solo Contest held at Liberty HS in Frisco on Feb. 7. ”

Greetings from the NSHS Band! We have returned from an incredible TMEA Convention in San Antonio, and we are hard at work preparing our spring contest programs for the respective concert bands. Our All-State students did a tremendous job in San Antonio and had the experience of a lifetime performing with the best high school honor groups in the nation. TMEA is a huge event and is the largest annual music convention in the world! This year’s convention set a record-topping 25,000 educators, exhibitors, performers, students, parents, and visitors in attendance!

We now turn our full focus to preparing for a number of upcoming festivals...the UTA Jazz Festival on Friday, Feb. 27; Pre-UIL Contest held at NSHS on Monday, March 9; UIL Contest for full Orchestra on Friday, March 13; the TCU Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 28; and UIL Contest on April 8 - 9 at Centennial HS. These upcoming weeks of preparation are every bit as intense as anything we do in marching season and a VERY important part of our program. I hope you will be able to come to some of the events listed above and support our great students in performance!

A special congratulations is in order for the 70 students who received 1st division ‘Superior’ ratings at UIL Solo Contest held at Liberty HS in Frisco on Feb. 7. The students worked very hard for this event and I am extremely proud of their success. Many of them

earned letter jackets for next fall by receiving a top rating on the most difficult level of solo!

On a business note, we still have about 20 students who owe for their yearly band fees. In these difficult economic times we are happy to work with you in any way needed to cover these fees. However, I need you to communicate what works best, and we can arrange to get these fees taken care of as soon as possible. We are having some problems financially because of these late fees, and I am hopeful we can clear these items up as soon as possible. Just contact me at school via phone and/or email and we’ll work it out.

Finally, our outstanding trip balances are due the week of Feb. 23rd. Our trip will be to San Antonio during Memorial Day weekend, May 22 - 24. We changed due to the tough times many families were having with the expense of our Breckenridge trip. We are planning to visit the Riverwalk, Fiesta Texas, and Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels for a fun weekend and well-deserved rest for our students. Please make all checks for the trip payable to: ‘NSHS’.

Thanks so much for your support of music education and the awesome students of the NSHS Trojan Band!

Mr. C
Band Director

CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS!

Events at Standridge Stadium for the remainder of February, all of March and early April include boys and girls high school soccer; middle school track meets; high school track meets; and the Regional 4A soccer tournament.

Band parents, please help us fill the slots for all of these events. WE NEED YOUR HELP! You can go to the band website to see when the games are and what workers are needed. You don't have to wait for a call in order to help. Just tell me when you want to work, and I will add you to

the schedule. My email is debbiemoss@verizon.net. The band needs the concession stand as a fundraiser. All of us need to work together to get the job done so that it is not left to a few of the same people all of the time.

Thanks in advance to all who are willing to work! See you at the concession stand.

Deb Moss
Master Concession
Scheduler

ICE MACHINE NEEDED...If you have any information on how to find and/or purchase a large, heavy-duty ice machine suitable for the Visitors concession stand, please contact Beth Malouf at eamalouf@verizon.net or 972-242-0385. Thanks!

BAND PHOTOS

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures... We now have pictures dating from the Spring Band Camp & Picnic in May to the Jazz concert.

Arrive early at the Pre-UIL Concert on March 9th, we will be setting up a table for you to see the pictures before concert time. Remember this will be the last event that 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 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

PERCUSSION BEAT

I am pleased to announce the formation of the Newman Smith Afro-Brazilian Ensemble! I have been communicating with our principal for some time about obtaining funds to start such an ensemble for our fantastic percussion students. During the week of February 15th, the funds were approved to purchase the equipment necessary to start such an ensemble. Thank you Mr. Pouncy!!! If all things go well, this new ensemble will be able to perform at our Percussion Concert on May 5th.

In addition, the Smith Percussion Club is up and running. The 6th and 7th graders from Polk, Perry and Long Middle Schools are meeting at NSHS from 4:30-5:30PM and the 8th-11th graders are meeting from 5:30-7:30PM. We are having a great time so far and look forward to performing at the concert in May. For our weekly schedule check the band full calendar at www.nshsband.org/calendar.

Rob Parks
Percussion Director

JAZZ CORNER

Spring is a busy time for the NSHS Jazz bands. Listed below are the jazz festivals in which Jazz I and Jazz II are participating and competing:

- February 27 (Friday)
UTA Jazz Festival at
UT Arlington
- March 28 (Saturday)
TCU Jazz Festival at
Texas Christian University,
Ed Landreth Auditorium

Specific times, locations, and directions will be posted on the band website closer to each event. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come support our award-winning Jazz Bands!

Susan Wyatt
NSHS Jazz Liaison

SAVE THE DATE...

Mark your calendars for the Annual Band Banquet on Saturday, May 9, 2009. The Banquet will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison.

More details will be forthcoming. You don't want to miss it!

Meredith Sterk
Entertainment

- ➡ Senior Wills
- ➡ Great Food
- ➡ Friends & Family
- ➡ Don't Be Left At Home

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Trip Balance Due	Feb. 23-27	
UTA Jazz Festival	Feb. 27	UT Arlington
Band Board Meeting	Mar. 3	6:30PM in Band Hall
Band Pre-UIL Concert	Mar. 9	NSHS Theatre
Orchestra UIL C/SR Contest	Mar. 13	NSHS Theatre
Spring Break!	Mar. 16-20	
TCU Jazz Festival	Mar. 28	TCU/Ft. Worth
Band UIL Contest	Apr. 8-9	Centennial HS/Frisco
Easter Holiday	Apr. 10-12	
Honor Band Concert	Apr. 23	St. Luke's UMC/Plano
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
Dallas Wind Symphony Festival	May 8	Meyerson Symphony Center
Officer Elections	May 8	NSHS Band Hall
Drum Major Tryouts	May 8	NSHS
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
Leadership Camp	June 9-12	NSHS

