



Fort Mill Band Notes

March 2006



Director's Message

Dear Parents and Supporters,

March is always a busy time of year for students. They are faced with extended homework assignments and a full agenda of school activities. Parental support and encouragement are crucial at this time of the year. When students become overloaded to the point of experiencing stress and pressure, they feel the need to lighten their load. Unfortunately, students, parents and counselors often misinterpret the study of music as an "educational extra" and in an attempt to alleviate the student's time dilemma, set music aside. It is at best, a short-term solution. It is important to maintain music studies for two reasons: 1) the personal skills required to handle the challenges of life are actively practiced in music, and 2) the interdisciplinary skills learned in music are identical to those required for success in life. These skills include working in teams, communication, self-esteem, creative thinking, imagination and invention.

Therefore, the solution to the problem is - more music!

Former Chairman and CEO of Apple Computer Inc., John Sculley, commented, "As a chief executive of a technology company that thrives on creativity, I want to work with people whose imaginations have been unleashed and who tackle problems as challenges rather than seeing them as obstacles. An education enriched by the creative arts should be considered essential for everyone." Every parent wants their child to enjoy a life filled with happiness and prosperity. For all these reasons and more, we want to make certain your son or daughter is well prepared for the opportunities of tomorrow. We strongly encourage the continuation of their music studies. Should the notion of "quitting music" arise in a conversation, contact a director immediately. You can count on our support in explaining the unique advantages of having a lifelong relationship with music.

Your support is a cornerstone in the foundation of our music program at Fort Mill High School. Thank you!



Sincerely,
Martin Dickey





Recognition



Region/All-State Band



Congratulations to all of the band members from the Fort Mill High, Fort Mill Middle and Gold Hill Middle Schools that recently performed for the 2006 South Carolina All-State and Region bands.

After countless hours of practice, the region bands performed on February 25th at the Fort Mill High School and the all-state bands performed at Furman University on March 12th. Fort Mill continues to be one of the top 5 schools in the state for placing students in region and all-state bands.

Pictures of the all-state performances can be found on the SC Band Directors Association website at www.bandlink.org.

It's great to see music is alive and well in the state of South Carolina!!!



Wind Symphony Performance



On February 18th, the Wind Symphony performed at the University of South Carolina Band Clinic in Columbia. The band clinic invites the top musicians from Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina to perform in one of four honor bands and is the largest event of its kind in the southeast.

The University also invites two bands each year based upon a competitive application. It is a great honor for the Fort Mill Wind Symphony to be selected to perform at this prestigious event. Not only did Fort Mill have 7 individual students selected to perform with the honor bands, the Wind Symphony was selected through the application process to give a performance at the Koger Center in Columbia.

The Fort Mill Band played a program of college level selections to a large, appreciative crowd from throughout the southeast. Our students worked hard in preparation for this event and received a **standing ovation** for their efforts.



Color Guard Update



Congratulations to both the Blue Guard and the Gold Guard for their latest CIPA and WGI competition results.

At the CIPA competition on February 18th at Dorman High School, the Blue Guard took 2nd place and the Gold Guard took 1st place in their respective divisions. On March 4th at the CIPA competition at our own Fort Mill High School, both guard groups took 1st place in their respective divisions.

This past weekend at the WGI Regional in Richmond, Virginia, both the Blue Guard and the Gold Guard advanced to the finals and finished 14th and 1st respectively. ***This is the first time in 4 years the guard has won a regional!!!***

The Gold Guard will be competing at the WGI Super-Regional competition on March 25th in Nashville, TN and at the Winter Guard Championships April 5th thru April 8th in Dayton, OH.



Thanks!!!



Region Band

A special thanks to the following people that made the region band weekend hosted by our school a huge success by helping with set-up, clean-up, concessions, etc.

Donald Jacobson
Larry Gibson
Jeane Cassidy
Betsy Dugan
Pam Tumbusch
Sue Datko
Bev Kibler
Bob Keziah

Kriss Martenson
Chris Tough
Cathy Loeper
Sharon Stanek
Judy Keziah
Colleen Hunt
George Hunt
Kim Rosenfeld

And don't forget about all the folks who donated food for the director's hospitality room. The directors enjoy and appreciate the home cooking the FMHS Band parents provide after the long rehearsals with the students. The recipes can be found on the SC Band Directors Association website – www.bandlink.org – by going to the Region Three section.

Your Time Is Appreciated!!!

CIPA Competition

Thanks to everyone who helped make our CIPA competition a success. Even though our show was small, we had a good turnout in the stands, our concession stand was a sell-out and we made a profit. Thanks to all who volunteered their time, donated soda, baked for our bake sale or stayed afterwards to help clean up. A special thank you to Brenda Bowers for her donation of BBQ and buns for our concession stand and to Kim Rosenfeld for feeding our judges. An event like this cannot take place without your help and I am very grateful for all of our wonderful band volunteers.

Thanks Again!!!



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 other 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.

Any parents who 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 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!!!

Charlotte Bobcats Arena, Verizon Amphitheatre & Knights Stadium

The booster club will continue 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.

Questions, event information, schedules 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



Upcoming Schedule*

Charlotte Bobcats Arena

No Events Scheduled

Knights Stadium

Season begins mid-April



Verizon Amphitheatre

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

8/7 (Mon) – Warped Tour

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

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

6/4 (Sun) – Jimmy Buffett

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

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

9/29 (Fri) – Widespread Panic

6/20 (Tue) – Dave Matthews Band

9/30 (Sat) – Widespread Panic

7/14 (Fri) – Chicago

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

7/15 (Sat) – Def Leopard

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



Important!!!



TIPS training is required to work at the Verizon events and is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28th at 7 pm. Contact Richard McCluskey at 803-548-3136 or via email at rsmc_disney@go.com to attend or for more information.

Last Call for 2006-2007 Blue & Gold Band Club Nominations

Final nominations for the 2006-2007 officers and board members will be accepted at the March 27th booster meeting. Don't miss out on an opportunity to help shape the booster club's direction for the upcoming year.

Elections for the 2006-2007 officers and board members are currently scheduled, subject to change, for the April 24th booster club meeting at 7:30 PM in the band room.

If you are interested in a position or have questions, please contact any member of the nominating committee:

Chairperson	Bob Datko	rdatko@cetlink.net	802-7905
Chairperson	Sharon Stanek-Whited	help8068@yahoo.com	802-1780
At-Large	Judy Keziah	judy@pro-bal.com	548-1342
At-Large	Sue Datko	sdatko@cetlink.net	802-7905
At-Large	Kathy Krieger	ckrieger@comporium.net	548-6946



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 28th and Saturday, April 29th in the Fort Mill High School band room parking lot.

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.

There are various ways for you to support this activity this year:

- Donate used items to the booster club for the yard sale.
- Rent a space for \$15 and have your own yard sale.
- Obtain items, gift certificates or services from your place of employment for the silent auction.
- Help solicit local businesses for the silent auction items, gift certificates or services.
- Volunteer at the fundraiser – we'll need lots of help!!!

A member of the Spring fundraising committee will be calling booster club members over the next couple of weeks to give additional information and answer questions. Or you can always contact our committee chairpersons **Anne Ireton** at 547-1281 or ireton5@comporium.net or **Bev Kibler** at 548-2710 or BevKibler@hotmail.com directly.

Stay Tuned for More Information Coming Next Month!!!

Solo & Ensemble

Solo & Ensemble is scheduled for April 29th and 30th at the Fort Mill Middle School. Band students who have registered with Mr. Dickey owe \$3.00 – the booster club has already paid the fees. Payments – mark envelope with name and “sole & ensemble” - should be sent into school and placed in the mailbox just inside Mr. Dickey’s office.

Transportation to the event is on your own – no buses are provided. Medals for Solo & Ensemble can be purchased the day of the event for \$3.00 per medal.

Good Luck!!!

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.



**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 - under the directory.

<i>President</i>	Kriss Martenson	kmartenson@cetlink.net	396-8889
<i>Vice-President</i>	Betsy Dugan	betsydugan@yahoo.com	548-2746
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	Mary Ann Makowski	makowski@comporium.net	396-0563
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	Sharon Stanek	help8068@yahoo.com	802-1780

Fees - Thanks

Thanks to everyone who either continues to pay or have already completed paying their band, guard and/or percussion fees.

Remember, payments for band fees can be made via credit card in addition to cash, check or points earned at designated fundraising activities.

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) under the forms/info link.

Please detach and return with payment to:

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

OR

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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

Payment Method/Amount

Cash Amount: _____

Point Amount: _____

Check Amount: _____

Check #: _____

Credit Card Amount: _____

Card#: _____

Credit Card Type (circle one): VISA MasterCard Discover Exp. Date: _____

Card Holder Name (as it appears on card): _____



Important Dates



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

March

17-20 (Fri-Mon)	No School
21 (Tue)	Symphonic Band & Wind Symphony After School Rehearsal
22 (Wed)	Wind Symphony – State Concert Festival (8 pm - Clover HS)
23 (Thur)	Concert Band – State Concert Festival (5:25 pm - Clover HS)
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) Final Nominations for 2006-2007 Officers and Board Members
28 (Tue)	TIPS Training (7 pm – Contact Richard McCluskey for details)

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 Band Parking Lot)
29 (Sat)	Spring Barbecue - Lunch & Dinner, Silent Auction & Yard Sale (Fort Mill HS Band Parking Lot)
28-29 (Fri-Sat)	Solo & Ensemble (Fort Mill Middle School)

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
27 (Sat)	Graduation (10 AM – Winthrop Coliseum) – 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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Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, March 27, 2006

7:30 PM – Fort Mill High School Band Room

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

State Concert Festival



Wind Symphony - Wednesday, March 22, 2006 – 8 PM

Concert Band - Thursday, March 23, 2006 – 5:25 PM

Both Events at Clover High School – Clover, SC



Gold Winter Guard - WGI

Saturday & Sunday, March 25-26

Nashville, TN

Percussion Ensemble - WGI

Saturday, March 25

Dorman High School