



Fort Mill District Band Notes



December 2009



Verizon/Panthers



First of all, a huge thanks to everyone who has helped make this Verizon & Panthers season such a huge success. But we can't relax just yet – **2 PANTHER GAMES TO GO** – and help is still needed!!!

Questions, event information, schedules, arrival time and sign-up forms can be found on the band's website (www.fortmillband.com – see the Verizon/Panthers section):

2009 Verizon & Bank of America Event Schedule

Date:	Location	Artist/Game:	Estimated Attendance:	Food/Stand Prep Start/Check-In:	Gates:	Show Start/Kick Off:	Parking:	
December								
Sunday, December 20, 2009	Bank of America Stadium	Panthers v/s Minnesota	75,000	4PM	6PM	820PM	Penman Street	
Saturday, December 26, 2009	Bank of America Stadium	Meineke Car Care Bowl	STAND CLOSED!!!					
January								
Sunday, January 03, 2010	Bank of America Stadium	Panthers v/s New Orleans	75,000	9AM	11AM	1PM	Penman Street	

**Concert dates are subject to change. Please visit the band's website for the latest schedule!!!*

Fee/Payment Reminder

Reminder – All fall band fees including marching, BOA (Bands of America), instrument and accessory fees for this season are now **PAST DUE**. If you are paid in full or your payment is already on its way to us, thank you very much. **Fort Mill HS Percussion Ensemble & Winter Guard** – The first payment (deposit) was due December 15th. Please see the complete fee schedule in this newsletter for future payment due dates.

There are several ways to pay your band fees -

- Leverage student credit points earned while supporting fundraising events. Per the booster club bylaws, student credit points will be automatically applied to your statement for any outstanding charges.
- Cash, check or money order.
- PayPal which can leverage an existing PayPal account or, if you don't have a PayPal account, a credit card, debit card, etc.

Paying by cash, check, money order or points

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 either 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. **DO NOT GIVE MONEY TO ANYONE ELSE!!!**

Paying with PayPal

We now offer PayPal as another way to pay your student's band fees which allows parents to pay via an existing PayPal account or, if you don't have a PayPal account, any major credit card. The booster club is a PayPal verified organization. To pay with PayPal, please visit the band's website and choose the "Pay Fees" button on the left side of the page for instructions.

Please contact **Kathy Krieger**, Executive Secretary, via email at kkrieger@comporium.net if you have questions about your monthly statements or outstanding amount due and/or payments. All other questions should be directed to the band director and/or booster club presidents.



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 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 to reach your mailbox.



Nation Ford Sends Three To March In Bowl Game



Portions published October 3, 2009 by the Rock Hill Herald by Christy Mullins

Three **Nation Ford High School** students, already at the top of their senior class, now have one more honor to note on their college applications.

Christopher D'Avanzo, Claire Sibley and Jaclyn Turner, members of the Nation Ford marching band, who began playing music together in sixth grade, will travel Jan. 9 to San Antonio, Texas, to march at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl halftime show. It's a nationally televised event showcasing the top 90 high school football players and the top 97 high school marching band musicians in the country. Around 2.3 million people watched the game last year from home. A record 36,534 more attended.

It is America's largest celebration of high school football and a "once in a lifetime chance" for the three Fort Mill students who were chosen to march at halftime, said Turner, 17. Turner has been the Nation Ford High School band's drum major for three years. She also plays clarinet. Sibley, 17, and D'Avanzo, 18, both play mellophones.

All three students have one thing in common, said Nation Ford band director Martin Dickey: "If you were a parent, you'd be proud to call any one of these teenagers your son or daughter." The three seniors all are acing college-level courses, and all have an idea of what's next after graduation in the spring. They're looking at universities in South Carolina, Indiana and Arkansas. D'Avanzo hopes for a music degree. Turner likes journalism. Sibley is interested in biotechnology. "Band helps grades," Sibley said, with the other two nodding. Time management, attention to detail and self-discipline all are taught in the hours of practicing an instrument every day since middle school.

Friday after lunch, a swarm of teenagers filled Nation Ford's auditorium to congratulate the three students for making the elite band and to learn about the giant event that is to follow. Most were wearing black and red T-shirts, beads and face paint for the school's spirit day. Even a bright red wig stuck out of the crowd. But D'Avanzo walked into the auditorium wearing a tie. Sibley and Turner both wore dress pants and blouses.

And during the event, on stage in front of their classmates, the three received black Army band jackets and ballcaps from officials who represent the All-American Band. "These are mature students," band director Dickey said. "Prepared. Professional. And today is a reward for the hard work they've put into music all these years."

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl will be televised on NBC at 1 p.m. Jan. 9. For more information, please visit the US Army All-American Band website at <http://www.menc.org/v/band/u-s-army-all-american-marching-band>.



Previous Fort Mill District Band Member US Army All-American Band Participants

2009 – Matthew Krieger & Megan Sibley
2008 – Brandon Armstrong & Tanya Hunt



2009-2010 Fort Mill District Band Booster Club Board of Directors

Fort Mill High School

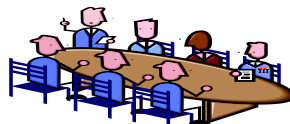
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Kathy Krieger – Executive Secretary

2009-2010 Band Payment Schedule

Updated 12/02/2009

Event/Item		Due Date	Fort Mill High School		Nation Ford High School	
			Cost	Points	Cost	Points
Fall Marching & Guard Fees <i>(for band camp, local & state competitions, music, drill, props, flags, uniforms, transportation, staff, etc.)</i>	Total Cost		\$ 325	162.5	\$ 325	162.5
	Pymt #1 (Deposit)	06/30/09	\$ 100	50.0	\$ 100	50.0
	Pymt #2	07/31/09	\$ 150	75.0	\$ 150	75.0
	Pymt #3	08/31/09	\$ 50	25.0	\$ 50	25.0
	Pymt #4	09/30/09	\$ 25	12.5	\$ 25	12.5
Bands of America Trip <i>(for transportation, lodging, food, tickets)</i>	Total Cost		\$ 175	87.5	\$ 275	137.5
	Pymt #1	08/31/09	\$ 100	50.0	\$ 125	62.5
	Pymt #2	09/30/09	\$ 75	37.5	\$ 150	75.0
Fall Marching Accessories <i>(if needed - sizing and orders will be taken during band camp)</i>	Gloves	08/31/09	\$ 3		\$ 5	
	Scrubs	08/31/09	\$ 15			
	Shoes	08/31/09	\$ 32		\$ 25	
Fall Guard Accessories <i>(if needed - will be informed by guard instructor / guard liaison)</i>	Equipment Bag	08/31/09	\$ 20		\$ 25	
	Wind Suit	08/31/09	\$ 60		\$ 70	
	Wind Suit - Pants	08/31/09	\$ 26.50		\$ 35	
	Wind Suit - Jacket	08/31/09	\$ 33.50		\$ 35	
	Hoodies	08/31/09	\$ 30		\$ 30	
	Gloves	08/31/09	\$ 15		\$ 15	
	Shoes	08/31/09	\$ 22		\$ 25	
Duffel Bag	08/31/09	\$ 30		\$ 30		
Yearly Instrument Maintenance <i>(if you use any school instrument anytime of the year)</i>	Total Cost	08/31/09	\$ 60	30.0	\$ 60	30.0
SCBDA Region Band <i>(per audition)</i>	Total Cost	11/30/09	\$ 10		\$ 10	
SCBDA Solo/Ensemble <i>(per audition)</i>	Total Cost	01/31/10	\$ 7		\$ 7	
Winter Guard	Total Cost		\$ 1,200	600.0	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #1 (Deposit)	12/15/09	\$ 300	150.0	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #2	01/15/10	\$ 250	125.0	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #3	02/15/10	\$ 250	125.0	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #4	03/15/10	\$ 250	125.0	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #5	04/01/10	\$ 150	75.0	tbd	tbd
Winter Percussion Ensemble	Total Cost		\$ 375	187.5	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #1 (Deposit)	12/15/09	\$ 200	100.0	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #2	01/15/10	\$ 175	87.5	tbd	tbd

Can you provide financial assistance to others? Please make check payable to the Fort Mill District Band Booster Club, Inc. (FMDBBC) and mail to address noted above. Please note "Scholarship Fund" on check.

All deposits are non-refundable.
For all accessories, payments must be received prior to receipt of goods.
High School Point Value: 1 point = \$2.00

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

Please write your student's name, school and what the payment is for on the check or include payment form below.
Payments should **ONLY** be placed in the US mail or in the mailbox in each of the director's office.

DO NOT GIVE PAYMENTS TO ANYONE ELSE!!!

Student Name: _____

Circle School:

FMHS

NFHS

Event/Item: _____

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Please Place Student Name and School on Check

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Upcoming Booster Club Meetings

Monday – January 25, 2009

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 MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Region Band Auditions

*Saturday, January 9th
Dutch Fork HS - Columbia, SC*

All-State Call Back Auditions

*Saturday, January 23rd
Lexington HS - Lexington, SC*