

# Fort Mill District Band Notes

## January 2008

### Spring Fundraiser

The Fort Mill District Band Booster Club spring fundraiser event – oyster roast and silent auction - is scheduled for **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Greenway Field Trial Barn. It is now time to start asking for help to make this event a success. We are looking for volunteers to head up the following items:

- Silent Auction
- Ticket Sales
- Publicity
- Cooking – Assisting Jamie
- Beverage and other food sales (hot dogs and or stew for non-oyster eaters)

Other items needed:

- Heavy cardboard trash boxes to put the plywood on – they will serve as table legs as well as trash cans
- Contact at Captain Steve's (and other seafood places/businesses) for 1-2 gallon plastic buckets
- Volunteers to help at the day of the event

This is a great opportunity to **raise money that benefits both high school band programs**. Please contact **Jamie Medlin** at [SCMedlin@comporium.net](mailto:SCMedlin@comporium.net) if you have questions about this event or if you can assist with anything above.



### All-State Call Back Auditions



All-State call back auditions are scheduled for **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** at Lexington High School in Lexington, South Carolina. **Good luck to all the students selected to tryout for All-State Band!!!**

Fort Mill High School will once again host the 2008 Region Band Clinic on **Friday and Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please stay tuned for an opportunity to assist at this event!!!

### January Booster Meetings

Just a reminder, the next monthly booster club meeting for both high schools is scheduled for **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the band room of each high school.

Meeting minutes from prior booster meetings can be found on the band's website.

### Email Blast

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.

### Coming in Fall 2008

The city of Fort Mill will again be host to a BOA Fall Preview Experience in **September of 2008**. Thanks again to everyone who made the 2006 and 2007 events a success. We look forward to continuing that success next year!!!

### 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)

# Accomplishments

## Honor Band of America

A total of four students - **Megan Sibley**, **Dottie Grantham**, **Claire Sibley** (all from NFHS) and **Brandon Armstrong** (FMHS) have been selected to the prestigious Honor Band of America sponsored by Bands of America and Music for All.

Since its inception in 1992, the Honor Band of America has earned a national reputation as one of the nation's finest student concert honor bands. The Honor Band has received international accolades in recent years, with a performance by invitation at the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles in 1997 and a concert tour of Japan in 1999. With the opportunity to rehearse and perform with renowned conductors, perform with world-class guest artists, premiere new commissioned works for concert band and perform for a "dream audience" of outstanding high school musicians and educators from across the country, the Honor Band of America is a "must" for the nation's finest high school musicians.

For additional information you may go to [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org).

## US Army All-American Football Bowl

**Brandon Armstrong** and **Tanya Hunt**, seniors at Fort Mill High School, were selected and joined 91 high school musicians from across the nation in the All-American Band. The pair performed, along with the other students, at the halftime show during the U.S. Army All-American Football Bowl in San Antonio Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble

Congratulations to the following 10 members of the Fort Mill School District Band Programs that earned spots in the 2008 Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble (CYWE) - from FMHS, **Brandon Armstrong** (Clarinet), **Kate Davis** (Bassoon), **Joshua Harris** (Bassoon), **Logan Herbert** (Clarinet) and **Matthew Krieger** (Alto Sax) and from NFHS, **Jessica Coons** (Contrabass Clarinet), **Anna Covington** (Bass Clarinet), **Dottie Grantham** (Flute), **Claire Sibley** (Horn) and **Megan Sibley** (Bass Clarinet).

Now in its eighteenth season, the Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble, 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. The Wind Ensemble features students from thirty different high schools in both North and South Carolina.

The Ensemble organizes in January and, following two months of Tuesday evening rehearsals, presents three concerts in different parts of the region. 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 Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble 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.

This year's performance schedule is:

- Friday - February 29, 2008 at 7:30 pm - UNC Charlotte Robinson Hall in Charlotte, NC
- **Tuesday - March 4, 2008 at 7:30 pm - Nation Ford High School in Fort Mill, SC**
- Wednesday - March 5, 2008 at 7:30 pm - Hickory Ridge High School in Harrisburg, NC

For more information (including the entire 2008 roster), please visit UNCC Department of Music website at <http://www.music.uncc.edu/cywe.htm>.

## York County Middle School Honor Band

**Ninety-five students** from the Fort Mill Middle School, Gold Hill Middle School and Springfield Middle School were selected to this honor band clinic presented by Carolina Crown scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Fort Mill Middle School Percussion Ensemble

The **Fort Mill Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Percussion Ensembles** were selected to perform at the SC Middle School Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra

Sponsored by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra (CSYO) offers students in the greater Charlotte area a unique performing experience, in which talented young musicians obtain musical training in a semi-professional ensemble setting. There are 185 musicians from over 60 schools in the greater Charlotte area involved in the youth orchestras program that have been practicing weekly since August and perform several concerts throughout the year. **Andrew Krieger** (FMHS) and **Claire Sibley** (NFHS) earned seats in the 2007-2008 CSYO while **Patrick Rasmussen** (FMMS) and **Nigel Wolfram** (FMMS) earned seats in the Junior Youth Orchestra.

***Congratulations to all of these students!!!***

# Winter Guard Schedule Announced

The 2008 Winter Guard schedule has been announced that includes 3 competitions in the Rock Hill area and a trip to Atlanta. This year, students from both the **Fort Mill HS** and **Nation Ford HS** will participate together to form the **Fort Mill Area Winter Guard** program under direction of our very own guard instructors Philip Rainer and Jeff Cobbs.

Saturday 1/26, Northwestern HS – Rock Hill, SC

Saturday 3/8, Concord HS - Concord, NC

Saturday 2/16, South Pointe HS - Rock Hill, SC

Saturday 3/15, Centennial HS – Atlanta, GA

Saturday 2/23, Sun Valley HS - Union, NC

Saturday 3/22, JF Byrnes HS – Duncan, SC

Saturday 3/29 (CWEA Championships), Winthrop Coliseum - Rock Hill, SC

# Percussion Schedule Announced

The 2008 Percussion ensemble schedule has been announced that includes 3 competitions in the Rock Hill area. This year, students from both the **Fort Mill HS** and **Nation Ford HS** will participate together to form the **Fort Mill District Percussion Ensemble**.

Saturday 2/2, Rock Hill HS - Rock Hill, SC

Saturday 2/23, Sun Valley HS - Union, NC

Saturday 2/16, South Pointe HS - Rock Hill, SC

Saturday 3/8, Concord HS - Concord, NC

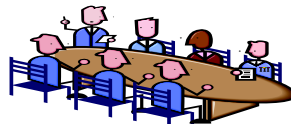
Saturday 3/29 (CWEA Championships), Winthrop Coliseum - Rock Hill, SC

# Board Nominations for 2008-2009

Are you interested in making a difference? Want to assist the students and band directors by assisting them with their objectives, goals and success? Believe it or not, it is not too early to start thinking about nominations for both high school band boards for the 2008-2009 year. There is nothing for you to do at this time except to start thinking about if you are interested in a position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or one of the 4 At-Large positions. An announcement will be made when nominations are officially open.

Timeline of nomination and election process –

- January thru February – Nominating committee formed for both high schools consisting of the Band Director, 2 current board members and 2 booster club members
- February thru April – Nominations accepted
- March Booster Meeting (3/31) – Nominating committee presents slate of candidates. Note – Nominations are not closed and remain open until elections
- April Booster Meeting (4/28) – Elections
- June 1st – Newly elected board members assume office



Feel free to contact any of the current board members if you have questions about the election process and/or roles & responsibilities for any of the positions.

# Financial/Fee Payment Reminder

All fall marching band fees are now past due. If you 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. Per the Fort Mill District Band Booster Club bylaws, all money received is applied to past due amounts before being applied to optional trips/activities.

An updated fee schedule can be found on the band's website under the "Forms" section and has also been included in this newsletter.

**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 since the finances for the 2 high school and 3 middle school band programs are handled by the booster club. 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. All other questions should be directed to the band director and/or booster club presidents.

# 2007-2008 Band Payment Schedule

## Fort Mill HS and Nation Ford HS

Updated 11/19/2007

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

**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.

## January

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** with your thoughts and ideas.

- 17 (Thu) Half Day – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester
- 18 (Fri) No School – Teacher Day
- 21 (Mon) No School – MLK Day
- 26 (Sat) All-State Call Back Auditions (Lexington HS – Lexington, SC)  
Winter Guard (7:32 pm, Northwestern HS – Rock Hill, SC)  
SAT Test Date
- 28-29 (Mon-Tue) York County Middle School Honor Band Clinic
- 28 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm, FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)

## February

- 2 (Sat) Percussion Ensemble (3:10 pm, Rock Hill HS – Rock Hill, SC)
- 15 (Fri) No School – Teacher Day
- 16 (Sat) Winter Guard & Percussion Ensemble (South Pointe HS – Rock Hill, SC)
- 18 (Mon) No School – Presidents Day
- 22-23 (Fri-Sat) Region Band Clinic (Fort Mill HS – Fort Mill, SC)
- 23 (Sat) Winter Guard & Percussion Ensemble (Sun Valley HS – Union, NC)
- 25 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)
- 29 (Fri) FMMS Percussion Ensemble (SC Middle School Conference – Myrtle Beach, SC)

## March

- 1 (Sat) SAT Test Date  
Spring Fundraiser Oyster Roast/Silent Auction (Greenway Field Trial Barn – Fort Mill, SC)
- 4 (Tue) Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble Concert (Nation Ford HS Auditorium – Fort Mill, SC)
- 6 (Thu) FMHS Jazz Dinner **TENTATIVE!!!**
- 8 (Sat) Winter Guard (Dutch Fork HS – Columbia, SC)  
Percussion Ensemble (Concord HS – Concord NC)
- 14-16 (Fri-Sun) All-State Band Clinic (Furman University – Greenville, SC)
- 15 (Sat) Winter Guard (Centennial HS – Atlanta, GA)
- 21 (Fri) No School – Good Friday
- 22 (Sat) Winter Guard (JF Byrnes HS – Duncan, SC)
- 29 (Sat) Winter Guard & Percussion CWEA Championships (Winthrop Univ. – Rock Hill, SC)
- 31 (Mon) Band Booster Club Meeting (7:30 pm – FMHS and NFHS Band Rooms)

## April

- 1-3 (Tue-Thu) State Concert Festival
- 7-11 (Mon-Fri) No School - Spring Break

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## **January 2008 Band Notes**

*Next Booster Club Meeting – Monday, January 28, 2008*

*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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### ***Winter Guard***

***Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>***

Northwestern HS – Rock Hill, SC

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

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Lexington HS – Lexington, SC