

# Fort Mill District Band Notes

November 2007

## Congratulations to the FMHS and NFHS marching bands for a very successful marching band year!!!

### *A New Era Begins*

In their first year of existence, the NFHS marching band earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place at this year's 2A SC State Marching Band Championships including overall music and overall effect. They also captured the top score of all the Upper State schools improving from their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the 2A SC Upper State Championships.

### *The Tradition Continues*

After finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place at the 4A SC Upper State Championship, FMHS was the first school to take the field for the day's event and earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place at this year's 4A SC State Marching Band Championships. The Upper State of SC captured the first 4 positions of the event - and all four of those bands were from York County (Clover 1st, York 2nd and Northwestern 4th).

### *Wow*

What an accomplishment this year for both schools - the students, directors, band parents and extended band family - for showing how one very successful band program can split and create two successful band programs. It wasn't easy - splitting of the students, splitting families and friends, new school, new band directors/staff, etc. - but together, the entire band family rose to the challenge to help continue the tradition of excellence of the music programs in the Fort Mill School District.

**Congratulations to Both Schools!!!**

**"The Four Freedoms" & "Viva Las Vegas"**

**An awesome combination...**



## What a Marching Band Season!!!



This year will go down as the hottest – remember band camp - and maybe the driest of all marching band seasons. Thanks to everyone, and we mean everyone, who helped support the band programs during this marching band season – band camp, uniforms, food, travel, the exhibitions, pit crew, props, Verizon, sewing, chaperones, finances – the list goes on and on...

On behalf of the students, directors, staff and community, we appreciate all the time and dedication the greatest volunteers in the world provide to the band programs. **Thanks!!!**

**Julianne Best** summed it up perfectly – “Thank all you that have helped this band season. From band camp, to exhibitions and competitions, so many of you were always there to help anyway you could. We have had a great year and all of you had made it so!!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!! It could not have been done without your help!!!”



## Region Band



Region Band auditions are scheduled for **Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** at Dutch Fork High School in Columbia, South Carolina. Please do not forget to pay your \$7 audition fee if you have signed up for an audition time - do not forget to note the student's name with your payment.

## Support from the Community

A special thanks to the following businesses that helped the band program by supplying their services, expertise and support during this marching band season. Please return the favor by supporting their businesses and saying "Thanks"!!!

- Jersey Mike's
- Papa John's
- Chick-Fil-A
- Eddie Smith & Sons
- Penske Truck Rental
- United Rentals
- Jack's House of Flowers
- Circle K
- Carolina Crown
- Crossings on Main
- Fort Mill Rescue
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Harris Teeter
- The Cleaners
- US Food Service
- Double B Graphix
- FMHS/NFHS Resource Officers
- Gamble & Livingston
- Sagebrush Steakhouse
- Make It Yours
- Dominos
- Bojangles
- Stevenson/Weir Concrete
- Edwards Lawn Care



## Fall Marching Band Fees



All Fall marching band fees are now ***past due***. If your Fall marching band fees are paid in full or your payment is already on its way to us, thank you very much. All student accounts must be current in order to participate in any optional trip, winter guard or percussion ensemble.

**Reminder** - Payments can be mailed to the **Fort Mill District Band Booster Club, P.O. Box 611, Fort Mill, SC 29716** or dropped off in the mailbox just inside the band director's office. Please remember when making payments, write your child's name, school and what the payment is for on the check and/or envelop. Payments should **ONLY** be placed in the US mail or in the mailbox in each of the director's office.

Please contact **Kathy Krieger** via email at [kkrieger@comporium.net](mailto:kkrieger@comporium.net) if you have questions about your monthly statements, outstanding amount due and/or payments.

## Band Members Continuing Music in the Community

Did you know several FMHS band members supported the Fort Mill High School Choral Program by playing music in this Fall's performance of The Sound of Music? These students volunteered their time to prepare and perform for each of the 5 performances that took place from Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> through Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following students on their commitment to supporting music in the community.

Brandon Armstrong	Christine Cassidy
Logan Herbert	Sammi Fife
Sean Buchanan	Lauren Lieck
Sydney Medlin	Riley Pagett
Liam McCrosson	Steven Timbs

**Great Job!!!**

## 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 District 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.

## Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble Auditions

Starting its eighteenth season, the Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble (CYWE), sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Department of Music, is composed of seventy of the finest young musicians from the greater Charlotte metropolitan region. Last year, the Wind Ensemble featured students from thirty different high schools in both North and South Carolina - **10 from Fort Mill High School** which was more than any other single school.

The Ensemble organizes in January and, following two months of Tuesday evening rehearsals (2 1/2 to 3 hours not including the drive to UNCC in north Charlotte), presents three concerts in different parts of the region – **coming to Nation Ford HS on March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Most members of this ensemble have earned membership in the All-District and All-State high school honor bands of North and South Carolina, groups which typically function for two or three days each year and then disband. As a regional honors organization, the purpose of the CYWE is to provide young musicians with performance opportunities which supplement their excellent school band programs. A college preparatory level of music is rehearsed in the wind ensemble format; a smaller, more select instrumentation than is typically found in larger All-State symphonic bands. The Ensemble also regularly performs new repertoire, not previously presented in the region, as part of its programs.

**Auditions are scheduled for Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - application deadline is November 28<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, including the 2008 application, please visit UNCC Department of Music website at <http://www.music.uncc.edu/cywe.htm> or ask your band director.



# Fort Mill High School Band

## Optional New York City Trip

### Spring 2008 – **Deadline November 30, 2007**



The Fort Mill High School Band will be providing an optional trip to New York City this coming Spring. Details are as follows:

- Open to all students (no tag-a-longs) of the Fort Mill High School Band program. This trip is optional!!!
- Dates - Thursday, May 15, 2008 thru Sunday, May 18, 2008
- Highlights include -
  - Charter bus transportation to/from NYC
  - Charter bus transportation while in NYC
  - 3 nights in an excellent quality NJ hotel
  - 3 hot breakfasts
  - Lincoln City Tour
  - Ferry and admission to Statue of Liberty
  - Admission to Empire State Building
  - Tour of Carnegie Hall
  - Step on guided tour of NYC including Ground Zero
  - Broadway Show
  - Two Dinners (one at Dallas Barbeque, other TBD)
  - Students responsible for purchasing lunch and other dinners not included above.



- Price - \$500 per student (use of student credit points are allowed)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
November 30, 2007	\$200/100 pts	Payment #1 ( <b>non-refundable deposit</b> )
January 11, 2008	\$100/50 pts	Payment #2
February 15, 2008	\$100/50 pts	Payment #3
March 14, 2008	\$100*/50 pts	Payment #4 (Final payment may fluctuate slightly up or down to reflect price adjustments)

- Every student must return a commitment form with their initial **non-refundable deposit by Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** to be considered a participant for this trip.
- All other student charges/fees (example – band camp, marching competition, uniform, winter guard, percussion, etc.) must be current to be eligible for participation in this optional trip. **Note** – A place on the trip will not be secured unless all outstanding debt is paid in full. All money received to the band club is applied to outstanding debt prior to being applied to optional trips regardless of what is noted on payment.
- Chaperones (\$500 per chaperone-same payment schedule as students) **MAY** be needed and is dependent upon the number of students participating. A background check will be required. Please mark the commitment form for consideration. If your services are not needed, all money will be refunded.

It is essential that every person stay current with their payments. Delinquent accounts will not be tolerated and will be closed and money that has not already been committed to various agencies may or may not be refunded. In this situation, you will fall under strict guidelines of the travel company beyond the Blue and Gold Band Club, band directors or Fort Mill School District #4 control. The school and their entities cannot be held responsible under these circumstances. There will be no sibling or chaperone discounts.

By returning this portion signed, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the details listed on this sheet and that I will be financially responsible for all payments per the payment schedule. I understand that the first payment is **non-refundable**, ensures my participation and will be forwarded to the travel company. A student using credits must be sure there are adequate points in their account each month.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person going on trip / Please print)

Adult Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Adult financially responsible)

Cost: \$500 (This price does NOT include any other fee from the band program like band camp, marching competitions, instrument, winter guard, percussion, uniform or other fees which must be current and up to date).

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 **NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT** Chaperone Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_  
No guarantee - (Please Print Full Name)  
Based upon number of students

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ 100 points **NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT** (Student must have 100 points in their account!!!)

Return signed form and payment to the mail box in Mr. Pruitt's office or mail to:

Blue & Gold Band Club  
P.O. Box 611  
Fort Mill, SC 29716

## 2007-2008 Band Payment Schedule

### Fort Mill HS and Nation Ford HS

Updated 11/16/2007

Event/Item		Due Date	Cost	Points
Band Camp	Total Cost		\$ 175	87.5
	Deposit	06/15/07	\$ 50	25.0
	Balance	07/15/07	\$ 125	62.5
Fall Marching Competition	Total Cost		\$ 100	50.0
	Deposit	08/15/07	\$ 50	25.0
	Balance	09/15/07	\$ 50	25.0
Fall Marching Accessories <i>(sizing and orders during band camp)</i>	Gloves	08/31/07	\$ 5	n/a
	Scrubs	08/31/07	\$ 13	n/a
	Shoes	08/31/07	\$ 25	n/a
Fall Marching Uniform	Total Cost	09/15/07	\$ 75	37.5
Instrument Maintenance	Total Cost	09/15/07	\$ 60	30.0
Fall Guard - Uniform & Shoes <i>(final payment amount to be adjusted once cost set)</i>	Total Cost		\$ 200	n/a
	Deposit	08/15/07	\$ 100	n/a
	Balance	09/15/07	\$ 100	n/a
Fall Guard Accessories <i>(if needed)</i>	Equipment Bag	09/15/07	\$ 20	n/a
	Wind Suit	09/15/07	\$ 61	n/a
	Hoodies	09/15/07	\$ 25	n/a
	Gloves	10/15/07	\$ 13.50	n/a
	Duffel Bag	10/15/07	\$ 22	n/a
FMHS Optional Trip	Total Cost		\$ 500	250.0
	Pymt #1 (Deposit)	11/30/07	\$ 200	100.0
	Pymt #2	01/11/08	\$ 100	50.0
	Pymt #3	02/15/08	\$ 100	50.0
	Pymt #4	03/14/08	\$ 100	50.0
Concert Dress <i>(New)</i>	Total Cost	01/15/08	\$ 70	n/a
Concert Dress <i>(Used)</i>	Total Cost	01/15/08	\$ 40	n/a
Region Band <i>(per audition)</i>	Total Cost	12/01/07	\$ 7	n/a
Solo/Ensemble <i>(per audition)</i>	Total Cost	02/01/08	\$ 6	n/a
Winter Guard	Total Cost		\$ 650	325.0
	Pymt #1 (Deposit)	12/03/07	\$ 100	50.0
	Pymt #2	01/18/08	\$ 200	100.0
	Pymt #3	02/15/08	\$ 200	100.0
	Pymt #4	03/21/08	\$ 150	75.0
Percussion Ensemble	Total Cost		TBD	

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

Fort Mill District Band Booster Club, Inc. (FMDBBC)  
PO Box 611, Fort Mill, SC 29716

Or

Have band members place payment in mailbox just inside the band director's office

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

**Circle School:**

FMHS

NFHS

**Event/Item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amt(\$/Pts):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amt(\$/Pts):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Place Student Name and School on Check**



# Important Dates



Dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the band clubs website – [www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com) - for the most current and complete schedule.

## November

- 21-23 (Wed-Thur) Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
- 26 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)
- 28 (Wed) Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble Application Deadline
- 30 (Fri) FMHS Optional NYC Trip Commitment/Deposit Due

## December

### ***No Booster Meeting in December!!!***

- 1 (Sat) FMHS & NFHS Fort Mill Christmas Parade (Fort Mill)  
SAT Test Date (DO NOT TAKE THIS DAY)
- 4 (Tue) NFHS Winter Concert (Nation Ford HS Auditorium)
- 13 (Thur) FMHS Winter Concert (Fort Mill HS Auditorium)
- 20-31 (Thur-Mon) Winter Break – NO SCHOOL



**Fruit Arrives!!!**  
Watch email blast and website for details!!!



## January

- 1-2 (Tue-Wed) Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
- 12 (Sat) Region Band Auditions (Dutch Fork HS – Columba, SC)
- 26 (Sat) All-State Call Back Auditions (Lexington HS – Lexington, SC)  
SAT Test Date
- 28 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)

## February

- 22-23 (Fri-Sat) Region Band Clinic (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 25 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)

## March

- 1 (Sat) SAT Test Date
- 4 (Tue) Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble Concert (Nation Ford HS Auditorium – Fort Mill, SC)
- 14-16 (Fri-Sun) All-State Band Clinic (Furman University – Greenville, SC)
- 31 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)

## Did You Know???

Did you know you can access the band's website via any of the following links?

[www.fortmillband.com](http://www.fortmillband.com)   [www.nationfordband.com](http://www.nationfordband.com)  
[www.fortmillbands.com](http://www.fortmillbands.com)

Other sites of interest to note...

[www.bandlink.org](http://www.bandlink.org) (SC Band Directors Association)  
[www.bands.org](http://www.bands.org) (Bands of America)

Do you have questions, comments or ideas for the newsletter, email blast and/or website? What would you like to see? How can we make it more useful? What do you want to know about? – Please contact **any board member** or send an email to [fmbandclub@comporium.net](mailto:fmbandclub@comporium.net) with your thoughts and ideas.

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## **November 2007 Band Notes**

*Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, November 26, 2007*

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

*NFHS - 7:30 PM – Nation Ford High School Band Room*

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

*No meeting in December!!!*

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***NFHS Winter Concert***

***Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>***

***Nation Ford High School***

***FMHS Winter Concert***

***Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>***

***Fort Mill High School***