



Fort Mill District Band Notes



November 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 – **Verizon is DONE but 6 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:
November							
Sunday, November 15, 2009	Bank of America Stadium	Panthers v/s Atlanta	75,000	9AM	11AM	1PM	Penman Street
Thursday, November 19, 2009	Bank of America Stadium	Panthers v/s Miami	75,000	4PM	6PM	820PM	Penman Street
December							
Sunday, December 06, 2009	Bank of America Stadium	Panthers v/s Tampa Bay	75,000	9AM	11AM	1PM	Penman Street
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	75,000	1230PM	230PM	430PM	Penman Street
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!!!*



Fruit & Pastry Sale



2009 FRUIT & BUTTER BRAID BRAIDED PASTRY SALE IS UNDERWAY!!! Not only are we selling our normal fruit this year but we are selling Butter Braid Braided Pastries - **and are they delicious**. There are separate order forms for the fruit and pastries but checks can be combined for both items as well as the due dates and delivery dates are the same regardless of the product.

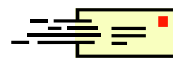
This fundraiser will run from **Monday, October 19th thru Wednesday, November 11th**. Order forms will be distributed to all band students over the next few days. Orders forms must be returned no later than **Wednesday, November 11th** - orders received after this date are not guaranteed to be filled!!! Pick up will occur Friday, December 4th (6 pm until 8 pm) and Saturday, December 5th (10 am until 2 pm).

To order fruit online (sorry, pastries cannot be ordered online) or to print some additional order forms, please visit the band's website at www.fortmillbands.com. Forms for both products are available online as well - see the "**Fruit Sale**" button on left side of webpage.

Questions about the 2009 fruit/pastry sale should be directed to **Linda Tennant** at ltennant@yorktech.com or 803-396-0272. **Thanks for supporting the Fort Mill School District Bands!!!**



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, Fort Mill Bands Finish the Year on a High Note

Published by the Rock Hill Herald on November 4, 2009 by Shawn Cetrone

High schools win state championships in their divisions

When **Nation Ford High School** opened in 2007, pulling most of its students from nearby **Fort Mill High**, both schools had to launch new marching band programs. Some wondered whether either could carry on **Fort Mill High's** legacy of championships. That's no longer a question. On Saturday, both schools took on bands from across the state and were crowned state champions in their divisions — **Fort Mill High in Class AAAA**; **Nation Ford in Class AAA**. "It's a huge deal," said **Taylor Rouse**, 16, a **Nation Ford High** junior and drum major.

The wins cap stellar years for both bands and continue a string of successes for York County's high school marching bands, which consistently rank among the state's best. This year marks the third straight that a York County band took the Class AAAA championship. Northwestern High in Rock Hill won last year, and Clover High the year before. This year, York County bands placed in the top four Class AAA and Class AAAA winners. Rock Hill High School's band will compete in the Class AAAAA state competition on Saturday.

South Carolina is known as a "band-friendly" state. As with football, the state encourages competition between marching bands and it crowns state champions every year. The competition is high level, and the training rigorous. Students give up evenings, weekends and part of their summer to practice. During the school year, they travel to competitions and performances. The key, students said, is to learn to manage time.

"School and band. That's it," said **Ahmez Nash**, 17, a **Fort Mill High** senior drum major. "It's your grades and your art." "It's just awesome to be part of something so big," said **Fort Mill High** senior **Alexis McLaine**, 17. "Nowhere else in school ... no other club, no team, you're not going to make these friends that you're going to keep."

On Monday, **Fort Mill High's** band enjoyed a rare day of down time. Students, wearing their championship medals, gathered in the band room to watch video of their Saturday performance. "They win state; we give them their lives back," band director **John Pruitt** joked.

A shelf running along all four walls in the school's band room is crammed with hundreds of trophies and awards won over the years. Plaques and banners hang below. Students sat in the center of the room watching footage of their show, titled "Beyond the Great Wall: Celebrating 5,000 years of Chinese culture." The band played and marched to a collection of classical Chinese music plus portions of the film scores for "The Last Emperor" and "The Mummy 3." Members of the color guard, dressed as terracotta warriors, acted out the music. The performance was elaborate and wowed judges, who gave the band a score of 93.8, more than three percentage points ahead of second-place Northwestern. "We try to put together very sophisticated shows," said **Philip Rainer**, the school's color guard director since 1996. "This year feels like one of the best years since I've been here. The kids were on it all year long and there was growth."

Nation Ford High's band doesn't have time to celebrate. All week, the band is hitting the field to practice for a run at the national championship title Nov. 12 in Indianapolis. The band will take on 89 others from across the country. Band director **Martin Dickey** said the band is shooting for the top 30. On Monday the band was tweaking its show, titled "Fast Track," which won the state title. It's a piece of original music written for the band in which members, working in synch and disguised with props and costumes, form a human train. During practice, several students still were beaming from Saturday. "It's incredible that both bands won," said **Nation Ford High** senior and drum major **Jaclyn Turner**, 18. Performing makes it all worth it, **Rouse** said. "Whenever you're done performing in a stadium and all the people stand up, you can't explain it," **Rouse** said.

Lots of support

Both bands' directors said their success is due in large part to unrelenting support from students' families. "Our parents have been unbelievably supportive," said **Dickey**, who led **Fort Mill High's** band for 13 years before moving to **Nation Ford** when the school opened. "They said, 'We will not let this band not be successful.'"

The Fort Mill District Band Booster Club, a registered nonprofit organization, is made up of parent volunteers who manage fundraising and fees for marching bands at the district's two high schools and three middle schools. Although it works closely with high school band directors, the club is its own entity and raises considerable amounts of money. This year, the club's budget is \$566,000. Band officials said that pays for expenses, including travel, expert instructors and music for elaborate performances.

This might be the last time that both Fort Mill bands can land state championships in the same year. Starting next year, **Fort Mill High** will be in Class AAA. The bands will be rivals. **Turner** was one of the students who went from **Fort Mill High** to **Nation Ford High** when it opened. She remembers the uncertainty of the first year and starting a band from scratch.

"None of us had any idea what to expect," she said. "We were pretty worried. I still have no idea how it worked out the way it did."

Nation Ford High will compete for a national championship Nov. 12 in Indianapolis



Photo by Andy Burriss - Drum majors Ahmez Nash, from left, and Joshua Harris of the Fort Mill High School Band and the Nation Ford High School drum majors Taylor Rouse, Jaclyn Turner and Justin Lyons hold their state championship trophies Tuesday. On Saturday, Fort Mill won the Class AAAA title with 93.8 points, and Nation Ford won its first state Class AAA championship with a score of 91.65.

Fee/Payment Reminder

Reminder – All remaining band fees including Fall marching, BOA (Bands of America), instrument and accessory 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.

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.

FORT MILL DISTRICT BAND BOOSTER CLUB

Supporting Fort Mill High School and Nation Ford High School Band Programs

Would like to invite you to our fall fund-raiser

good food
good time
good cause



Oyster Roast and Barbecue

to benefit both band programs

Saturday, December 5, 2009 5-8 pm

Field Trial Barn • Anne Springs Close Greenway

(Springfield Parkway, across from Springfield subdivision)

"all you can eat" steamed oysters and barbecue

bring your own oyster knife and gloves

\$25 per ticket

soft drinks will be sold separately

Please join us in showing our support for two of the best bands in the state!

All ticket sales are in advance with a cut off on December 2th

To purchase tickets contact either:

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2009-2010 Band Payment Schedule

Updated 9/17/2009

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	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #1 (Deposit) 11/13/09	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #2 12/18/09	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #3 01/15/10	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #4 02/19/10	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
Winter Percussion Ensemble	Total Cost	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #1 (Deposit) 11/13/09	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #2 12/18/09	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #3 01/15/10	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
	Pymt #4 02/19/10	tbd	tbd	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: _____

Amt(\$/Pts): _____

Event/Item: _____

Amt(\$/Pts): _____

Event/Item: _____

Amt(\$/Pts): _____

Please Place Student Name and School on Check

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Fort Mill, South Carolina 29716

November 2009 Band Notes

Upcoming Booster Club Meetings

Monday – November 30, 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!!!

Fruit & Pastry Sale

*Now thru Wednesday, November 11th
Pickup Friday, December 4th (6 pm – 8 pm) &
Saturday, December 5th (10 am – 2 pm)*

Fall Oyster Roast

*Saturday, December 5th
5 pm – 8 pm
Anne Springs Close Field Trial Barn
Fort Mill, SC*