



Fort Mill Band Notes

January 2006



Director's Message

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL SUPPORT

Schedules and classes are now in place and we are focused on a solid concert season curriculum certain to make a difference in the life of every student in our music program. I would like to share some ways that you can help support our program.

Be an Encouraging Parent. Competence is the result of dedicated "time on task". Music learning, music performance, and music appreciation are the outcomes of study, practice, and guided listening. With limited rehearsal time, it is imperative that students invest extra time in nurturing their talents and improving their skills. Please encourage a positive practice schedule. Remember that practice time must be framed as a benefit and not as a disciplinary penalty.

Be a Loyal and Appreciative Audience. The best audience is always parents. You are faced with a full agenda in your personal and professional life, and you are challenged to adjust your schedule to accommodate every school function. However, your presence at our performances will mean more to our students than words can describe. Music is a family affair. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate your child's talent. Whether it is a concert, winter guard competition, region band concert, percussion ensemble, or any of our groups' performances, your presence means more to the students than you can ever imagine.

Be a Booster Member. There are many ways to aid and participate in our parent support organization, the Blue and Gold Band Club. Please join with other parents who realize the far-reaching potential of the arts and take advantage of the synergy created by sharing a common educational philosophy. This organization ensures the future of quality music education for the student musicians. We need you now more than ever!

The music program at Fort Mill High School continues to flourish because of a substantive curriculum, a well-informed and supportive administration, and exemplary parental support. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

I look forward to visiting with you at our next booster meeting on Monday, January 30th.



Sincerely,
Martin Dickey



First Meeting for 2006



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

Learn About:

What's Coming Up This Spring
Winter Guard/Percussion

Volunteer Opportunities

How To Get Involved
Fundraising



Assistance Needed

Fort Mill High School to host the region band clinic in February and CIPA competition in March



Region Band Clinic

The booster club needs your assistance while the Fort Mill High School hosts the region band clinic on February 24 & 25 (Friday & Saturday). 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. We will also need some help Thursday night, February 23rd as well for set-up.

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.

CIPA (Guard/Percussion) Competition

On March 4, 2006, the Fort Mill Band will host a CIPA guard/percussion competition at the high school. We are looking for volunteers to help in all areas - parking, concessions, registration, clean-up, and more. We can also use donations of soda (Pepsi or Coke products) and 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 to volunteer or with any questions.

Band Fees Are Due

The food has been served, the drill has been mastered, the music has been memorized, the buses are empty, the hotels are empty and so is the Blue & Gold Band Club bank account!!!

There are a large number of students who are behind in their band fees. The Booster Club is unable to get behind in expenses for students since hotels and other agencies do not want to hear, "We will pay it when we get our parents' tax returns." Please understand this - your student's expenses have been paid and the booster club is no longer able to maintain this large deficit.

In order to maintain the quality program at Fort Mill, it is imperative that all members of the band fulfill their financial obligation. Your commitment in all forms is what enables us to maintain this standard. Please do your part to keep this a winning and rewarding program.

Thanks to those who have already paid their 2005-2006 band fees. For those who have yet to pay their fees, please pay as soon as possible.

For any questions or issues around fees/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) under the forms/info link.

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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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

Amount of Payment Cash: _____
 Points: _____
 Check: _____ Check #: _____



Important Dates



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

January

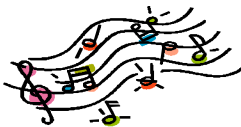
- 28 (Sat) All-State Band Call Back Auditions (Lexington HS – Lexington, SC)
- 28 (Sat) SAT Testing Date
- 30 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

February

- 4 (Sat) Inclement Weather Make-up Day for All-State Band Auditions
- 4-5 (Sat-Sun) Winter Guard – WGI – Blue & Gold (Atlanta, GA or Spartanburg, SC)
- 17 (Fri) No School – Teacher Work Day
- 17 (Fri) Wind Symphony Rehearsal (Fort Mill HS)
- 17-18 (Fri-Sat) Wind Symphony – Saturday Concert (USC Band Clinic - Columbia, SC)
Percussion Ensemble – Saturday Concert (USC Band Clinic - Columbia, SC)
- 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

- 4 (Sat) Winter Guard – CIPA – Blue & Gold (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 8 (Wed) 2nd & 4th Block After School Rehearsal w/ Percussion (3:45 pm – 5:15 pm)
- 9-12 (Thur-Sun) All-State Band Clinic (Furman University – Greenville, SC)
- 11-12 (Sat-Sun) Winter Guard – WGI – Blue & Gold (Richmond, VA)
- 15 (Wed) 2nd & 4th 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)



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.

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.



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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 (Mon-Fri)	No School - Spring Break
17 (Mon)	No School - Spring Break
19-23 (Wed-Sun)	Percussion Ensemble Championships – WGI (Dayton, OH)
24 (Mon)	Band Booster Club Meeting (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)
28-29 (Fri-Sat)	Solo & Ensemble (Rock Hill)

May

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

June

3 (Sat)	SAT Testing Date
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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 – see the new Arena/Verizon section) or by contacting **Betsy Dugan** at 803-548-2746 or via email at betsydugan@yahoo.com .

Upcoming Schedule*

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

We are currently working with the Charlotte Bobcat Arena management to finalize additional events for the next 3 months.

Stay Tuned - The 2006 Verizon Amphitheatre concert schedule will be announced within the next few months.





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Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, January 30, 2006

7:30 PM – Fort Mill High School Band Room

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



Winter Guard

Saturday & Sunday, February 4-5, 2006

Atlanta, GA or Spartanburg, SC



Wind Symphony & Percussion Ensemble

Friday & Saturday, February 17-18, 2006

USC Band Clinic – Columbia, SC