



# Fort Mill Band Notes

November 2005



## *Director's Message*

Dear Parents and Friends,

It certainly has been a busy fall, but now that we have concluded the marching portion of our year I believe some of you have a new perspective on all band has to offer our young people. Band is more than a series of performances developed through an ongoing rehearsal schedule. It may appear we are simply completing one event and immediately starting to prepare for the next. Although we do maintain a busy schedule, there is a higher learning taking place that will benefit your son or daughter in all of life; discipline.

We all know young people possess unlimited potential for learning, achievement, and personal success. Every individual's self-worth is based on turning potential into accomplishment, and that requires a healthy measure of discipline. Band is a metaphor of life because it is a training ground for developing a solid pattern of personal discipline habits. Band is a collection of artistic values clearly defined and ultimately achieved. This process unlocks the power of commitment, puts human will in action, develops a positive attitude, controls negative thinking, encourages success, and deters failure. The study of music is a link between inspiration and value achievement; it is a bridge between thought and accomplishment, between ideas and results. This explains the impressive correlation between music study and academic achievement. Our band members are clearly experiencing the value of discipline driven by inspiration, enticed by desire, tempered by reason, and guided by intelligence. Band is grooming them for successful living.

Now as we enter the next phase of music education this school year it is essential to understand the importance of concert season. It is no accident that a majority of our school year is composed of concert band literature. Region band, concert festival, and solo & ensemble are the backbone of any national caliber marching band. The best high school concert band programs in the country are also the programs that do well at Bands of America Grand National Finals. Fort Mill has one of the finest concert bands in the state, but we must set our sights higher. The wind symphony has performed for the South Carolina Music Educators at their state convention and will be featured at this year's University of South Carolina Honor Band Clinic in February. The band will continue these performances and we must have everyone working toward the goal of making the Fort Mill Band one of the premiere, comprehensive band programs in the country.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. Thank you for understanding music education is a groundwork strategy for the development of more capable minds. Thank you for demonstrating the value of persistence and discipline as we meet the challenges associated with our program's growth. Please encourage your son or daughter to practice their instrument daily, stay after school for extra help, take private lessons, and continue the self-discipline practices into the concert season. Thank you for being an active parent in our band!

See you at our next band booster meeting Monday, November 28, 2005.



*On behalf of our students,  
Martin Dickey*



# Charlotte Bobcats Arena

Our new band fundraiser began last month that is similar to working at the Verizon concerts but only half the distance away. The booster club is now working some of the events (basketball, hockey, concerts, etc) at the new Charlotte Bobcats Arena that is located in downtown Charlotte. The band program earns a percentage of the concession stand's sales while workers earn points that can be used to pay band fees.

Questions, event information, schedules and sign-up forms will be found on the band's website ([www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com) – see the new Arena section) or by contacting **Betsy Dugan** at 803-548-2746 or via email at [betsydugan@yahoo.com](mailto:betsydugan@yahoo.com) .



## Upcoming Schedule\*

11/26 (Sat) – NBA Washington 7:30 PM	12/17 (Sat) – NBA Detroit 7:30 PM
12/4 (Sun) – Disney on Ice 11:30 AM	12/23 (Fri) – NBA LA Clippers 7:30 PM
12/4 (Sun) – Disney on Ice 3:30 PM	12/30 (Fri) – NBA Phoenix 7:30 PM
12/12 (Mon) – U2 Concert 7:30 PM	1/10 (Tue) – NBA Houston 7:30 PM
	1/18 (Wed) – Bon Jovi Concert TBD



*More events to be added soon!!!*

\* Event dates are subject to change. Please visit the band's website - [www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com) (see Arena section) - for the most current schedule.



## Fruit Arriving Soon – Help Needed

Orders for the annual fruit sail have been completed and the fruit will be arriving soon. Help will be needed to unload the truck on December 1<sup>st</sup> as well to distribute the fruit on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact **Mary Ann Makowski** at 803-396-0563 or via email at [pmakowski@comporium.net](mailto:pmakowski@comporium.net) if you can assist.



*Thanks!!!*



## Raise Money While You Shop

It's time to link/re-link your Food Lion MVP card. To do so, go to [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com) and under the community section on the left, choose the fundraising link. On the fundraising page, choose either register or re-link to set up your card with the Blue and Gold Band Club organization. We are the first organization listed under SC and Fort Mill.

If you would like, we can set this up for you. Please send **Chris Tough** an email at [bctiq@yahoo.com](mailto:bctiq@yahoo.com) with your MVP card number.

*The booster club receives quarterly checks for purchases made using your MVP card.*



## Email from the Booster Club

If you would like to receive information via email from the booster club, please send a note to our webmaster, **Bob Datko**, at [bdatko@fortmillband.com](mailto:bdatko@fortmillband.com) so we can update and/or add your email address to the Fort Mill High School Band distribution list.

### Important



If you are not receiving email from the booster club and you should be, please make sure your anti-spam/email filtering program allows the email addresses of FM-BandBoosters1 and/or FM-BandBoosters2 (both aka for [postmaster@fortmillband.com](mailto:postmaster@fortmillband.com)) to reach your mailbox.

Please contact **Bob Datko** at 803-802-7905 or via email at [bdatko@fortmillband.com](mailto:bdatko@fortmillband.com) for assistance or questions.



# Region Band Auditions

Dutch Fork High School - Columbia, South Carolina



- When:** Saturday, January 21, 2006.  
Time will be distributed to students once the auditions are scheduled.
- Where:** Dutch Fork High School – Columbia, SC
- Who:** Check with your child since participation is agreed upon with the student and the band directors.
- Cost:** The cost is \$6.00. If your student is participating, please send in your money to the booster club. Checks should be made payable to the B&GBC. The fee goes directly to the cost of the audition and has been paid in advance by the booster club.
- Directions:** See the website below.

More information and directions can be found at the South Carolina Band Link website at:

<http://www.bandlink.org/events/allstate/as2006/index.html#region3>



## Assistance Needed

**Fort Mill High School to host the region band clinic in February**

We will need your assistance while the Fort Mill High School hosts the region band clinic on February 24 & 25. Our band will be responsible for providing hospitality to the visiting band directors, assistance to all the clinicians, aid for visiting students and will run a concession stand throughout the two day event.

If you are interested with assisting us at this event, please contact **Chris Tough** at 803-548-5882 or via email at [bctiq@yahoo.com](mailto:bctiq@yahoo.com).



## Marching Band Fees Are Due



As you know, there are costs to keep the Fort Mill Band at the level of one of the finest band programs in the state of South Carolina. This requires not only time and commitment from students, band directors and parents but fees to cover travel, hotel arrangements, food, instruction, instrument repairs, uniform maintenance, registration fees, etc.

Thanks to those who have already paid their 2005-2006 marching band fees in full. For those who have yet to complete paying all of their marching band fees, they should be paid as soon as possible.

For any questions, please contact **Chris Tough** (803-548-5882) or our treasurers **Karen Johnson** (803-548-2141) and **Judy Keziah** (803-548-1342).

The fee schedule and FAQs about fees can be found on the band's website ([www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com)) under the forms/info link.



**2005-2006  
Blue & Gold  
Band Club  
Board of  
Directors**

For questions, information or volunteering opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the board. Email addresses can be found on the website – [www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com) - under the directory.

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**Blue & Gold Band Club  
Helping to Save the Environment**

Help the Blue and Gold Band Club save the environment while you save on your taxes.  
Donate your cell phone and ink jet cartridges!!!

Dear Band Supporters:

The Blue and Gold Band Club is conducting a cell phone/ink jet cartridge recycling fundraiser and there's nothing for you to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used cell phones and ink jet cartridges. Your used cell phones may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold with 100% of the proceeds helping fund our Fort Mill band programs.

- Your used cell phone could be worth money that will support our programs.
- Your used phone contains hazardous substances that can pollute the air, soil and drinking water if not recycled properly. One cell phone can contaminate 132,000 liters of water!

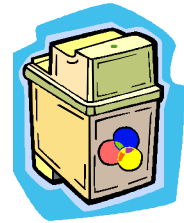
Contact us for more information or just drop your phones/ink jet cartridges off at the Fort Mill High School, Gold Hill Middle School or Fort Mill Middle School band rooms.

Please do not include accessories such as charges and earpieces.



Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,  
Blue and Gold Band Club  
**Chris Tough** 803-548-5882  
[bctiq@yahoo.com](mailto:bctiq@yahoo.com)



**Band Throws Have Arrived**

The band throws are here! Extra throws were ordered for anyone that missed the deadline. They make great Christmas or graduation gifts to commemorate the Fort Mill High School Band's 4A SC Championship.

Contact **Judy Keziah** at 803-548-6733 or via email at [judy@pro-bal.com](mailto:judy@pro-bal.com) if you are interested.

☆ ☆ **Last Meeting for 2005** ☆ ☆

**Please do not forget the Booster Club meeting on Monday, November 28th at 7:30 pm in the Band Room!!!**



**Upcoming Christmas Programs  
Volunteer Opportunities  
Fundraising**

**Learn About:**

**What's Coming Up This Spring  
Winter Guard/Percussion  
Getting Involved**





# Important Dates



Dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the band's website – [www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com) - for the most current schedule.

## November

23-25 (Wed-Fri)	No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
28 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## December

1 (Thur)	Unload Band Fruit (Fort Mill HS)
3 (Sat)	Fort Mill Christmas Parade (Time TBA)
3 (Sat)	Distribute Band Fruit (Fort Mill HS)
6 (Tue)	Fort Mill Band Christmas Programs (Locations To Be Announced Later)
16 (Fri)	Half Day of School
19-30 (Mon-Fri)	No School – Winter Break

## January

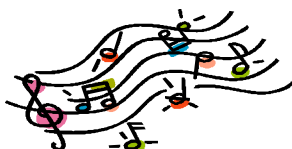
2-3 (Mon-Tue)	No School – Winter Break
16 (Mon)	No School – Martin Luther King Holiday
21 (Sat)	Region Band Auditions (Dutch Fork HS – Columbia, SC)
28 (Sat)	All-State Band Auditions (Lexington HS – Lexington, SC)
30 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## February

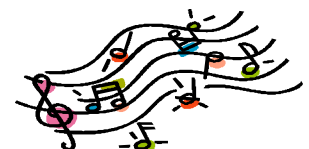
17 (Fri)	No School – Teacher Work Day
20 (Mon)	No School – President's Day Holiday
24-25 (Fri-Sat)	Region Band Clinic (Fort Mill HS)
27 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## March

10-12 (Fri-Sat)	All-State Band Clinic (Furman University – Greenville, SC)
17 (Fri)	No School – Teacher Work Day
20 (Mon)	No School – Holiday
27 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)



**Remember** – Please visit the Fort Mill Band website regularly at [www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com) for the most current information about the Fort Mill High School band and its upcoming activities.



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## **November 2005 Band Notes**



*Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, November 28, 2005*

*7:30 PM – Fort Mill High School Band Room*

*Booster Club meetings are the last Monday of the month (except December)!!!*

*No Booster Club Meeting in December*

*Last Meeting for  
2005!!!*

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### ***Fort Mill Band Christmas Programs***

*Tuesday, December 6, 2005*

*Locations To Be Announced Later*