



Fort Mill Band Notes

January 2007



Director's Message

Dear Parents and Friends,

We just finished our region band auditions and many of the students will be continuing on to the all-state audition. The Fort Mill High School Band personnel represent the finest students in our school; therefore, we are always looking for avenues of possibility to encourage, challenge, and reward our high achievers. The opportunity to play with the all-state band is the highest reward for our musically talented students. They deserve the best and, with the help of our parent booster organization, we can offer our band members exciting opportunities to embellish their academic, social, and musical training.

This requires an additional source of revenue, and we generate it through a series of fund-raising programs. However, there is much more to the process than reaching the financial goal; the by-products of this effort may have more worth to all of us (students, parents, school, and community) than the fiscal windfall it produces. During a fund-raising event, a new sense of community awareness takes place as much attention is focused on the band. It would be impossible to buy the kind of positive publicity the students will receive as area band enthusiasts come forward to support our fund-raising campaign.

While some people may see such a project as a necessary evil, I believe we should approach it from an entirely different perspective. It creates a forum of mutual exchange to tell everyone the good news about our band, our students, and share a refreshing viewpoint concerning the youth of today who are destined to be the leaders of tomorrow. It is also a time we can "toot our own horns" and give others a chance to experience the pride that is such an important part of our band's success.

Yes, the fund-raising effort needs to produce profitable results. Yes, we are counting on all those involved to come forward and contribute to our goals. Yes, we all need to make some personal sacrifices along the way. Yes, it will be worth it...many times over.

The hidden message in all of this concerns the attitude of giving. The greatest joy in life always revolves around contributing to others. Music itself is founded on the concept of expressing oneself to others through giving. Our band is successful to the degree to which the members are willing to give to the ensemble. In the words of Orison Marden, "The best thing about giving of ourselves is that what we get is always better than what we give. The reaction is greater than the action." Fund raising offers a microcosm of this important law of life. We will all reap the harvest of this event in more ways than we can possibly measure. Please make every effort to help our students by volunteering with fundraising events.

Thank you for your time, and for being a valued member of our Fort Mill band booster organization. You are making a difference for every student in the band.



With appreciation,

*Martin Dickey
Director of Bands*





Assistance Needed

Fort Mill High School to host several events over the next few months!!!

CIPA Event Hosted by Fort Mill Color Guard/B&GBC

The next Blue & Gold Band Club fundraiser will be on **Saturday, February 17th** when the Fort Mill Color Guard in conjunction with the Blue & Gold Band Club host a CIPA guard/percussion competition at our very own 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 (cans) and water for our concession stand and baked goods for our bake sale. Plus it's a chance to come out and support the Fort Mill High School Open and A guard programs in our own backyard.

Did you know that all profits from this event are used to support the entire Fort Mill band program – marching band, concert band, percussion, guard, etc. – similar to the York County Band Exhibition and the Bands of America Fall Preview?

Please contact **Kathy Krieger**, our event chairperson, via email a ckrieger@comporium.net if you can volunteer or provide items for the bake sale and/or concession stand. Thanks to all that have already volunteered their time to make this a great event.

An event like this cannot take place without your help and we - the community, schools and students - are very grateful for all of our wonderful band volunteers.

Region Band Clinic

The Fort Mill High School will host the region band clinic on Friday and Saturday, **February 23rd & 24th**. The Blue & Gold Band Club will be responsible for providing hospitality to the visiting band directors, assistance to all the clinicians, aid for visiting students and a small concession stand throughout the two day event.

If you are interested with assisting at this event for either day whether it's an hour or for several hours, please contact **Kathy Krieger** at 803-548-6946 or via email at ckrieger@comporium.net.

Coming Spring 2007

The Blue and Gold Band Club will be holding its annual Spring fundraiser event in a few months. This year, we will be hosting a combined Barbecue & Silent Auction. Dates will be announced as soon as they are finalized. Questions should be directed to **Bev Kibler** (chairperson for Barbecue) at 984-8533 or **Sharon Stanek** (chairperson for Silent Auction) at 802-1780.

Stay Tuned for More Information Coming Soon!!!

Coming in Fall 2007

The city of Fort Mill, South Carolina will again be host to a BOA Fall Preview Event in **September of 2007**. Thanks again to everyone who made the 2006 event a success. We look forward to continuing that success next year!!!



FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL BAND
PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2006-2007

<u>EVENT/ITEM</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Band Camp	5/30/06	\$50 or 25 pts
	7/15/06	\$100 or 50 pts
Fall Uniform	HS Registration	\$75 (collected by HS, no pts)
Instrument Maintenance	HS Registration	\$60 (collected by HS, no pts)
BOA Fees	9/1/06	\$200 or 100 pts
	10/1/06	\$50 or 25 pts
Marching Accessories	8/31/06	\$5 and up (no pts)
Fall Guard		
Equipment bag	8/20/06	\$20 (no pts)
Uniform	8/20/06	\$100 (no pts)
	10/31/06	\$45 (no pts)
Wind suit	11/1/06	\$55 (no pts)
Hoodies	11/15/06	\$25 (no pts)
Shoes	1/15/07	\$33 (no pts)
Concert Dress (New)	1/15/07	\$67.50 (no pts)
Concert Dress (Used)	1/15/07	\$40 (no pts)
Region Band	12/1/06	\$7 (no pts)
Open Guard	1/15/07	\$250 or 125 pts
	2/15/07	\$250 or 125 pts
	3/15/07	\$250 or 125 pts
	4/15/07	\$250 or 125 pts
"A" Guard	1/15/07	\$200 or 100 pts
	2/15/07	\$200 or 100 pts
	3/15/07	\$200 or 100 pts
	4/15/07	\$150 or 75 pts
Percussion Ensemble	12/4/06	\$100 or 50 pts
	1/15/07	\$100 or 50 pts
	2/15/07	\$100 or 50 pts
	3/15/07	\$100 or 50 pts

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: _____

Payment Information/Method/Amount

Event/Item: _____

Cash Amount: _____

Point Amount: _____

Check Amount: _____

Check #: _____



Important Dates



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

January

- 27 (Sat) All-State Band Call Back Auditions (Lexington HS – Lexington, SC)
Winter Guard (Open & A) at Circuit Qualifier (Greer, SC)
SAT Test
- 29 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

February

- 2-4 (Fri-Sun) Winter Guard (Open & A) at WGI (Richmond, VA)
- 9-10 (Fri-Sat) Clarinet Choir & Percussion Ensemble at SDMENC (Charleston, SC)
- 16-19 (Fri-Mon) No School – President's Weekend
- 17 (Sat) Winter Guard (Open & A) at CIPA (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 23-24 (Fri-Sat) Region Band Clinic (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 26 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 PM – Fort Mill HS Band Room)

March

- 2-4 (Fri-Sun) Winter Guard (Open) at WGI (Atlanta, GA)
- 8-11 (Thu-Sun) All-State Band Clinic (Furman University – Greenville, SC)
- 10 (Sat) SAT Test
- 16-19 (Fri-Mon) No School
- 17 (Sat) Winter Guard (Open & A) at CIPA (JF Byrnes S – Duncan, SC)
Percussion Ensemble at WGI (Dorman HS – Roebuck, SC)
- 24 (Sat) Winter Guard & Percussion State Championship (Charleston, SC)
- 26 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)
- 28-29 (Wed-Thu) State Concert Band Festival (Gaffney HS – Gaffney, SC)
- 31 Winter Guard CIPA Championships (Western Carolina Univ – Cullowhee, NC)

April

- 5-12 Hawaii Trip w/ Performance at Pearl Harbor
- 6-13 (Fri-Fri) No School – Spring Break
- 12-15 (Thu-Sun) Winter Guard WGI Championships (Dayton, OH)
- 18-22 (Wed-Sun) Percussion WGI Championships (Dayton, OH)
- 21 (Sat) FMHS Prom
- 24 (Tue) Springfield MS Spring Concert (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 26 (Thu) Fort Mill MS Spring Concert (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 27-28 (Fri-Sat) Solo/Ensemble Festival (Fort Mill MS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 30 (Mon) Gold Hill MS Spring Concert (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)



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## May

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| 1 (Tue)  | Fort Mill HS Spring Concert (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC) |
| 5 (Sat)  | Fest-i-Fun                                                           |
|          | SAT Test – DO NOT TAKE ON THIS DAY                                   |
| 22 (Tue) | Half Day of School                                                   |
| 23 (Wed) | Last Day of School – Half Day                                        |
| 26 (Sat) | Graduation – <b>BAND WILL PLAY (REQUIRED)</b>                        |
| 28 (Mon) | Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS Band Room)         |

## June

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| 2 (SAT) | SAT Test |
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## 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](http://www.fortmillband.com) - under the directory.

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|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <i>President</i>        | Bev Kibler      | <a href="mailto:BevKibler@hotmail.com">BevKibler@hotmail.com</a>     | 984-8533 |
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## Email from the Booster Club

If you would like to receive information via email from the booster club, please send a note to our the booster club's email address at [fmbandclub@comporium.net](mailto:fmbandclub@comporium.net) 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](mailto:fmbandclub@comporium.net) to reach your mailbox.

## Hawaii

The Hawaii trip is just several months away. Information sessions and details (exact travel dates/times, hotel info, etc.) about the trip will be available and communicated in February so stay tuned.

All remaining payments should be mailed to the **Blue and Gold Band Club, P.O. Box 611, Fort Mill, SC 29716** or dropped off in the mailbox in Mr. Dickey's office. Please remember to note on your check/envelop your child's name and what the payment is for.

Questions about your Hawaii balance or remaining amount due – please contact the executive secretary **Kathy Krieger** via email at [ckrieger@comporium.net](mailto:ckrieger@comporium.net) or via phone at 548-6946.

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## **January 2007 Band Notes**

*Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, January 29, 2007*

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

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

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### ***All-State Call Back Auditions***

*Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>*

*Lexington HS – Lexington, SC*

### ***CIPA Event***

*Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC*