

Newman Smith Area Band Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Band families!

Welcome to 2009! Already it has been a fantastic year for our students! So many making All-State - it is a real testament to the amount of work they put into their program! Congratulations to them all!

The soccer season is upon us - so dust off your Parent Line t-shirts and dive into nachos! We will only need a few parents each week - nothing like the fall - so if only a few people help once from now until April - it will be a piece of cake - or pretzel or popcorn...!

UIL season is coming as well as solo and ensemble. The year is far from over and there is still time to get involved.

We will be ordering the concert uniforms soon - I am sure our band will look totally dashing!

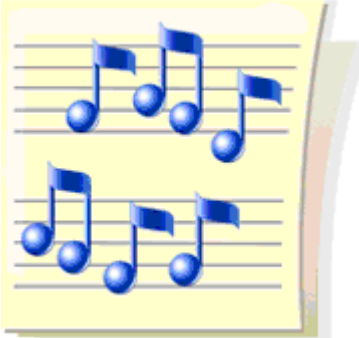
I look forward to a great Spring!

Dawn
NSABC President

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MR. C'S NOTES



“This is the greatest individual honor a high school musician can attain and it places them in the top 2% of all high school students in the nation!”

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you had a wonderful and restful holiday season. The NSHS Bands are back to work getting ready for a variety of upcoming events in 2009. Many people mistakenly think that since marching season ended we must be lacking in things to do. Fortunately, that is not the case. Band involves so many aspects and so much variety that there is never a dull moment. Since the end of marching season in November, we have had a jazz ensemble concert, all-region jazz, all-region band tryouts, and the NSHS Musical production of ‘Grease’.

This past weekend we transported our students to Abilene Christian University for the TMEA AREA A tryouts. This tryout involved students from the northwest quadrant of Texas...from DFW to Amarillo and Lubbock. For the first time ever, all of our students were selected for the Texas All-State Band! This is the greatest individual honor a high school musician can attain and it places them in the top 2% of all high school students in the nation! We also have the largest number of All-State students in CFB and in the history of NSHS! This is awesome news and it is a tribute to the dedication and hard work of these outstanding students:

Brandon Bateman Senior
Tenor saxophone
All-State Jazz Ensemble

Amanda Bateman Sophomore
Trumpet
All-State Band

John Himmelspach Senior
Contra clarinet
All-State Band

Elijah Ramos Junior
Tuba
All-State Band

Brett Wyatt Sophomore
Trombone
All-State Band

Clint Wyatt Senior
Trombone
All-State Band

These students will now travel to San Antonio for the Texas Music Educators Association Convention on Feb. 11 to perform with the Texas All-State Band and Jazz Ensemble. What an incredible experience it will be for them. TMEA is the largest annual music convention in the world!

We have several upcoming events including UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest at Liberty HS in Frisco on Feb. 7, the UTA Jazz Festival at Bowie HS in Arlington on Feb. 28, and pre-UIL Band Contest on Mar. 9 at NSHS. We hope you can come out and support your kids and our program. We are so proud of them, and we know you are too!

Mr. C
Band Director

CONCESSION STAND UPDATE

Let's imagine the whole band organization as a movie production. The band members are the "show" and the parents of the band members are the "producers" that provide the necessary funding to keep things going. Keeping that thought in mind, this is the perfect time to learn how we make the money.

Starting January 13 and continuing for the next couple of months, we will open the concession stand for soccer games and tournaments and track meets. Only the home side will be open and the crowd will be smaller than fall football games.

We need everybody's help. Here's how: Go to the band web site at www.nshsband.org. On the right side of the page is a link to "Booster Club" and then a link to "Concession Stand" and then "Schedule." Here you can discover all the game schedules and locate available worker positions. Just email Deb Moss through the email link to let her know how you can help.

Now is the time to come and learn all the tricks of the concession stand so next year you will be able to help the new band parents.

See you at the stadium,
Beth Malouf
VP Concessions

CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS!

The plan for scheduling our spring concession stand events is as follows:

Mentors have each been assigned a couple of events during the spring season. They are to check the website for their event and find out what workers are needed and then make calls to their sections to find workers. We have openings for students, but if there are no students signed up, we will need to fill those spots with adult workers. The events are mostly on Tuesdays and Fridays and the tournaments/track meets are on Saturdays.

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! Thanks to all of you who worked so hard last semester - we had fun and earned money too!

See you at the concession stand!
Deb Moss
Master Concession Scheduler

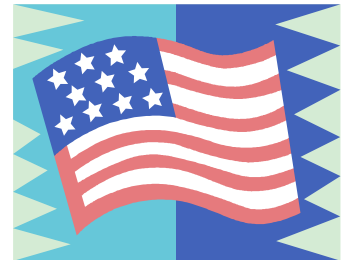
BAND STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On December 18 a total of 52 NSHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society including 20 band members: Meghan Dillard, Neil Haag, Alethea Atkins, Brandon Binns, Katherine Clyde, Christiana DeLaRue, Christian Dorn, Margaret Floeter, Gilberto Hinojosa, Samantha Huffman, Sean Jasper, Jenna Jones, Trey Langley, Jennifer Long, Julia Ou, Katelyn Ryan, Scott Schmidt, Sangeetha Thomas, Mary Chris Vogt, and Jacob Winstel.

They join fellow band members who are currently a part of the National Honor Society: Chris Ayala, Amber-Rae Grijalva, Grace Han, Jessica Le, Joe Munoz, and Michelle Yang.

Our band kids make up almost half of the NSHS National Honor Society. Congratulations to all!

Barbara Huffman
Newsletter Editor



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

The NSHS Band can also boast of two outstanding young men who will be honored as Eagle Scouts at the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on Jan. 24th.

Christian Dorn chose InnerCity Solutions of Dallas as the beneficiary of his Eagle Project. He organized and led scouts in moving a backyard play system and fort from a residence to a controlled worksite where a restoration process took place. After several workdays, the play system was transported and installed at a small church in south Dallas.

Jim Laclede constructed three rolling bookshelves to be used by

the pre-K classes at Carrollton Elementary School. The process started with soliciting donated materials from Home Depot and Turner Hardware, then obtaining the materials, cutting the wood, priming it, applying the final coat of paint, assembling the bookshelves and delivering them to the classroom.

Christian and Jim join fellow Eagle Scout, Brent Rabenaldt.

Becky & Bob Dorn
Lisa & Steve Laclede

UPCOMING EVENTS



All-Region Clinic & Concert	Jan. 23-24	Flower Mound HS
UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest	Feb. 7	Liberty HS (Frisco)
Pre-UIL Orchestra Contest	Feb. 10	NSHS
TMEA Convention	Feb. 11-15	San Antonio
Band Board Meeting	Feb. 16	6:30PM in Band Hall
UTA Jazz Festival	Feb. 28	Bowie HS