

Newman Smith Area Band Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Band Families!

The holidays are upon us - a time for being with the ones we love and to hopefully rest and refresh for the New Year. This is the last newsletter this year - and I have to say - it has been a great band year so far! Our students are wonderful and hard working as always, and we should be proud of each and every one. A great measure of thanks to all of our directors - without them - it would not be half as great!

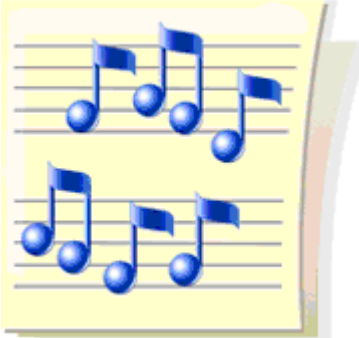
The calendar is chocked full of activities in the last of November and all of December. Check the website for info on the football playoff game on Nov. 22nd and a possible playoff game on Nov. 28th. As always we will need as many helpers in the concession stand as possible. We will then get a break until the end of January - so rest up! Soccer games are a cakewalk compared to regular games - so plan to hang out at least once with us in the spring.

Do not miss the musical "Grease!" and the first annual Holiday Open House in December! Dig out your fancy holiday duds and your best holiday goodie recipe. The cafeteria will be turned into a wonderland (ok, I know it is a cafeteria, but you would be surprised what Meredith can do with some lights and duct tape!). The bands will perform holiday music, and it will be so loud, no one will hear you singing! Do not forget your new, unwrapped toy - a way to give back is always great.

I want to wish each of you a wonderful and safe holiday and a happy New Year! It has truly been my honor to be your president so far this school year - and we will have more opportunity to improve our program in the months to come.

Dawn Cloe
NSABC President

MR. C'S NOTES



“...Holiday Open House concert on Dec. 18 in the NSHS Cafeteria... We look for that to be a fun night for all with lots of refreshments and goodies as well as some great music to enhance your holiday mood!”

Autumn has arrived! Finally, as the weather turns cool and the leaves begin to change, we turn our attention away from a successful marching season and onto many other important aspects of band. First comes the turning in of all ‘cleaned’ marching uniforms and accessories as well as all marching instruments (i.e., mellophones, marching baritones, and sousaphones). The kids are playing in their respective concert bands, we are enjoying sightreading lots of music, and we’re even starting to prepare for our Holiday Open House concert on Dec. 18 in the NSHS Cafeteria. We hope you will all make your plans to attend and bring your donation (more about this on the website soon!). We look for that to be a fun night for all with lots of refreshments and goodies as well as some great music to enhance your holiday mood!

The kids are also in the home stretch of preparing for All-Region tryouts the week after Thanksgiving. We have 90+ kids who will be auditioning that week for a spot in one of the All-Region Bands that will perform in January. This is a great honor as our region is recognized as among the most outstanding in Texas. Many of the very best high school musicians in the state are right here, so it is a huge honor to make one of the bands. For the students who place at the top, they will continue on to the AREA tryouts held at Abilene Christian University on Jan. 10. This audition will

determine which students make the Texas All-State Band. Last year we had 3 outstanding students do this in band and 1 in jazz. We hope to equal or surpass that this year!

Speaking of All-State, we have already had some terrific news in that for the 2nd year in a row we have had a student selected to the Texas All-State Jazz Ensemble. Congratulations go out to senior tenor saxophonist, Brandon Bateman, for finishing in the top 2 tenors in the entire state of Texas! This is amazing, and it will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for him as he performs with the All-State Jazz Ensemble at the TMEA Convention in San Antonio this February. What an awesome experience for Brandon!

Finally, I want to personally thank each and every one of you who helped make this fall a success. Whether you helped fit uniforms, took pictures, chaperoned games, hosted bands, worked concessions, or did any of the other countless jobs required to make our program go...I want to say ‘THANK YOU’ in the most sincere way possible. We truly could not do it without you.

See you on Dec. 18! Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. C
Band Director

PERCUSSION BEAT

Congratulations to the Smith Percussion Section for placing 17th out of 29 groups in the Standstill Division II at the Lonestar Drumline Competition! Thank you to all students and parents for your support at the contest as well as throughout the fall.

The Smith Percussion students are making final preparations for the

upcoming Region Band Auditions on December 2nd and 6th. Please check the band website for audition locations for both dates. In addition, the Percussion Ensemble will be performing a piece at the upcoming Holiday Open House concert on December 18th.

Rob Parks
Percussion Director

BAND PHOTOS ON DISPLAY AND FOR SALE

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!
We now have pictures dating from the Spring Band Camp & Picnic in May to the last football game in Richardson (JJ Pearce). Stop by and see those great shots of special memories of your band student. We also have those special shots from Homecoming & Senior Night and siblings.

Arrive early at the Holiday Open House Concert on December 18, we will be setting up a table for you to see the pictures before concert time. Remember there will be several events during the next year when you can purchase pictures of that special hard working band member.

We will try our very best to take pictures of each and every band

member, but if you do not see any pictures of your child, please let us know. Also, if you want that extra shot during upcoming UIL events, let us know and we will make every effort to zooooooooooooooooom in and get your child's picture.

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.

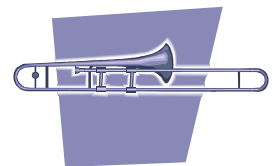
Jim Grijalva
Historian

JAZZ CORNER

Congratulations to Brandon Bateman (tenor saxophone) for being selected to the Texas All-State Jazz Band! He will perform with the jazz band at the February TMEA All-State convention in San Antonio. All of our NSHS Region Jazz students

will perform at the All-Region 24 Jazz concert on Thursday, November 20 at R.L. Turner High School.

Great job everyone!
Susan Wyatt
Jazz Liaison



CONCESSION STAND NEWS!

Now that we've practiced serving chili and cheese all fall, we'll be so good at it this spring for the soccer games which start January 13th! I appreciate all the dedicated concession workers who showed up, set up, and cleaned up, doing it all with smiles on their faces. This truly is a fun group. If you haven't been joining us, maybe this spring will provide you an opportunity to help in the concession stand. Please go to the website and see where there are openings.

Our old ice machine in the visitors' side concession stand made its last ice cube two days before our huge UIL event. Since then we have had to haul ice from several sources to keep that stand running. Can't serve cold drinks without ice! This spring we'll be looking at different options to replace that ice-making equipment.

Did you know that it was the first ice machine the booster club

purchased back when we first opened the concession stand on the home side? It was moved to the visitors' side in 2001 when we purchased the middle ice machine on the home side. The end ice machine on the home side is the newest, purchased in 2007.

The district has installed a ventilation system in the visitors' side stand that will pull the heat from the building, making it less of a "hot box" and enabling our heat-producing electrical appliances (refrigerator, freezer, ice machine, etc.) to run with less stress.

And, yes, the new bathrooms and new ticket booth on the visitors' side are finally finished and ready to use. What a project! They will be so nice next fall when we have large TOC and UIL crowds.

Beth Malouf
VP-Concessions

Trivia Question:

How many cans of cheese and chili have we opened and served this fall?

Cheese - 237 cans
Chili - 183 cans

Kind of makes you feel sorry for the can opener!

CONCESSIONS VOLUNTEERS

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES!

**** Saturday, Nov. 22
2PM**

**** Friday, Nov. 28
--Tentative--**

**CONCESSIONS VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED...CHECK THE
WEBSITE FOR DETAILS...**

I can't thank everyone enough for all of the hours that you worked to keep our concession stands open for all of the events in the fall. There were 1,944 concession stand volunteer hours turned in for August through November 7th! That doesn't include the UIL and TOC contests. WOW! If you haven't had the opportunity to come out and help in the concession stands, there is still time. We have the soccer season starting in January. Most of the spring events will be on

Tuesday and Friday nights. Please make sure to check the band booster club website to see what slots are open for each event.

I will have sign-up sheets for the spring season available at the Holiday Open House concert in December. Please bring your calendars and be ready to sign up for some events. We need everyone to make this work!

Debbie Moss
Master Concessions
Scheduler

SAN ANTONIO...HERE WE COME!

The band will be traveling to San Antonio on Friday, May 22, and returning on Monday, May 25, 2009. No classes will be missed as this is the Memorial Day holiday weekend. We will be staying at the Doubletree Hotel in San Antonio, and we have arranged for the kids to attend Sea World all day Saturday and then spend all day Sunday at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels. Our hotel accommodations include breakfast each morning and a beautiful courtyard and pool. We feel that this trip

will offer a fun time for the students at an affordable price. We want all our students to have a chance to travel and enjoy the rewards for an outstanding year!

Total cost for the trip is \$400. The deposit of \$200 or full payment of \$400 is due now. The final payment is due on February 27th. Make all checks payable to 'NSHS'.

Mr. C
Band Director

ENTERTAINMENT

BAND FALL PARTY!

When: Friday, November 21
From 6PM to 10PM
Where: Country Place Clubhouse
Why: Because the kids have worked so hard!

Please bring the following:
Freshmen - 2 Liter Bottle of Soda
Sophomores - Cookies
Juniors - Chips
Seniors - Nothing! This is a treat for you!

Meredith Sterk
Entertainment



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Party	Nov. 21	6:00 - 10:00PM at Country Place Clubhouse
Playoff Game	Nov. 22	2:00PM at Standridge Stadium
Fall Break	Nov. 24-28	
Possible Playoff Game	Nov. 28	TBA at Standridge Stadium
Region Phase I Band Auditions	Dec. 2	Grapevine High School
Region Phase II & 9 th Grade Band Auditions	Dec. 6	The Colony High School
NSHS Fine Arts Musical "Grease"	Dec. 11-13	NSHS Theatre
Holiday Open House Concert	Dec. 18	7:00PM in Cafeteria
Winter Break	Dec. 22-Jan. 2	