

Newman Smith Area Band Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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Dear Band Families!

April is upon us and there is so much still to do! The school district is really promoting Standridge Stadium and so we have worked almost as many games in soccer and track as we had football games! This is a good thing/bad thing deal for sure...and that is why we still need your help. These games are generally a lot smaller than football games - but just as important.

Our booster club runs solely on the good heartedness of our parents. There is no way that the board can do it all. I am sure that you all know that in any organization 10% of the people do 100 % of the work and that is still true today. I know - more than most - how difficult it can be to get everything done and still have time to sleep. I also know that I am not really keen on paying \$900 a year for my son to be in band. I do not want to see us lose our contract and so we will need every family to help us meet our obligation. I am aware

that there are many families who have not completed their 3 game obligation. I promise it is not too difficult and you are REALLY needed! Please check the website for details on when we will have games.

OK - enough of the tough love...on to more fun things like... our Jazz bands are AWESOME!! If you have not had a chance to hear them - do not forget that you will have a great opportunity in May. UIL is approaching fast - so check the website (nshsband.org) to see when your student is performing and show your support. UIL will be at Centennial High School. There is no charge and the performance times will be posted. Your student will love your presence!

The month of May will be jam-packed with end of the year concerts and events and you do not want to miss even one!

Dawn
NSABC President

MR. C'S NOTES



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Greetings from the NSHS Band Dept! It is a very busy time of year and I can't say enough about the kids and how they have really stepped up in terms of their level of performance. Our pre-UIL performance here at NSHS went very well and we are now in our final preparations for UIL Contest on April 8 - 9 at Centennial HS. We will have 2 bands performing on Wednesday the 8th...the Concert Band will perform at 11:40AM and the Symphonic Band at 3:25PM. The Wind Symphony will be performing on Thursday the 9th at 1:15PM. The performances are free and even though it is the middle of a work day, I hope many of you can come out and hear the groups as it is one of the most important things we do all year. All 3 groups are playing very well and we are hopeful that we can bring home multiple UIL Sweepstakes Awards (1st division concert & 1st division sight reading). Centennial HS is located in Frisco off of Coit Rd. north of Hwy 121 near Stonebriar Mall. By the way, the kids look really great in our new concert tuxes!

In other news, our jazz ensembles have continued their winning tradition by placing among the best in the Metroplex at both the UTA and TCU Jazz Festivals. At UTA, Jazz Ensemble II was awarded 1st place in the 5A 2nd band class and Jazz Ensemble I was awarded 3rd place in the 5A 1st band class. At the TCU Festival

this past weekend, both bands received 2nd place in their respective classes. Additionally, we are the ONLY school to choose to move up a class from 4A to 5A in order to compete with the 'Big Boys'. I am really proud of our kids and the job they did. Additionally, our lead trumpet player, Philip Black, received an award for being the most outstanding trumpet player at the 5A performance site out of all the competing bands. He is a phenomenal player and really deserving after a performance like that!

Finally, we are bringing back the band car wash that we used to do every August. However, we will be doing this in the spring...on April 25th with May 2nd being the alternate date if needed. We will have 10 sites all over Carrollton and we'll aim to wash 1000+ cars that day. The standard pledge is \$10 and students will be vying to collect as many pledges as possible before the event and then collect the money afterward. It should be a fun day for everyone and, of course, you can come get your car washed for free that day!

Thanks for all you do as parents and supporters of the NSHS Bands! We hope to see you at UIL and all our spring upcoming events!

Mr. C
Band Director

CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS!

Just when we thought that our concession stand duties were over, we were informed of more events at the stadium - some playoff events and some other games that were not originally scheduled. For example, on April 9th, we need parents of symphonic and concert bands to help. That is UIL day, and all Wind Symphony parents will be listening to their students play for UIL.

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Since Newman Smith Band Booster Club has the contract for the concession stand at the stadium, we are OBLIGATED to have the concession stand up and running for ALL events.

Of course this means more money for our band, but it also means that the handful of workers who have been working lately need your help. Mr. Centera is asking your students to volunteer - please consider coming with your student. We really need more adults to volunteer for the April and May events.

The concession stand is OUR FUNDRAISER. Without it each of us would be paying hundreds of dollars for our students to participate in band. This is not a fundraiser where you can send in your money and forget about it. Our fundraiser relies on all band parents to get out and help - make hot dogs, pour coffee, sell drinks or make nachos. If you

haven't worked yet, give it a try!!! Call me and schedule a date that you can work. There will be someone there to help you learn the procedures.

Email me at debbiemoss@verizon.net.

Deb Moss

Master Concession Scheduler

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Friday, Apr. 3 Soccer
10:00AM - 3:30PM
3:30PM - 8:00PM

Saturday, Apr. 4 Soccer
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Thursday, Apr. 9 Track/Field
2:30PM - Close

Friday, Apr. 17 Soccer 5:30PM

Friday, Apr. 24 Soccer 5:30PM

Friday, May 1 Soccer 5:30PM

Friday, May 8 Soccer 5:30PM

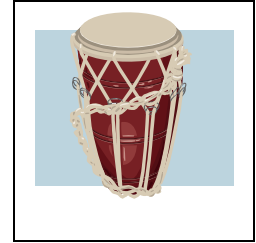
Friday, May 15 Soccer 5:30PM

PERCUSSION BEAT

The percussion students are preparing for various upcoming performances, including UIL band performances on April 8 and 9. In addition to UIL, the percussion students are preparing for their May 5th concert which will feature the Smith Percussion Club as well as the newly formed Afro-Brazilian ensemble "Escola de Smith" or "School from Smith". "Escola de Smith" is comprised of 6th-12th grade percussionists in the Smith Cluster. The ensemble will perform a variety of musical

styles including Samba, Samba Reggae, and traditional *Batucadas*. In a traditional setting, 'Escola' or 'school' refers to a group of musicians that perform a variety of Brazilian musical styles. This new ensemble will be performing on instruments purchased with funds approved by our wonderful and supportive principal, Mr. Joe Pouncy. Thanks, Mr. Pouncy!

Rob Parks
Percussion Director



BOOSTER CLUB BOARD -- OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2009/2010

We have several openings on the board for the next school year. We have so much fun - and do not get me wrong, it is hard work - but you will spend lots of time with your kids and some really great parents - it is worth the investment! We will need the following as well as additional parents to serve on committees:

Treasurer
Concessions Scheduler
Committee Members
Newsletter
Way & Means (Sprit Wear)
Percussion Liaison
Mentors

The board is also looking for the next **Webmaster** to shadow the current Webmaster in order to

take over maintenance and support of the band's website in the summer of 2010. The prospective Webmaster should have software programming skills that include experience with HTML, php, and MySQL. If interested, please contact Greg Huffman at gthuffman@gmail.com for more information.

We will also need at least **2 drivers** for the trucks that transport the percussion equipment.

Please contact Dawn at 214-394-1022 or crackofdank@yahoo.com if you are interested in any of these positions - or just as importantly - to train for the following year.

JAZZ CORNER

On Friday, February 27th, the NSHS Jazz Bands I and II successfully competed at the UTA Jazz Festival, with Jazz II earning 1st Place and Jazz I earning 3rd Place in their respective categories! In addition, the following students received "Outstanding Musicianship Awards": Sean Jasper, Neil Haag, Brandon

Bateman, Jim Laclede, Brett Wyatt, Clint Wyatt, Scott Schmidt, Trey Langley, Philip Black, and Christian Dorn. Congratulations everyone!
Susan Wyatt
NSHS Jazz Liaison

UPCOMING EVENTS

Band UIL Contest	Apr. 8-9	Centennial HS/Frisco
Easter Holiday	Apr. 10-12	
Honor Band Concert	Apr. 23	St. Luke's UMC/Piano
Band Car Wash	Apr. 25	
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
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

