



# Fort Mill Band Notes

February 2006



## *Director's Message*

Dear Parents and Friends,

I would like to congratulate all of the students that made region and all-state band this year. All of their hard work and the parental support have helped make them successful. Be sure and congratulate them at the earliest opportunity. You can see their placement by going to the South Carolina Band Directors Association's web site at [www.bandlink.org](http://www.bandlink.org).

It is the time of year when many students are considering their decision to join the high school band. Many of you know the positive aspects of our program, but have trouble conveying these feelings to others. You have the opportunity to help our young people in Fort Mill make a decision to be part of one of the most positive activities in high school. Don't let students that you know pass up this wonderful family of musicians. Most of you know I can go on and on about the benefits of a good music education, so I would like to take this opportunity to share the following quotes from nationally distributed articles.

- Music majors are the most likely group of college grads to be admitted to medical school.  
*Lewis Thomas, Case for Music in the Schools, Phi Delta Kappa, 1994*
- Students who participate in school band or orchestra have the lowest levels of current and lifelong use of alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs among any group in our society.  
*H. Con. Res. 266, United States Senate, June 13, 2000*
- High school music students have been shown to hold higher grade point averages (GPA) than non-musicians in the same school.  
*National Educational Longitudinal Study of 1988*
- 78% of Americans feel learning a musical instrument helps students perform better in other subjects.  
*Gallup Poll, "American Attitudes toward Music," 2003*
- Nine out of ten adults and teenagers who play instruments agree that music making brings the family closer together.  
*Music Making and Our Schools, American Music Conference, 2000*
- With music in schools, students connect to each other better—greater camaraderie, fewer fights, less racism and reduced use of hurtful sarcasm.  
*Eric Jensen, Arts with the Brain in Mind, 2001*
- 71% of Americans surveyed by the Gallup Poll believe that teenagers who play an instrument are less likely to have disciplinary problems.  
*Gallup Poll, "American Attitudes toward Music," 2003*
- A study of 7,500 university students revealed that music majors scored the highest reading scores among all majors including English, biology, chemistry and math.  
*The Case for Music in the Schools, Phi Delta Kappa, 1994*

Thanks for all you do to support music education in our society. See you at our next booster meeting on Monday, February 27, 2006 in the band room at 7:30 PM.



*Sincerely,*  
**Martin Dickey**





# Assistance Needed

Fort Mill High School to host CIPA competition the first week of March



## CIPA (Guard/Percussion) Competition

On Saturday, March 4, 2006, the Fort Mill Band will host a CIPA guard/percussion competition at the high school. We are in the need for volunteers to assist in all areas - parking, concessions, registration, clean-up, and more. We can also use donations of soda (Pepsi or Coke products), water for our concession stand and baked goods for our bake sale. Even though this is a guard/percussion event, all profits are used to support the entire band program. Please contact **Sue Datko** at [sdatko@cetlink.net](mailto:sdatko@cetlink.net) with any questions or to volunteer.



## Region/All-State Band Members



Congratulations to the following band members of the Fort Mill High, Fort Mill Middle and Gold Hill Middle Schools that made the 2006 South Carolina All-State and Region bands.

Placements can be viewed by going to the South Carolina Band Directors Association's web site at [www.bandlink.org](http://www.bandlink.org).



### 2006 All-State Band



Brandon Armstrong  
Julia Benfield  
Holli Branum  
Jessica Coons  
Sarah Cooper  
Chris D'Avanzo  
Kate Davis



Dev Desai  
Michelle Farrington  
Nick Fife  
Alex Fisher  
Sarah Foster  
Dottie Grantham  
Joshua Harris



Laura Henderson  
Logan Herbert  
Andrew Krieger  
Matthew Krieger  
Justin Lyons  
Tyler McDaniel  
Alex McLelland



Kaylissa Riley  
Claire Sibley  
Megan Sibley  
Jaclyn Turner  
Lindsay Wolfe  
Jessica Yarab-Watt



### 2006 All-Region Band



Ahshilah Atkins  
Spencer Breland  
Thuc Bui  
Chelsea Bunch  
Colin Burnham  
Nathan Burnham  
Courtney Carter  
Christine Cassidy  
Cameron Christenson  
Justin Collins  
Jessica Coons  
Chris D'Avanzo  
Allison Datko  
Becky Dowdy  
Adam Eddy  
Audrey Ferguson  
Sam Ferguson  
Mackenzie Ferrell  
Nick Fife



Sammi Fife  
Matthew Furr  
Lauren Grier  
Ellie Gunkel  
Katie Hans  
Russell Hawes  
Rebecca Helms  
Laura Henderson  
Ashley Hernandez  
Chris Holford  
Tanya Hunt  
Amanda Huntington  
Jamie Ireton  
Walt Johnson  
Wesley Johnson  
Greg Jones  
Kelly Keziah  
Janelle Kibler  
Carolyn Klinefelter



Philip Knowleton  
Veronica Kulsecar  
Katie Leighton  
Kevin Loeper  
Thomas Longfield  
Jordan Lukens  
Matthew Lynn  
Justin Lyons  
Tyler McDaniel  
Eric McGuirk  
Alexis McLaine  
Chris Miller  
Tasha Moore  
Bryan Mullis  
Michael Mumford  
Justine Mummert  
Riley Pagett  
Katelyn Park  
Jake Pearce



Emily Pence  
Jennifer Pickens  
Calvin Riley  
Taylor Rouse  
Matthew Rumierz  
Celeste Seymore  
Ansley Smith  
Nathan Tumbush  
Christine Turner  
Jaclyn Turner  
Matt VanDeventer  
Blanca Varela  
Jana Walker  
Seth Warner  
Cooper Wasil  
Rachel Weber  
Josh Weston  
Jordan Younglove  
Tommy Zheng



**CONGRATULATIONS & GREAT JOB BY EVERYONE!!!**



# Charlotte Bobcats Arena/Verizon Amphitheatre

The booster club continues its fundraising activities at the new Charlotte Bobcats arena and the Verizon Amphitheatre. 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.

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

Bobcat Arena 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\*

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

*We continue to work with the Charlotte Bobcat Arena management to finalize additional events for the next few months.*

*Stay Tuned - The 2006 Verizon Amphitheatre concert schedule will be announced shortly.*

*TIPS training is required to work at the Verizon events and will be scheduled at the beginning of March.*



## Special Thanks to the Volunteers!!!

A special thanks to the folks listed below who volunteered their time to assist the booster club by working at the Charlotte Bobcats Arena events since it opened last October. Not only did these folks earn points to assist the paying of band fees, they took time from their busy family schedules and helped the booster club raise money that help keep the band fees as low as possible. This benefits every family and member of the Fort Mill Band program.

### October 2005

Jim Dixon	Richard McCluskey
Linda Dixon	Dee Spitler
Betsy Dugan	Eugenia Taylor
Karen Johnson	Carrie Thoterow
Bev Kibler	Tina Walters
Chris Krieger	

### November 2005

Roland Alexander	Paul Lieck
Bob Datko	Susan Longfield
Betsy Dugan	Andy Pond
JR Fountain	Sherri Pond
Colleen Hunt	Eugenia Taylor
Bill Ireton	Tina Walters
Chris Krieger	

### December 2005

Betsy Dugan	DJ Patterson
Colleen Hunt	Donald Patterson
Bill Ireton	Myrtie Patterson
Chris Krieger	Dee Spitler
Kathy Krieger	Forrest Spitler
Paul Lieck	Eugenia Taylor
Susan Longfield	Carrie Thoterow
Kellie Martenson	Tina Walters
Crystal Patterson	

### January 2006

Ron Boyd	Paul Lieck
Betsy Dugan	Kellie Martenson
Bill Ireton	Dee Spitler
Chris Krieger	Ray Tyler

## Band Fee Info

In order to provide more options for paying band fees, the Blue & Gold Band Club will now accept payment via credit card in addition to cash, check or points earned at designated fundraising activities (see the updated payment schedule in this newsletter).

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

### Payments can be sent 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 Mr. Dickey's office

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.

## Color Guard Update

Congratulations to both the Blue Guard and the Gold Guard for making the finals on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Atlanta WGI Regional. The Blue Guard took 13<sup>th</sup> place with a score of 64.2 and the Gold Guard took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 78.6.

Also, on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the CIPA competition in Greer, the Blue Guard finished 1<sup>st</sup> and the Gold Guard finished 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in each of their divisions.

### Gold Guard

Kat Bowers  
Jessica Bunch  
Shane Cox  
Allison Datko  
Courtney Fountain  
Colleen Gordon  
Amanda Huntington

Danielle Ireton  
Becky Leopard  
Sam Oliver  
Stacey Taylor  
Matt VanDeventer  
Ashley Walters  
Kristen Zimmerman

### Blue Guard

Paige Carwile  
Susana Chinchilla  
Katie Detar  
Elisa Davis  
Sarah Foster  
Janelle Kibler  
Brittany Neely

Elizabeth Nutter  
Alexandra Seay  
Jessica Sefcik  
Whitney Stanek  
Emily Totherow  
Lindsey Walters

The next color guard event is the CIPA competition on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Fort Mill High School.

***Please come out and support them!!!***

## Spring Silent Auction/Yard Sale/Barbecue

The Blue and Gold Band Club will be holding its annual Spring fundraiser event – a Silent Auction, Yard Sale and Barbecue – on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The barbecue will be sold for lunch on Friday and for lunch and dinner on Saturday. The silent auction and yard sale will be open all day on Saturday.

We are looking for donations for the silent auction and for the yard sale, the band club will have two options:

- A band parent can ‘rent’ a space for \$15.00 and sell their own items.
- If parents do not want to “rent” a space, the booster club will be glad to accept any gently used items and sell them with the proceeds going to the band.

If you have any questions, would like to ‘rent’ a space or have donations for the silent auction or yard sale, please contact **Anne Ireton** at 547-1281 or **Bev Kibler** at 548-2710.

***Stay Tuned for More Information Coming Later!!!***

## ***Delay/Problems with the January Newsletter/Statements***

Due to unforeseen delays and unknown problems at the Fort Mill Post Office this past month, the January newsletter and monthly statements were not received prior to the January booster club meeting as well as some were not received at all. Our goal is to have the newsletter and statements in your hands before the booster meeting. Please accept our apologies and beginning this month, have adjusted our schedule and process to ensure a more timely receipt of the newsletter and statement for future months.

***Thank you for your patience!!!***



# 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.

## February

24-25 (Fri-Sat)	Region Band Clinic (Fort Mill HS)
24 (Fri)	Region Band Check-In (9 AM – Fort Mill HS) Region Band Rehearsal (10 AM - 1 PM & 2:45 PM - 6:15 PM – Fort Mill HS)
25 (Sat)	Region Band Rehearsal (9 AM - 11:30 AM & 1 PM - 2:30 PM – Fort Mill HS) Alternate Region Band Performance (3:15 PM – Fort Mill HS) Region Band Performance (4:30 PM – Fort Mill HS)
27 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## March

4 (Sat)	Winter Guard – CIPA – Blue & Gold (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
8 (Wed)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Block After School Rehearsal w/ Percussion (3:45 pm – 5:15 pm)
9-12 (Thur-Sun)	All-State Band Clinic (Furman University – Greenville, SC)
12 (Sun)	All-State Band Concert (1:30 PM – Furman University – Greenville, SC)
11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Winter Guard – WGI – Blue & Gold (Richmond, VA)
15 (Wed)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Block After School Rehearsal w/ Percussion (3:45 pm – 5:15 pm)
17-20 (Fri-Mon)	No School
21 (Tue)	Symphonic Band & Wind Symphony After School Rehearsal
22-23 (Wed-Thur)	State Concert Festival (Clover HS – Clover, SC)
25-26 (Sat-Sun)	Winter Guard – WGI – Gold (Nashville, TN)
25 (Sat)	Percussion Ensemble – WGI (Dorman HS)
27 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## April

1 (Sat)	SAT Testing Date
1 (Sat)	Winter Guard Championships – CIPA (Western Carolina Univ - Cullowhee, NC)
5-9 (Wed-Sun)	Winter Guard Championships – WGI – Gold (Dayton, OH)
10-14,17 (M-F & M)	No School - Spring Break
19-23 (Wed-Sun)	Percussion Ensemble Championships – WGI (Dayton, OH)
24 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting & Elections (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
24 (Mon)	Fort Mill HS Band Awards Concert (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS)
25 (Tue)	Fort Mill Middle School Band Awards Concert (Fort Mill HS)
27 (Thur)	Gold Hill Middle School Band Awards Concert (Fort Mill HS)
28 (Fri)	Spring Barbecue - Lunch Only (Fort Mill HS)
29 (Sat)	Spring Barbecue - Lunch & Dinner, Silent Auction & Yard Sale (Fort Mill HS)
28-29 (Fri-Sat)	Solo & Ensemble (Rock Hill)



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## May

1 (Mon)	AP Exams Begin
6 (Sat)	Fest-I-Fun (Fort Mill, SC)
6 (Sat)	SAT Testing Date – <b>DO NOT TAKE ON THIS DATE</b> (Take in April or June)
23 (Tue)	Half Day for Students
24 (Wed)	Half Day for Students – Last Day of School
27 (Sat)	Graduation (10 AM – Winthrop Coliseum) – <b>REQUIRED, Band will play!!!</b>
29 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

## June

3 (Sat)	SAT Testing Date
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### 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
<i>Treasurer</i>	Karen Johnson	<a href="mailto:kdrj2003@hotmail.com">kdrj2003@hotmail.com</a>	548-2141
<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Judy Keziah	<a href="mailto:judy@pro-bal.com">judy@pro-bal.com</a>	548-1342
<i>Secretary</i>	Cathy Loeper	<a href="mailto:loeperfam@comporium.net">loeperfam@comporium.net</a>	547-7080
<i>Exec. Secretary</i>	Chris Tough	<a href="mailto:bctiq@yahoo.com">bctiq@yahoo.com</a>	548-5882
<i>Members At Large</i>	Bob Datko	<a href="mailto:rdatko@cetlink.net">rdatko@cetlink.net</a>	802-7905
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	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
	Mary Ann Makowski	<a href="mailto:pmakowski@comporium.net">pmakowski@comporium.net</a>	396-0563
	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
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## 2006-2007 Blue & Gold Band Club Elections Coming Soon

Elections for the 2006-2007 board of directors is scheduled for the April 24<sup>th</sup> booster club meeting at 7:30 PM in the band room.

If you are interested in a position, please contact **Bob Datko** at [rdatko@cetlink.net](mailto:rdatko@cetlink.net) or 802-7905 or **Sharon Stanek-Whited** [help8068@yahoo.com](mailto:help8068@yahoo.com) or 802-1780.

**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.

**FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL BAND**  
**PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2005-2006**

<u>EVENT/ITEM</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>PAYMENT AMOUNT</u>
CONCERT BAND:	09/15/05	\$ 50.00 or 25.0 Points
BAND CAMP:	05/30/05	\$ 50.00 or 25.0 Points
	07/15/05	\$100.00 or 50.0 Points
FALL UNIFORM:	08/15/05	\$ 75.00 or 37.5 Points
FALL INSTRUMENT:	08/01/05	\$ 40.00 or 20 Points
SPRING INSTRUMENT:	01/15/06	\$ 40.00 or 20 Points
BOA 2005-2006:	09/01/05	\$185.00 or 92.5 Points
	10/01/05	\$185.00 or 92.5 Points
	11/01/05	\$180.00 or 90.0 Points
CONCERT DRESS:	12/05/05	\$40 to \$65 <u>No Points</u>
ACCESSORIES:	08/15/05	\$5 and up <u>No Points</u>
REGION BAND:	12/01/05	\$6 per audition <u>No Points</u>
PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE:	01/13/06	\$100.00 or 50.0 Points
	02/13/06	\$200.00 or 100.0 Points
	03/13/06	\$200.00 or 100.0 Points
	04/14/06	\$150.00 or 75.0 Points
GOLD GUARD:	01/13/06	\$250.00 or 125.0 Points
	02/13/06	\$250.00 or 125.0 Points
	03/13/06	\$250.00 or 125.0 Points
	04/14/06	\$250.00 or 125.0 Points
	05/01/06	\$200.00 or 100.0 Points
BLUE GUARD:	01/13/06	\$160.00 or 80.0 Points
	02/13/06	\$200.00 or 100.0 Points
	03/13/06	\$200.00 or 100.0 Points
	04/14/06	\$200.00 or 100.0 Point

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**Please detach and return with payment to:**

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

**OR Have band members place payment in mailbox just inside Mr. Dickey's office**

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

*Please circle event/item for which the payment is for*

Band Camp / Concert Band / Uniform / Instrument / BOA / Concert Dress / Accessories  
 Region Band / Percussion Ensemble / Gold Guard / Blue Guard

*Payment Method/Amount*

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# **February 2006 Band Notes**

*Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2006*

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

*Booster Club meetings are the last Monday of the month!!!*



## **Winter Guard CIPA**

*Saturday, March 4, 2006*

*Fort Mill High School – Fort Mill, SC*



## **Region Band Clinic**

*Friday & Saturday, February 24-25*

*Fort Mill High School – Fort Mill, SC*

## **All-State Band Clinic**

*Thursday - Sunday, March 9-12*

*Furman University – Greenville, SC*