



# Fort Mill Band Notes

April/May 2006



## *Director's Message*

Dear Parents and Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank several people for their work in making the Fort Mill Band program such a huge success. If it were not for the efforts of many people our students would not reach their full potential. Our band and community are fortunate to have these people working with our youth. Whenever you see these people, make sure to thank them for their work and positive influence.

Sean Carney, Connie Grantham, Kirk Godbey, Diana Leaver and Chad Pence are the full time band directors hired by the school district to provide instruction. Without the foundation they provide we would not be successful.

The booster club employs Bill Register and Philip Rainer, who have developed nationally recognized percussion and color guard units. Without their tireless efforts those programs would not have gained the respect that they enjoy.

Jason Ford, Jill Edwards, Chris Fisher, Connie Akers, Clare Hawes, Serita Maxwell, Esther Clonts, Jake Wade, Brent Bernier, Justin Isenhour, and Chris Griffin provide assistance working with the marching band, small ensembles, or teaching private lessons that are rarely seen by everyone, but are vital to our success. Carl Hames has his camera at many of our events making sure that our student success is well documented.

All the parents that chaperone, work events, serve on the board, etc.; we could not function without you. Band parent graduates Ken and Chris Tough, Larry Gibson, Bob Edwards, and Kim Rosenfeld continue to help make the Fort Mill Band a continual success.

I also want to thank the Fort Mill School District #4 administration, Dr. Callicutt, Ms. Puthoff, Dr. Epps, and Mr. Damm for their support.

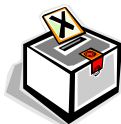
If I have left someone out, I apologize, it was not intentional. I appreciate the opportunity to work with some of the finest youth the country has to offer and being able to provide the best possible education anywhere. It is a job that I take very seriously. As we transition from one high school to two, I assure you that I will do everything possible to continue the success of instrumental music in the Fort Mill School District.

Thanks for all each of you do and I look forward to your participation this summer and fall in helping us maintain our "tradition of excellence".



*Sincerely,*  
**Martin Dickey**





# 2006-2007 Blue & Gold Band Club



## Election Results

Thanks for everyone who attended the April booster club meeting and voted in the 2006-2007 officer and board member election. The results of the elections are as follows:

**President** – Bev Kibler  
**Treasurer** – Sharon Stanek  
**Secretary** – Colleen Hunt

**Vice-President** – Chris Krieger  
**Asst. Treasurer** – Judy Keziah

**Members At Large** –  
Betsy Dugan    Kathy Krieger  
Tina Walters    Donna Pennison  
Debra Herbert

*Congratulations to the newly elected board that takes over June 1<sup>st</sup> and a special thanks for this year's officers and board members for their commitment and efforts.*

## Volunteer Request

Kim Rosenfeld has done the “die-cuts” for the band kids – a Fort Mill Tradition - and put them on the wall for about the past 8-9 years. We are looking for some additional parents that may want to get involved and help out. It's an easy job that can be done by printing out a page from a coloring page website, tracing it and cutting them out on construction paper. Next, the name of all the band students are placed on them and delivered back to Mr. Dickey. The kids really enjoy looking all over the band room finding their names.

In the past, the “die-cuts” were placed out for the rookies, band camp week welcoming all the students back and for every competition. Band doesn't stop after marching season so some are made each month like hearts for Valentine's Day, shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day and much, much more.

We have had some parents already express interest but would like a few more. If you are interested – great for those who have little ones at home or can't volunteer at Verizon – can contact **Kim Rosenfeld** via email at [rosenfeld@infoave.net](mailto:rosenfeld@infoave.net) or via phone at 548-4039. We would love to get a different parent for each month or a few folks to share the enjoyment. The kids enjoy it and as we all know, it's all about the kids!!!

## Black Concert Dresses

Any senior wind symphony member that would like to sell their black concert dress, please place it in a bag with your name on it and give it to Mr. Dickey. The dress will be resold for the next concert season and the money – approximate resell value of \$40 – will be provided back to you.



### ***Next Booster Meeting***



**Please don't forget the next Booster Club meeting will be on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> (not May 29<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30 pm in the Band Room!!!**



#### ***Learn About:***



What's Coming Up This Summer/Fall  
How To Get Involved

Volunteer Opportunities  
Meet Other Band Parents

Meet The New Board  
Fundraising





# 2006 Fort Mill Band Golf Tournament



This year's golf tournament will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Regent Park Golf Course in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

All net proceeds from this event will go to purchase instruments for your outstanding band program. The students are dedicated, hard-working and gifted and they need your help to keep the band program performing at the highest levels. Please spread the word about the golf tournament.

The cost to participate in the tournament is \$500 for foursomes and \$125 for individuals. We are also looking for businesses to help sponsor the event and we offer a wide variety of levels such as Title, Hole-In-One, Bag Tag, Driving Range, Longest Drive and Individual Hole sponsors each with different benefits and costs.

Information pamphlets and sign-up forms will be available the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. For any concerns, questions, information pamphlets or sign-up forms, please contact **Chris Krieger** via email at [ckrieger@comporium.net](mailto:ckrieger@comporium.net) or via phone at 803-548-6946.

## Earn Student Credit Points

Something new this year is the ability for students & parents to earn points similar to working at the Verizon events. We can have an unlimited number of hole sponsors and this year, the cost is only \$100. This cost includes the printed sign with the company's name displayed at the tee box.

Ten student credit points that can be used to pay for band fees, the Hawaii trip, etc. will be earned by the person who acquires the sponsor.

**Important** - In order to eliminate duplication of people contacting the same businesses, please contact Chris Krieger (contact information above) **prior** to reaching out for sponsors. And if needed, we can also supply some businesses that need to be contacted.

**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.

Do you have questions, comments or ideas for the newsletter? What would you like to see? How can we make it more useful? What do you want to know about? – Please contact **Chris Krieger** via email at [ckrieger@comporium.net](mailto:ckrieger@comporium.net) or phone at 803-548-6946 with your thoughts and ideas.

# Charlotte Bobcats Arena, Verizon

## Amphitheatre & Knights Stadium

The booster club continues its fundraising activities at the new Charlotte Bobcats arena, the Verizon Amphitheatre and now Knights Stadium right here in Fort Mill. The band program earns a percentage of the concession stand's sales and is one of our most lucrative fundraiser events while workers earn points that can be used to pay band fees, trips, etc.

Questions, event information, schedules, arrival time and sign-up forms can be found on the band's website ([www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com) – see the Arena/Verizon/Knights section) or by contacting:

Bobcat Arena/Knights Stadium info - **Betsy Dugan** at 803-548-2746 or via email at [betsydugan@yahoo.com](mailto:betsydugan@yahoo.com)

Verizon Amphitheatre info - **Richard McCluskey** at 803-548-3136 or via email at [rsmc\\_disney@go.com](mailto:rsmc_disney@go.com)

### Upcoming Schedule\*



#### Charlotte Bobcats Arena

No Events Scheduled

#### Knights Stadium

5/20 (Sat)	7/29 (Sat)
6/24 (Sat)	8/4 (Fri)
7/22 (Sat)	9/2 (Sat)



#### Verizon Amphitheatre

5/12 (Fri) – Brooks & Dunn w/ Sugarland

5/26 (Fri) – Gretchen Wilson w/ Trace Adkins

6/4 (Sun) – Jimmy Buffett

6/10 (Sat) – Nine Inch Nails

6/17 (Sat) – Brad Paisley w/ Sarah Evans

6/20 (Tue) – Dave Matthews Band

7/4 (Tue) – Kelly Clarkson

7/14 (Fri) – Chicago

7/15 (Sat) – Def Leopard

7/19 (Wed) – 3 Doors Down

7/28 (Fri) – John Fogerty

8/5 (Sat) – Fiona Apple

8/8 (Tue) – Warped Tour

8/10 (Thur) – Kenny Chesney w/ Dierks Betley

8/12 (Sat) – Steely Dan

8/16 (Wed) – Poison

8/29 (Tue) – The Counting Crows

9/15 (Fri) – Rascal Flatts w/ Gary Allan

9/29 (Fri) – Widespread Panic

9/30 (Sat) – Widespread Panic

10/15 (Sun) – Toby Keith w/ Joe Nichols

10/20 (Fri) - Aerosmith

*More events to be added soon!!! Watch the website for more info!!!*

### Important!!!

**TIPS training is required to work at the Verizon events.** The next TIPS training class is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 pm in the Fort Mill HS Band Room.

Contact Richard McCluskey at 803-548-3136 or via email at [rsmc\\_disney@go.com](mailto:rsmc_disney@go.com) for more information.

Due to the accounting close of this fiscal year ('05-'06), student credit points earned in April and May at Verizon or Knights stadium will not be credited to your account until June 1<sup>st</sup>.



**First Verizon Event  
Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**TIPS Training  
Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM  
Fort Mill HS Band Room**

# 2006-2007 Band Commitment Form

*If you have not returned your band commitment form for the upcoming school year, please complete the following and return it to Mr. Dickey as soon as possible. Thanks.*

## Fort Mill High School Band 2006 - 2007 Member Contract

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name

Fall Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Rehearsal:** Band Camp (July 24-28) is mandatory if you are going to march in the field show. Valid excuses for summer band will be allowed as long as the director is notified at least two weeks prior to the rehearsal. Do not plan to miss summer rehearsals on a moment's notice. For the band to be successful, we must be willing to work together.

**Conduct and Discipline:** Conduct unbecoming of a Fort Mill Band member will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action. Insubordination to Fort Mill Band staff, volunteers, or chaperones will not be tolerated and also will result in disciplinary action. All school rules apply any time a student is with the Fort Mill Band. Any violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action.

**Practice and Performance:** The band has a few summer practices that lead to band camp, where the field show is learned. Extra practices are on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in the fall. The band performs at all home football games and selected away games on Friday nights. From late September through early November the band competes on Saturdays. The band presents a winter and spring concert, and participates in concert festival and Fest - I - Fun each year. The band also performs at selected events throughout the school year that are listed on a calendar distributed at the beginning of the school year. Students are required to participate in these activities.

**Fund Raising:** The Blue and Gold Band Club sponsor a variety of fund-raising activities throughout the year that support the instrumental music program. All students are expected to support these activities which help offset our expenses. Band Camp, Bands of America lodging, uniform maintenance fees, and other costs are paid by the students. Working at fund-raising events provides opportunities for everyone to accumulate points in his/her account.

**Equipment:** Each student must provide their own instrument, except for percussion (sticks and mallets not included), Tubas, Euphoniums, French horns, double reeds, and low reeds. The school provides these instruments for a yearly maintenance fee. The cost of repairing or replacing equipment is the responsibility of the person to whom it is issued.

My parents and I have read this contract and understand that any violation of these rules and obligations may result in my suspension or dismissal from the band. I/we agree to meet all obligations as prescribed by the Fort Mill Band. I am prepared to make my full commitment to the 2006-2007 Fort Mill High School Band. I also give permission for my son or daughter to travel with the band to all their activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student e-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent e-mail

**Fort Mill Band Hawaii 2006-2007  
Trip Commitment Form**

The Fort Mill High School Band has been invited to perform at the USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii. We invite all parents, alumni, and friends of the band to travel with us and share in this event during spring break 2007. The trip is all-inclusive so I believe you will find it not only exciting, but an exceptional value. The price of \$1740 for students (quad) and \$1980 for tag-a-longs (double) includes:

Round-trip Air from Charlotte, NC to Honolulu, HI	Hilo Hattie's Fashion Center Factory Tour	Meal at Planet Hollywood
7 Nights in a Waikiki Hotel	Honolulu City Tour	North Shore / Central Oahu Tour
Traditional Fresh Flower Lei Greeting	Authentic Hawaiian Luau	Grand Aii Polynesian Tour
Aloha Welcome Orientation Briefing	Diamond Head Crater Hike	All Transportation provided by Deluxe Air-Conditioned Motorcoach
Waikiki Beach BBQ	Dance Cruise along Waikiki Coast and Honolulu Harbor	Full-Time Local Tour Directors
Pearl Harbor's U.S.S. Arizona Memorial	Daily Buffet Breakfast	Hotel Portage & Baggage Handling
USS Missouri Tour	Pizza Dinner	All Applicable Taxes

Every person, including band students, must return a commitment form with their initial payment(s) to be considered a participant in this trip. A non-refundable deposit of \$300 or \$500 per person must accompany the form below and be returned to Mr. Dickey by May 15, 2006.

By returning this portion signed, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the details listed on both sides of the sheet and that I will be financially responsible for all payments. I understand that the first payment is non-refundable, insures my participation and will be forwarded to the travel company. A student using credits must be sure there are adequate points in their account each month. There will be day trips to the other islands available for an additional amount with payment due at a later date.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person going on trip / Please print) (Parent or adult financially responsible)

**Band Member: \$1740** (This price does NOT include band camp, BOA, instrument, uniform or other fees which must be current and up to date)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT  
OR  
\_\_\_\_\_ 150 points NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (Student must have 150 points in their account!)

**Tag-A-longs: \$1980 per person based on double occupancy  
\$2500 per person based on single occupancy**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (Double per person) \_\_\_\_\_ (Roommate if double)  
OR  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (Single)

Return form and payment to your band director or mail form and payment to:

Blue & Gold Band Club (Hawaii trip)  
P.O. Box 611  
Fort Mill, SC 29716

This form and payment reserves you a space on the trip. Each student will have ample opportunity to earn points for their trip. No one else may use points for their trip. It is essential that every person stay current with their payments. Delinquent accounts will not be tolerated and will be closed and money that has not already been committed to various agencies may or may not be refunded. In this situation you will fall under strict guidelines of the travel company beyond the Blue and Gold Band Club, band directors, or Fort Mill School District #4 control. The school and their entities cannot be held responsible under these circumstances. There will be no sibling or chaperone discounts. Separate ground packages are available, but each situation must be discussed with Mr. Dickey and a separate form will need to be completed.

Payment Schedule:	Band Members	Tag-a-long Double	Tag-a-long Single
<b>Monday, May 15 (non refundable)</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$300 per person</b>	<b>\$500</b>
Thursday, June 15	\$160		
Saturday, July 15	\$160	\$420 per person	\$500
Tuesday, August 15	\$160		
Friday, September 15	\$160	\$420 per person	\$500
Sunday, October 15	\$160		
Wednesday, November 15	\$160	\$420 per person	\$500
Friday, December 15	\$160		
Monday, January 15	\$160	\$420 per person *	\$500 *
Thursday, February 15	\$160 *		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1740</b>	<b>\$1980</b>	<b>\$2500</b>

**Hawaii  
Commitment  
Form and  
Deposit Due  
May 15<sup>th</sup> !!!**

Final payment may fluctuate slightly up or down to reflect price adjustments

Important Information: I understand that the first payment is non-refundable, insures my participation and will be forwarded to the travel company. A student using credits must be sure there are adequate points in their account each month. There will be day trips to the other islands available for an additional amount with payment due at a later date.

Dates of trip: Departure will be Thursday or Friday, April 5 or 6, 2007 - Return will be Thursday or Friday, April 12 or 13, 2007

**Blue & Gold Band**  
**PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR MARCHERS 2006-2007**

**BAND CAMP:** Total Cost: **\$150.00** or 75.0 Points  
Deposit due: **05/30/06** 50.00 or 25.0 Points  
Balance due: **07/15/06** 100.00 or 50.0 Points

**FALL UNIFORM FEE: Due at High School Registration: \$75.00**

\*\*\*Note: The uniform charge is for cleaning and upkeep of uniforms used by the band during **fall marching season**. This fee is for pit, marchers, and drum majors. This does not include uniforms for winter guard, percussion ensemble, wind suits, shoes, scrubs, gloves or any other accessories purchased by band members.

**Color guard** fee for marching season will be charged once costumes are selected.

These fees **do not include** uniforms for winter guard, percussion ensemble, wind suits, shoes, scrubs, gloves or any other accessories purchased by band members.

**INSTRUMENT MAINTANENCE FEE: Due at High School Registration: \$60.00**

**BOA FEES:** Total Cost: **\$250.00** or 125.0 Points  
Due Dates:  
Atlanta BOA Competition **09/01/06** \$200.00 or 100.0 Points  
Local Competitions **10/01/06** \$ 50.00 or 25.0 Points

\*\*\* There is an additional cost for the purchase of **wind suits, shoes, scrubs, gloves, rifles, region band try outs, solo and ensemble, winter guard, percussion ensemble and other individual needs**. Students will be billed when they order these items.

\*Points may not be used for these personal items.\*

**Please detach and return with payment to:** **Blue & Gold Band Club, Inc.**  
**P. O. Box 611**  
**Fort Mill, SC 29716**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Band Camp:**  
Amount of Payment in Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Points: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOA:**  
Amount of Payment in Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Points: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other purchases:**  
Circle item purchased: Wind suit \$55, gloves \$5 (marchers) \$13 (guard), scrubs \$13, shoes \$25 (marchers) TBD (guard), Rifle \$40, Region Band \$6, Solo & Ensemble \$3.

Amount of Payment in Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_ No Points may be used



**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.

<i>President</i>	Kriss Martenson	<a href="mailto:kmartenson@cetlink.net">kmartenson@cetlink.net</a>	396-8889
<i>Vice-President</i>	Betsy Dugan	<a href="mailto:betsydugan@yahoo.com">betsydugan@yahoo.com</a>	548-2746
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	David Hord	<a href="mailto:djhord@comporium.net">djhord@comporium.net</a>	548-7031
	Chris Krieger	<a href="mailto:ckrieger@comporium.net">ckrieger@comporium.net</a>	548-6946
	Paul Makowski	<a href="mailto:pmakowski@comporium.net">pmakowski@comporium.net</a>	396-0563
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	Dee Spittler	<a href="mailto:cdspitlr@cetlink.net">cdspitlr@cetlink.net</a>	547-0362
	Sharon Stanek	<a href="mailto:help8068@yahoo.com">help8068@yahoo.com</a>	802-1780

## Student Credit Points – Carry Over & Transfers

Student credit points may be carried over year-to-year by the same student. Points may also be transferred to another student at any time and seniors or students leaving the band program must request student point transfers or all the points remaining in their account will automatically be transferred to the Hardship Account.

Below is the form that will need to be completed in order for students to transfer credit points to another student. Seniors – Please complete this by the end of the school year. Once completed, you can return it to:

*Blue & Gold Band Club, Inc. (B&GBC)  
P.O. Box 611  
Fort Mill, SC 29716*

OR

*Have band members place payment  
in the mailbox just inside Dickey's office*

### STUDENT CREDIT POINT TRANSFER FORM

This note serves to document the transfer of student credit points from one student to another.

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Points Transferred: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Points transferred by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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.



## May

15 (Mon)	Hawaii Trip Commitment Form/Deposit Due
22 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
23 (Tue)	Half Day for Students
23 (Tue)	TIPS Training (7 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
24 (Wed)	Half Day for Students – Last Day of School
27 (Sat)	Graduation (10 AM – Winthrop Coliseum) – <b>REQUIRED, Band will play!!!</b>
30 (Tue)	Band Camp Deposit Due (see fee form in newsletter)

## June

3 (Sat)	SAT Testing Date
26 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## July

20 (Thu)	Golf Tournament (Regent Park Golf Course – Fort Mill, SC)
24-28 (Mon-Fri)	Band Camp (Fort Mill HS)
31 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## August

9 (Wed)	First Day of School
28 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## 2006-2007 Future Events

Sep 25 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
Oct 27-29 (Fri-Sun)	Bands of America Regional (Atlanta, Georgia)
Oct 30 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
Nov 4 (Sat)	5A State Marching Band Championship
Nov 27 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
Jan 20 (Sat)	Region Band Auditions
Jan 27 (Sat)	All-State Band Call Back Auditions
Feb 23-24 (Fri-Sat)	Region Band Clinic
Mar 9-11 (Fri-Sat)	All-State Band Clinic
Mar 20-22 (Tue-Thu)	State Concert Festival
Apr 5/6-12/13	Hawaii Trip

**All 2006-2007 Future Event Dates Are Tentative And Are Subject To Change!!!**

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P.O. Box 611  
Fort Mill, South Carolina 29716



## **April/May 2006 Band Notes**

*Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, May 22, 2006*

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

*Moved to the 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Memorial Day on the 29<sup>th</sup>*

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### ***Graduation (Required - Band Will Play)***

*Saturday, May 27, 2006 – 10 AM*

*Winthrop Coliseum – Rock Hill, SC*



### ***Band Golf Tournament***

*Thursday, July 20*

*Regent Park Golf Course – Fort Mill, SC*

### ***2006 Band Camp***

*July 24-28*

*Fort Mill High School – Fort Mill, SC*