



Fort Mill Band Notes

October 2006



Director's Message

Dear Parents and Supporters,

Welcome to October and the beginning of the holiday season. Our band program continues to move forward at a fast pace. We are enjoying the unlimited possibilities of music learning and music making, otherwise known as - ART. We now know that each high school will have varsity football next year and there will be a band program at each school as well. I will be discussing this in more detail at our upcoming booster meeting on Monday, October 30.

This is often the time of year when school becomes a bit "routine." The realization of mid-term tests, lengthy assignments and crucial deadlines becomes apparent. Many students find themselves in a bind and begin to seek ways to shed the burden of "over-commitment." Unfortunately, music is often the target of this quick-fix solution.

Beware of the shallow contention, "But I have taken band classes and I just don't have the time to continue with band when there is so much to do." Initially this statement seems to have some merit, but when parents clearly understand that music stimulates the creative mind and unleashes multidimensional thinking that reinforces the highest level of intellect, memory and sensory awareness, the argument is short-lived. The question to ask your son or daughter is, "Do you want to master the disciplines required to achieve your life-goals?" The obvious "yes" answer supports a continuation of music study. Over the years, music educators have carefully tracked the SAT test scores of students involved in music classes compared to those who were not. The statistics highlight a dramatic variance that cannot be ignored:

"Students with coursework and experience in music performance scored 52 points higher on the verbal portion of the SAT and 37 points higher on the math portion than students with no coursework or experience in the arts. And a difference in scores increased with the number of years involved. Those who studied music four or more years scored a combined 101 points higher on the SAT than students with no coursework or experience in the arts." Profiles of SAT and Achievement Test Takers, The College Board (1997)

The benefits of music study extend far beyond the performance. Please join with me to guarantee a promising future for all the young musicians in our program by encouraging them to continue their study of music no matter where they choose to go to school.

Sincerely,

Martin Dickey
Director of Bands





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.

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Fruit Sale – Now Thru November 13th

Volunteers Needed – December 1st and 2nd



Orders for the annual fruit sale will be accepted now thru November 13th. Forms were provided to all students – additional forms can be found in the band room. Help will be needed to unload the truck on December 1st starting at 9 am.

Fruit may be picked up Friday night, December 1st from 6 pm until 8 pm as well as Saturday, December 2nd after the Fort Mill Christmas parade.

Please contact **Cathy Loeper** at 803-547-7080 or via email at loeperfam@comporium.net if you have any questions or can assist on December 1st or 2nd.



Thanks!!!



End of Year Marching Party

Saturday, November 18th



The annual “End of Year” marching party has been scheduled for Saturday, November 18th - please mark your calendars. Help is needed to assist with the event so please contact **Bev Kibler** via email at bevkiabler@hotmail.com or via phone at 803-984-8533.

Watch for Additional Details Soon!!!



Halloween Bash – Candy Needed



Since the kids have practice on Halloween night, the booster club is offering a “trunk trick or treat”. Members of the booster club’s board will be passing out candy from their cars to all the students after practice. We are looking for parents to donate bags of candy. Please deliver any candy donations to the table just outside Mr. Dickey’s office in the band room.



Important Dates



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

October

- 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**
- 7 (Tue) No School – Election Day
- 13 (Mon) Fruit Sale Ends
- 22-24 (Wed-Fri) No School – Thanksgiving
- 27 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 PM - Fort Mill HS Band Room)

December

- 1 (Fri) Fruit Arrives for Unloading/Sorting (9 AM – Fort Mill HS Band Shed)
Fruit Distribution (6 PM thru 8 PM – Fort Mill HS Band Parking Lot)
- 2 (Sat) Fort Mill Christmas Parade (Fort Mill, SC)
Fruit Distribution (After Parade – Fort Mill HS Band Parking Lot)
SAT Test Date
- 5 (Tue) Winter Concert (7:30 PM - Fort Mill HS Auditorium)
- 21 (Thu) Half Day of School
- 22-29 (Fri-Fri) No School – Winter Break
- 25 (Mon) **No Band Booster Club Meeting – HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

January

- 1-2 (Mon-Tue) No School – Winter Break
- 15 (Mon) No School – Martin Luther King Holiday
- 20 (Sat) Region Band Auditions
- 27 (Sat) All-State Band Call Back Auditions
- 29 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

Future Events

- Feb 16-19 (Fri-Mon) No School – President's Weekend
- Feb 26 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 PM – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
- Mar 26 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
- Apr 5/6 - Apr 12/13 Hawaii Trip
- April-May Spring Meal Fundraiser (BBQ)/Yard Sale/Silent Auction

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Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, October 30, 2006

7:30 PM – Fort Mill High School Band Room

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

BRING A BAG OF CANDY FOR THE STUDENTS!!!

Bands Of America Regional

October 27th-29th

Georgia Dome – Atlanta, GA

5A State Marching Band Contest

November 4th

District 3 Stadium – Rock Hill, SC