



Fort Mill Band Notes

August 2006



Director's Message

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the most enthusiastic and effective support group in our community, the Fort Mill High School Blue and Gold Band Club. We hope you will take advantage of this outstanding positive family experience. It is the opportunity to join your son or daughter in the attainment of a mutual goal, something you do not want to miss. At a time when young people are making crucial decisions concerning personal behavior, ethics, integrity, morals, and an array of vital life choices, wouldn't you like to be around to have some influence on their direction? Band parents enjoy this unusual vantage point, and all of the band members benefit from such a healthy relationship. Band parents are also integrated into every phase of the program. They are not passive observers, or simply a polite sideline audience, but active contributors in the daily operation of the program. The ongoing success of our program is in direct proportion to the support of our parents. We need you to be active supporters!

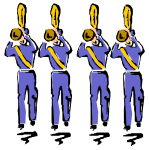
The competition season is upon us and the staff, students and supporters are excited about the 2006 Fort Mill Band. "FUSION" is going to be entertaining, exciting, and loaded with musical appeal. The students are working hard and their attitude is super as they learn that the band's achievements are directly related to their positive attitude. As usual, we will have a Saturday morning practice the day of each contest. This year we are hosting two events in our stadium. The York County Preview on September 16th and the Bands of America Fall Preview on September 23rd. These are two great opportunities for you to help our success. Competition performances are generally in the evening except Bands of America events that last all day and evening. When information is received from the various competitions, I will have a letter available in the band room providing all the details.

Please attend our next Blue and Gold Band Club meeting in the band room on Monday, August 28, 2006 at 7:30 PM. Plan to be with us and meet our veteran members to get a bird's-eye view of our band program. You will also enjoy the optimistic atmosphere of our band's number-one fan club, our band parents. You will quickly sense the caring and sharing attitude that has become the trademark of this group. I urge you to attend our meetings, become an active member, and join the ranks of a wonderful "band of parents". The students of the Fort Mill High School Band work hard and you need to be a part of their support group.

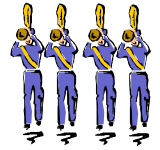
Sincerely,

Martin Dickey
Director of Bands





Upcoming Exhibitions



Hosted by the Fort Mill HS Band

York County Band Exhibition - Saturday, September 16th BOA Fall Preview Experience – Saturday, September 23rd

On **Saturday, September 16th**, the Fort Mill Band will be hosting the York County Band Exhibition. We anticipate that most bands from the York County high schools will participate as well as a few local bands from outside York County. This exhibition will also include our band performing their 2006-2007 season show “FUSION”.

On the following **Saturday, September 23rd**, we will be hosting the BOA Fall Preview Experience - there are only 2 events of this type across the country this year. We anticipate approximately 13 bands from across North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia to participate as well as your very own Fort Mill HS Marching Band.

Both of these events are fund raising opportunities and we will need help with concessions, ticket sales, ushers, parking, set-up, clean-up, merchandise sales, etc. We will need many volunteers to successfully host this event so please contact **Kathy Krieger** at 803-548-6946 or via email at ckrieger@comporium.net or **Bev Kibler** 803-984-8533 or via email at bevkiabler@hotmail.com to volunteer at the events – whether for an hour or several hours.

Volunteers are also needed to help collate and bind the programs for the York County Exhibition. Please contact **Colleen Hunt** at 803-547-1312 or via email at cfhunt@juno.com if you can help on **Tuesday, September 12th** from 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the print shop area of the high school – two hours or the whole time will REALLY help.

*There is a spot for everyone to help in the Blue & Gold Booster Club.
Please get involved and support your kids !!!*



Band Camp - Thanks



Many thanks to all the parents and families who volunteered time helping, caring, feeding and supporting our children during this year's band camp.

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| The Fountain's | Benita Neely | Laurie Kruysman | Robin Carwile | Beth Medlin | Dot McNeil |
| Tracey Weddington | Karen Johnson | Bev Kibler | Susan Longfield | Line Oliver | Sharon Bunch & children |
| Donna Pennisson | Dian Lieck | Wendy Mize | Betsy Dugan | Cathy Sibley | Chris & Kathy Krieger |
| Debra Herbert | Ann & Steve Ireton | Cathy Loeper | Colleen Hunt | Larry Gibson | Donald & Marie Jacobs |
| Jeane Cassidy | Sharon Stanek | Kellie Martenson | | | |
| Julia Dowdy-for all the cookies & brownies made everyday | | | | | |
| All the parents who sent in cookies, brownies, crispy treats, etc. | | | | | |

Thank you to anyone inadvertently omitted.

Whether you volunteered for an hour or were there all day, the students appreciate your time and assistance with helping them achieve their goals this season.

Your time is appreciated!!! Thanks!!!

Charlotte Bobcats Arena, Verizon Amphitheatre & Knights Stadium

HELP IS NEEDED!!!

The booster club continues its fundraising activities at the new Charlotte Bobcats arena, the Verizon Amphitheatre and Knights Stadium. The band program earns a percentage of the concession stand's sales and is one of our most lucrative fundraiser events that **benefits all band, guard and percussion students** 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 – 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

Verizon Amphitheatre info - **Richard McCluskey** at 803-548-3136 or via email at rsmc_disney@go.com

All Fundraising Events – **Chris Krieger** at 803-548-6946 or via email at ckrieger@comporium.net

Upcoming Schedule*

Charlotte Bobcats Arena	Knights Stadium
No Events Scheduled	9/2 (Sat)

Verizon Amphitheatre

8/26 (Sat) – Cancelled	9/15 (Fri) – Rascal Flatts w/ Gary Allan
8/27 (Sun) – Cancelled	9/21 (Thu) - Aerosmith
8/29 (Tue) – The Counting Crows	9/29 (Fri) – Widespread Panic
8/31 (Thu) – Godsmack	9/30 (Sat) – Widespread Panic
9/1 (Fri) – Earth, Wind & Fire	10/15 (Sun) – Toby Keith w/ Joe Nichols
9/10 (Sun) – Chris Brown	

*Concert dates are subject to change. Please visit the band's website for the latest schedule!!

Important!!!

TIPS training is required to work the windows at Verizon events but we do have other jobs that do not require the training. Please come out and see what other volunteers are doing for the band program at Verizon that benefits all the students and the entire band program!!!



Drinks Needed!!!

Did you know that when the band competes, the band members will go through **lots of drinks** during the day? Drinks are also needed for the upcoming exhibitions in September that we will be hosting at our own high school.

To assist with this demand, we are asking parents to provide any types of soft drinks - Coke or Pepsi products (12 pack cans are preferable - no liter bottles), bottled water, etc. Please deliver – or have your kids deliver – the soft drinks to the band room under the table near Mr. Dickey's office.



Thanks!!!





Band Store



The time is now to purchase your show shirt - students received one at the end of band camp. Show shirts are **PREORDER ONLY** so do not delay!!! All items in our first order must be **paid prior to August 25th**.

Check the website for photos of other items we have to offer at the band store. We are at practice each evening – just look for the white Suburban - and at booster meetings with an assortment of items. If there is something you see on the website that you are interested in, send an email so it can be brought to the booster meeting or practice.

We also are having a sale on some of our in-stock items that include some very nice men's polos and royal blue tees. Once sale items are gone, replacement items will be regularly priced. Seat cushions (for protection from those hard stadium bleachers) for \$5 and Fort Mill Band car magnets for \$1 are also available.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please contact **Judy Keziah** at 548-6733 or via email at judy@pro-bal.com.

Thanks to Gretchen Lyons, Sue Bleu, Jeane Cassidy, Anne Ireton, Betsy Dugan and Irene Miller for working the band store table during school registration.

Tips/Reminders

- A written note must be submitted to Mr. Dickey **PRIOR** to any trip – not the day of departure - if your child will not be traveling back with the band after an event.
- Any prescription medicine required for a child needs to be in a clearly marked container and delivered to **Cathy Loeper**, our chaperone leader.
- Please **DO NOT PARK** in front of the ramps/gates in the parking lots (by band room or the practice field). This is used to move the band equipment for practices, games and performances.
- Please remember **when making payments**, write your child's name and what the payment is for on the check and/or envelop.
- **All students** must have a health & financial form completed on file. See the band's website for the form.
- If you are interested in **assisting any committee**, please contact the committee chairperson, President or Vice-President.



Guard Info



The guard uniform deposit of \$100.00 is due by August 29th – see monthly band statement. There will be a balance of approximately \$60.00 due when the uniforms are received. The balance may change depending on the final cost of the uniform and any shipping fees. Points cannot be used to pay for these uniforms.

Each guard member will also be required to purchase an equipment bag. Please send \$20.00 payable to Blue and Gold Band Club as soon as possible so the bags can be ordered. Points cannot be used to pay for the bags.

Hawaii Trip Payment Schedule

(rate is per person)

	<u>Student (\$1740)</u>	<u>Double-Tag (\$1980)</u>	<u>Single-Tag (\$2500)</u>
5/15	\$300	\$300	\$500
6/15	\$160		
7/15	\$160	\$420	\$500
8/15	\$160		
9/15	\$160	\$420	\$500
10/15	\$160		
11/15	\$160	\$420	\$500
12/15	\$160		
1/15	\$160	\$420**	\$500**
2/15	\$160**		

** Final payment may fluctuate slightly to reflect price adjustments.



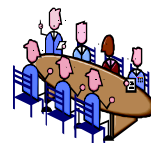
2006-2007 Blue & Gold Band Club Board of Directors

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 - under the directory.

<i>President</i>	Bev Kibler	BevKibler@hotmail.com	984-8533
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	Donna Pennisson	pennisson@comporium.net	329-6833
	Tina Walters	twalters@comporium.net	396-5626

Club Committee Chairpersons

<i>Band Store</i>	Judy Keziah	<i>Color Guard Liaison</i>	Tina Walters
<i>Newsletter</i>	Chris Krieger	<i>Website/Email</i>	Colleen Hunt
<i>Band Camp</i>	Sharon Stanek	<i>Hospitality</i>	Wendy Mize
<i>Chaperones</i>	Cathy Loeper	<i>Band Exhibitions</i>	Kathy Krieger/Bev Kibler
<i>Verizon</i>	Richard McCluskey	<i>Uniforms</i>	Debra Herbert
<i>CIPA</i>	TBD	<i>Fruit Fundraiser</i>	Cathy Loeper
<i>Golf Tournament</i>	Chris Krieger	<i>Knights</i>	Betsy Dugan
<i>Programs</i>	Colleen Hunt	<i>Charlotte Bobcats Arena</i>	Betsy Dugan
<i>Region Band</i>	Kathy Krieger	<i>Pit Crew</i>	Donald Jacobs/Chris Krieger
<i>Solo/Ensemble</i>	TBD	<i>Spring Meal Fundraiser (BBQ)</i> ...	TBD
<i>Percussion Liaison</i>	Donna Pennisson	<i>Silent Auction/Yard Sale</i>	TBD



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, **Colleen Hunt**, at FortMillBand0607@yahoo.com so we can update and/or add your email address to the Fort Mill High School Band distribution list.



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 address of fmbandclub@comporium.net to reach your mailbox.

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 or phone at 803-548-6946 with your thoughts and ideas.

Remember – Please visit the Fort Mill Band website regularly at www.fortmillband.com for the most current information about the Fort Mill High School band and its upcoming activities.



Blue and Gold Band Club Student Credit Accounts (Points)



The following is a brief explanation of the point system and Student Credit Accounts:

The Student Credit Account system was established to provide individual members and parents some financial relief with regard to band fees and charges. A percentage of the profits earned through fundraiser events are allocated to the individual **student** for his/her use to assist with paying certain band fees through the established point system.

For **on-going fundraising** activities (Verizon, Knights Stadium, etc.), each hour of volunteer service will generate one (1) student credit point. When an entire hour is not worked, $\frac{1}{4}$ point will be earned for each 15 minutes worked. Fractions will be rounded to the nearest 15 minutes (20 minutes rounds to 15, 25 minutes rounds to 30, etc.).

For **one-time fundraising** activities (fruit sale, BBQ, golf tournament etc.), each box of fruit, ticket or sponsor sold will generate student credit points. The number of points earned per item sold will be determined and announced prior to the event by the Committee Chairperson or Vice-President.

Earned points will be deposited into Student Credit Accounts. Band students may request withdrawal of points to pay for required band fees. **Points may not be used** to purchase goods from the Band Store, vendors outside the Band Club, uniform accessories or items for personal gain. Account status reports are mailed to students each month as part of their statements.

Student credit points may be carried over year-to-year by the same student. If a student is graduating or leaving the band program, his/her account will remain active if a sibling is in the band program. **Student credit points may be transferred** to another student at any time by notifying the Executive Secretary (Kathy Krieger: ckrieger@comporium.net). **Seniors** must request point transfers no later than one month prior to graduation. If a student graduating or leaving the band program has not requested a transfer of points, all points remaining in her/his account will automatically be transferred to the Hardship Account.

Students **must pay required band fees** (band camp, uniform fees, accessories, instrument fees, BOA, etc.) before points or money will be accepted for non-mandatory band trips. Any accumulated student credit points will **automatically** be used to pay for any required band fee that is not paid by the due date. Students not paying required band fees by established deadlines may be ineligible to participate in any non-mandatory trips or events.

FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
UNIFORM INFORMATION 2006 - 2007

→ → → **Please sign and return the bottom of the back page of this note!**

Welcome to the FMHS Marching Band Program. I cannot think of a better program to be in! My name is Debra Herbert, and I am coordinating the parent volunteer uniform committee this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at 802-8560 or josh.herbert@iname.com.

During band camp, our students were measured for their fall marching uniforms, and we have now assigned uniforms to nearly all the marchers. Here are a few points regarding our **marcher's uniform and accessories** in case our veterans have forgotten and to prepare our rookies.

1. Before the middle of September, at any performances, marchers will wear a band T-shirt, received at band camp, pants as per the director's instructions and white sneakers, which you provide.
2. About the middle of September marchers will begin wearing their fall marching uniforms. The uniform provided by the band consists of **white overall pants, blue jacket with a sash, white hat, and white plume**. Marchers also wear **white gloves, white scrubs (doctor pants) and white marching shoes** which you purchase through the band.
3. Marchers always need to wear white or flesh colored underwear, a white T-shirt such as the show shirt (not a tank top) and plain white socks that come to the mid-calf.
4. The uniform committee is responsible for the dry cleaning and repair of the fall uniforms provided by the band. The cost for this is covered with the \$75 uniform rental fee due at the start of school. **Marching uniforms are left at school**. Marchers must return their uniforms neatly on the hanger in their garment bag to the uniform rack in numerical order. Each marcher is responsible for **their own uniform**; please do not be responsible for a friend's uniform.
5. Marchers **bring shoes/scrubs/gloves (accessories) home for cleaning**. Marchers are responsible for keeping accessories **white and neat in appearance**.
6. **Marching shoes sell for \$25, scrubs for \$13, and gloves for \$5**. If scrubs or gloves are lost during the marching season or become too dirty, extra pairs are available for sale. Bring

Uniform Information

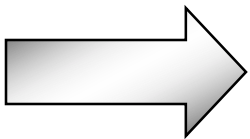
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me cash/check and I will deliver a replacement. Scrubs will appear extra baggy, as they are worn over their white uniform pants and are removed just before the kids go on the field. The marching shoes may feel funny at first; they do not fit like sneakers. If **shoes are lost**, we will need to order another pair, which can take up to **two weeks** to get delivered.

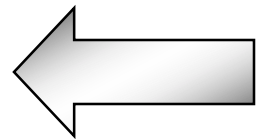
7. How many pairs of **shoes, scrubs and gloves do I need?** Most students order one pair of shoes, one pair of scrubs and two pairs of gloves as a freshman, and only what needs replacement as an upperclassman. To avoid doing laundry at midnight on Friday night in order to have everything clean for a Saturday morning performance, it is easiest if you have two scrubs.
8. Each marcher was given a copy of their accessory order form showing what they ordered and the cost. The cost will also appear on your band student's statement. Accessories must be **paid in full before delivery**, expect the delivery date to be about August 30. You may have heard about points to pay some band bills, but *points cannot be used for accessories*. Also, the payment for accessories is separate from the \$75 uniform fee. Please write "accessories" on the bottom of your check made payable to Blue and Gold Band Club. You can drop your check off at Mr. Dickey's office or mail it to P. O. Box 611, Fort Mill, SC 29716.
9. Please put your marcher's name inside the tongue of the marching shoes and somehow discretely in scrubs and gloves. After a trip, we find items on the bus, in the band room, etc. We cannot return items if they are not marked.

Again, if you have any questions, problems, suggestions or want to help out, give me a call. You do not need to be a seamstress to help out with uniforms. Looking forward to a great season!

Debra Herbert, B&GBC Uniforms
Email: josh.herbert@iname.com



Please Sign & Return This Form



Cut Here and Return

Please return to Mr. Dickey's office or P. O. Box 611, Fort Mill, SC 29716

Yes, I have read and understand the list of uniform expenses and expectations for all marching band members.

Parents' printed name

Marchers' printed name

Parents' Signature

Marchers' Signature



Important Dates

Dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the band's website – www.fortmillband.com - for the most current schedule.



August

- 26 (Sat) Band Practice (9 AM – 5 PM)
- 28 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm - Fort Mill HS Band Room)

September

- 1 (Fri) Football Game v/s Lewisville (7:30 PM – Fort Mill HS)
- 9 (Sat) Band Practice (9AM – 5 PM)
- 16 (Sat) Band Practice (9AM – 5 PM)
- 16 (Sat) York County Band Exhibition (Fort Mill HS)
- 22 (Fri) Football Game v/s Boiling Springs (7:30 PM – Fort Mill HS)
- 23 (Sat) BOA Fall Preview Experience (Fort Mill HS)
- 25 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm - Fort Mill HS Band Room)
- 29 (Fri) Football Game v/s York (Homecoming - 7:30 PM – Fort Mill HS)

October

- 6 (Fri) Football Game v/s Northwestern (Pep Band - 7:30 PM - Rock Hill, SC)
- 7 (Sat) Olde English Festival of Bands (Rock Hill, SC)
- 13 (Fri) Football Game v/s South Pointe (Pep Band – 7:30 PM - Rock Hill, SC)
- 14 (Sat) SAT Test Date – **TAKE ON THIS DAY**
- 20 (Fri) Football Game v/s Rock Hill (7:30 PM – Fort Mill HS)
- 21 (Sat) Golden Classic Competition (Shelby HS - Shelby, NC)
- 27-29 (Fri-Sun) Bands of America Regional (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 30 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm - Fort Mill HS Band Room)

November

- 3 (Fri) Football Game v/s Lancaster (Senior Night - 7:30 PM – Fort Mill HS)
- 4 (Sat) 5A State Marching Band Championship (District 3 Stadium - Rock Hill, SC)
- SAT Test Date – **DO NOT TAKE ON THIS DAY**
- 27 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm - Fort Mill HS Band Room)

2007 Future Events

- Dec 2 (Sat) Fort Mill Christmas Parade (Fort Mill, SC)
- SAT Test Date
- Dec 5 (Tue) Winter Concert (7:30 PM - Fort Mill HS Auditorium)
- Jan 20 (Sat) Region Band Auditions
- Jan 27 (Sat) All-State Band Call Back Auditions

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August 2006 Band Notes

Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, August 28, 2006

7:30 PM – Fort Mill High School Band Room

Booster Club Meetings Are The Last Monday of the Month!!!

York County Band Exhibition

September 16th

Fort Mill High School – Fort Mill, SC

BOA Fall Preview Experience

September 23rd

Fort Mill High School – Fort Mill, SC