



# Fort Mill Area Band Notes



October 2007

## York County Exhibition and BOA Fall Preview

Thanks to all that volunteered at this past month's York County Exhibition and the Bands of America Fall Preview Experience. Running events two weekends in a row with the second weekend supporting 21 bands is not easy work but despite the heat and the challenges that come up during any event of this size, our volunteers from the Fort Mill HS, Nation Ford HS and Winthrop University consistently delivered and made this another successful event. It is great to see two booster clubs come together to support one common goal – supporting all of the students and music of the Fort Mill School District through the two high school bands - Nation Ford HS and Fort Mill HS. It is this type of teaming and support of each other that help enable our students the opportunity to achieve their goals and will help set our band programs apart from the rest.

A special thanks to **Julia Harris** (FMHS) and **Jamie Medlin** (NFHS) for co-chairing both events. They represented the interests of both schools for these past two fundraising events that benefit both band programs equally!!!

For folks that couldn't help us this past month, we hope you can come out and support your student, the band program and the community at a future event or by volunteering your time to another committee that could still use assistance. Don't know how or where to volunteer? Please contact **Chris Krieger** (FMHS) at [ckrieger@comporium.net](mailto:ckrieger@comporium.net) or **Tina Walters** (NFHS) at [twalters@comporium.net](mailto:twalters@comporium.net) to find out.

*Wasn't it great seeing our very own Fort Mill HS graduates and former band members Christina McCluskey and Amanda Huntington performing with Coastal Carolina University!!!*

## NFHS Band Store

The NFHS band store is now open with many new items available. Please visit the band's website – choose NFHS Band Store on the front page - for a complete list with details and pictures of these items. Questions and orders should be directed to **Beth Medlin** via email at [makeityours@comporium.net](mailto:makeityours@comporium.net).

## *Drinks Needed and Always Welcome!!!*

Did you know that when the band competes or has an all day practice, the band members will go through many drinks during the day?

To assist with this demand, we are asking parents to provide any types of soft drinks - Coke or Pepsi products (12 pack cans are preferable - **no liter bottles and NO ENERGY DRINKS**), bottled water, etc. Please deliver – or have your kids deliver – the soft drinks to the band room near the band director's office. So the next time you are buying soft drinks or water, please pick up an extra pack for the band students.



Thanks!!!





# Fruit Sale



Orders for the annual fruit sale will be accepted now thru November 4<sup>th</sup>. Forms were provided to all band students (high schools and middle schools) – additional forms can be found in the band room or on the band’s website.

**New this year** – Orders may be received via the internet by visiting the band’s website. Important - All orders received through the internet will be shipped to Fort Mill – individual shipping to other locations is not available at this time.

Please contact **Cathy Loeper** at 547-7080 or via email at [loeperfam@comporium.net](mailto:loeperfam@comporium.net) if you have any questions.



**Thanks!!!**



## 2007-2008 Blue & Gold Band Club Board of Directors

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## 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)



## Tips/Reminders



- A written note must be submitted to the band director **PRIOR** to any trip – not the day of departure - if your child will not be traveling back with the band after an event.
- Any prescription medicine required for a child needs to be in a clearly marked container and delivered to **Cathy Loeper (FMHS)** or **Jefflyn Covington (NFHS)**, our chaperone leaders.
- Please **DO NOT PARK** in front of any ramps/gates in the parking lots (by band room, practice fields, etc.). This is used to move the band equipment for practices, games and performances.
- Please **SLOW DOWN** and drive with **EXTREME CAUTION** when driving in the parking lots - it is dark and the students may be practicing or moving equipment.
- 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 directors office.



# 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.

## October

- 12 (Fri) FMHS Football Game (Homecoming) v/s South Pointe (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS)
- 13 (Sat) FMHS Tournament of Bands (8:45 pm, Blythewood HS)  
NFHS Dorman HS Competition (Dorman HS)
- 15 (Mon) Teach Work Day – NO SCHOOL
- 19 (Fri) FMHS Football Game v/s Rock Hill (8 pm – District 3 Stadium)  
NFHS Football Game (Homecoming) v/s Prince Ave. North (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS)
- 20 (Sat) NFHS 2A SC Upper State Championships (11:45 am, Boiling Springs HS)  
FMHS 4A SC Upper State Championships (7:45 pm, Boiling Springs HS)
- 26 (Fri) FMHS Football Game (Senior Night) v/s Clover (7:30 pm – Fort Mill HS)
- 27 (Sat) NFHS 2A/FMHS 4A SC State Marching Band Championships (Batesburg-Leesville HS)
- 29 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)

## November

- 2 (Fri) FMHS Football Game v/s Lancaster (7:30 pm – Lancaster HS)
- 3 (Sat) SAT Test Date
- 16 (Fri) FMHS & NFHS End of Marching Season Party (Field Trial Barn)
- 21-23 (Wed-Thur) Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
- 26 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)

## December

- 1 (Sat) FMHS & NFHS Fort Mill Christmas Parade (Fort Mill)  
SAT Test Date (DO NOT TAKE THIS DAY)
- 5 (Tue) NFHS Winter Concert (Nation Ford HS Auditorium)
- 13 (Thur) FMHS Winter Concert (Fort Mill HS Auditorium)

## January

- 12 (Sat) Region Band Auditions (Dutch Fork HS – Columba, SC)
- 26 (Sat) All-State Call Back Auditions (Lexington HS – Lexington, SC)
- 28 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)

## **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.

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## **October 2007 Band Notes**

*Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, October 29, 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!!!*

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**2A/4A Upper State SC  
Championships**

*Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>*

Boiling Springs High School

**2A/4A State SC  
Championships**

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

Batesburg-Leesville High School