

# Newman Smith Area Band Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Band Families:

By the time you read this article, UIL will be upon us and the concessions year will be almost over. Unbelievably amazing that the time goes by so fast! As a reminder, the booster dollars raised by parents and students pay for nearly all of our band's requirements for the year. These expenses include truck rentals, bus rentals, private lessons, and most importantly this year, replacing our men's concert uniforms.... a real need!

I cannot express my appreciation to all of you who work tirelessly to make sure that we are staffed and that concessions run smoothly. Tournaments are above and beyond, I know, but needed just the same!

Hopefully, each of you has had a chance to see the Trojan Band perform at a contest, but if you have not, UIL is a great opportunity to do that. UIL is at Standridge - so it is close - and always a great time! Volunteer a few hours while you wait. Lol!

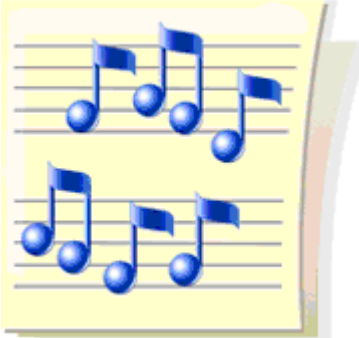
The weather has been great and though we were not in the finals of BOA (I thought they were the best band there!!!), the students still have a chance to strut their stuff at Birdville and UIL. I am sure they will be grand!

We have several families who have not picked up a button and directory. Final warning that they will be sent home with your student soon, so if you ever want a chance to actually see them....better come and get them from Pam Fedorko. Her contact information is listed in this newsletter.

I know that all of the Board members work hard at keeping everyone apprised of future events, so be sure and read the newsletter and website so you can always be prepared.

I am sure I will see you soon!  
Dawn  
NSABC President

## MR. C'S NOTES



*“ I love these kids....the way they work and the way they care about the program and each other.”*

Wow, the end is in sight! We have had a strong season with the Trojan Band and the contest part of it is almost over. TOC was an awesome event drawing some of the best bands in the Metroplex and it was spectacularly run by our incredible parents and students. There were nothing but positive comments and glowing reports about the professionalism, friendliness, and positive attitude displayed by the Trojan Band family. It was truly an outstanding event and a great performance by the kids. Of course, we followed that up with the Bands of America competition at UT Arlington. The kids had a very strong show and the level of support by our parents who traveled to see us was awesome! One of our goals had been to make finals and while that didn't happen for us, we felt very good about the kids' performance and their attitude was terrific! We stayed and enjoyed the finals performances and saw arguably some of the best high school marching bands in the country. It was awesome and a true learning experience for our kids. As of this writing, we are preparing to go to the Birdville Marching Contest and I am hoping for another strong performance and positive results. The kids have been amazing this year and the level of commitment and dedication to pull off these incredibly complicated shows is astounding. I love these kids....the way they work and the way they care about the program and each other. We've had some trying stretches

this fall, and they have really pulled together and learned a lot about themselves and the values of commitment and leadership. Hopefully, these lessons will serve them later in life.

As the contest portion of our marching season draws to a close, we turn our attention to finishing the football season and preparing for All-Region tryouts. The kids have been hard at work perfecting the etudes, and their tryout is against kids from some great band programs...Marcus, Hebron, Flower Mound, Colleyville Heritage, etc. However, we have some outstanding players of our own, and I know we'll do well. Additionally, we will let our hair down a bit at the fall party on Friday, Nov. 21, at the Country Place Clubhouse! Lots of fun!!

I want to thank each of you who do the myriad of things to make our program work. Specifically, working the concession stands, working at TOC and UIL, riding buses, fitting uniforms, taking pictures, and on and on. We could not do the things we do or provide the opportunities for the kids without you. The parents are a vital part of our success, and we want you to know that we appreciate it so much! I look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming event!

Mr. C  
Band Director

## PERCUSSION BEAT

The annual Lone Star Classic Drum Line competition will take place on Nov. 15 at Goldsmith Stadium in Lewisville. Our performance time will be announced on

the website as soon as we are notified. Please come out and support our fantastic percussion students!

Rob Parks  
Percussion Director

**Congratulations to the Percussion Section for being recognized as “Outstanding Percussion” in Class 4A competition at the Birdville Marching Festival!**

## MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY

### PARENTS-LAST CHANCE FOR BAND BUTTON REORDERS!

As everyone knows, each band family receives 1 free directory and 1 free button that has a photo of their band student. Parents---if you have not picked up yet, you may do so at UIL competition.

The deadline for ordering extra buttons is October 19. They are \$3 per button.

Due to extra shipping on smaller orders, any special rush requests prior to the deadline date will be charged \$5 per button with a minimum of a 2 button order.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 972-307-2353 or david.pamela@verizon.net.

Pamela Fedorko  
Membership

## SPRING BREAK TRIP TO WINTER PARK, COLORADO

This spring the band will be traveling to the Winter Park Ski-Music Festival in Winter Park, CO, from March 13-18, 2009. The purpose of this trip each year is to reward our students for all the hard work they put into the band program.

While in Winter Park, the kids will be staying at the beautiful Iron Horse Resort. Each condo includes a full kitchen, cable TV and beautiful furnishings. All ski equipment rental, 2-day lift tickets, and half-day ski lessons for novice skiers are included in the trip cost. The Iron Horse

Resort is ski-in/ski-out and is one of the most popular ski areas in North America.

The total cost of the trip is \$800. A deposit of \$400 is due on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, with the balance due on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope all students will participate and enjoy what proves to be one of the most memorable events of high school.

## JAZZ CORNER

On Saturday, September 20, over 100 students from 10 area high schools competed for a spot in the All Region Jazz Bands I and II. NSHS had 12 students and 2 alternates selected, which represents the most of any school in the region! The students will work with outstanding clinicians and present a concert on November 20 at 7PM in the R.L. Turner auditorium. The students in Band I will also have the opportunity, through a taped audition, to compete for the All State Jazz Band. Congratulations to the following NSHS Jazz Band members and to the directors!:

**1<sup>st</sup> Band:** Trey Langley, Philip Black, Scott Schmidt (trumpet); Brett Wyatt, Clint Wyatt (trombone); Jessica Le (bass trombone); Chris Ayala (alto saxophone); Brandon Bateman (tenor saxophone).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Band:** Amanda Bateman (trumpet); John Nichols (tenor saxophone); Christian Dorn (drums); Jeffrey Ou (piano).

**Alternates:** Carlos Vargas (trombone); Tyler Smith (bass).

The NSHS fall Jazz concert will take place on Thursday, November 13, at 7PM in the NSHS auditorium. You will not want to miss this fantastic concert performed by our own award-winning bands!

Susan Wyatt  
Jazz Band Liaison

### JAZZ CONCERTS

#### Fall Jazz Concert:

Thursday, Nov. 13  
at 7PM in NSHS  
Auditorium

#### All-Region Jazz Concert:

Thursday, Nov. 20 at  
7PM in RL Turner  
Auditorium

## CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS!

This year has been an attempt to organize the concession sign-up in a different way. It only works if every family donates their time to work 3 events. We are finding that sometimes the parents can't work for one reason or another during their assigned week, so we need parents from any section to work. PLEASE email me if you see an open slot on the website that you can fill. This is the time for you to get extra time in so that your section will win the Golden Hot Dog Award.

**On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Senior parents will not be working because it is Senior Night!!!**

Of course, we will then need others to step up and work that evening.

I can't thank all of you enough who have given your time to make the concession stand successful.

If you need to reach me on the day of a game, please use mossd@cfbisd.edu or email Mary Long at mlongd@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Debbie Moss  
Master Concession  
Scheduler

## CONCESSION STAND UPDATES

Hopefully by now each of you has had an opportunity to spend an evening in the concession stand and understand how important it is that we continue to retain this easy, fun, and very profitable fundraiser. And I'm happy to tell you that the school district is very satisfied with the quality of service we're providing to stadium visitors.

Continual repair of appliances and on-going building maintenance are a natural course for any food service business, and we are no different. All the crowd-control barrier heads have been repaired and if you are the lucky one to set them up or take them down, look at the simple instructions posted with them in the storage room. Taking the time to read and remember them will make my job easier.

Also, the temperature control knobs on the countertop warmers have been replaced with new knobs. Now you will be able to tell the temperature of the cheese sauce and adjust it if necessary. No more burned fingers!

The visitors' side ticket booth and bathrooms are close to being done. The exteriors are finished and the interiors should be completed in time for all the UIL visiting bands. I did ask the contractor to put pink frilly curtains in the girls' bathroom, but from the big laugh he had, I doubt they will "material"-ize.

I'm always looking for suggestions and helpers to make my job easier. So, if you have a great idea or can help repair electrical equipment or fix dolly tires or want to help unload pallets of groceries, then you can come work right alongside me. Remember grandma's saying: Many hands make light work. (Translation: Lots of helpers get the job done faster). Call me at 214-995-3327 or email me at [EMalouf@verizon.net](mailto:EMalouf@verizon.net) and I'll find the perfect job for you.

Thanks!

Beth Malouf  
VP -- Concessions

## WHEN DO I WORK?

**BARITONES**  
If needed

**BASS CLARINETS**  
Oct. 19-25

**CLARINETS**  
Oct. 12-18

**FLUTES**  
Oct. 26-Nov. 1  
Nov. 2-8

**MELLOPHONES**  
Oct. 12-18

**PERCUSSION**  
Oct. 26-Nov. 1

**SAXOPHONES**  
If needed

**SOUSAPHONES**  
Nov. 2-8

**TROMBONES**  
Oct. 19-25

**TRUMPETS**  
If needed

## SENIOR NIGHT FESTIVITIES

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be recognizing our seniors during the pre-game! Since it is a Thursday night game and kick-off is at 7:00 PM, we will begin at 6:40 PM. Please plan on arriving

early and cheering on our band seniors and their parents as they are honored for their hard work!

Meredith Sterk  
Entertainment



## ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS!

We would like to include pictures of your senior in the 2008-2009 slide show. Please submit 3 pictures (baby, growing up and senior photo) to our student Historian, Jennifer Le. We would like to have this part of the end-

of-the-year video done before Christmas, so please get them in soon!

If you have questions, please call Meredith Sterk at 972-417-2637.

Meredith Sterk  
Entertainment

## TROJAN BAND SOARS HIGH AT BIRDVILLE MARCHING FESTIVAL!

On Saturday, Oct. 11, the Trojan Band had an outstanding performance at the Birdville ISD Marching Festival. The band placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class 4A and also received the award for “Outstanding Percussion” among Class 4A groups. The Band then advanced to the evening’s Finals competition where they performed strongly, wow’d the audience, and placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall

out of the 28 competing bands! This is an outstanding result and a tribute to the hard work and dedication of every member of the NSHS Band Program as well as parents and fans. Way to go!!

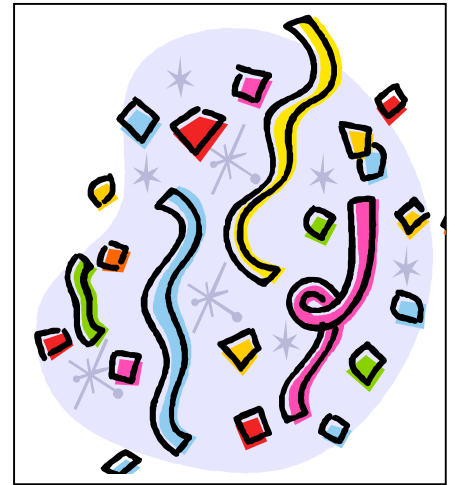
Mr. C  
Band Director

## ENTERTAINMENT

The band fall party will be on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars now! We will be having it at the Country Place Clubhouse from 6-10PM. We have booked a DJ, so there will be plenty of

dancing! Jessica Le will inform the students on what to bring as we get closer to the date.

Meredith Sterk  
Entertainment



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Game vs. Greenville and Homecoming	Oct. 17	7:30PM at Standridge
UIL Region Marching Contest	Oct. 18	3:00-10:00PM at Standridge Stadium
Deposit due for Spring Trip	Oct. 24	\$400 payable to 'NSHS'
Game vs. Rockwall	Oct. 24	7:30PM in Rockwall
Game vs. Royse City and Senior Night	Oct. 30	7:30PM at Standridge Stadium
Game vs. JJ Pearce	Nov. 7	7:30PM in Richardson
Jazz Fall Concert	Nov. 13	7:00PM in NSHS Theatre
Lone Star Classic Drum Line Contest	Nov. 15	Goldsmith Stadium in Lewisville
Region Jazz Clinic/Concert	Nov. 18-20	RL Turner HS
Fall Party	Nov. 21	6:00-10:00PM at Country Place Clubhouse
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24-28	