

SANDERSON BAND NOTES

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Next Band Booster Meeting – Monday, Apr. 12th, 7:00PM in the band room

The band booster meeting is **the second Monday each month in the band room (most of the time).**

Practice does not make perfect,
perfect practice makes perfect.

Vince Lombardi

Upcoming Events

- Apr 12 - Band Booster Meeting, 7PM
 - Apr 15 - SCRIP orders due
 - Apr 19 - Marching Band Percussion Auditions, 3:30-5:30
 - Apr 26 - Marching Band Percussion Auditions, 3:30-5:30
 - Apr 26 thru 30 - Color Guard Auditions, 3:30-5:30
 - Apr 30 - All State Clinic at UNC
- Walnut Creek Training (check website for times & details)
- Apr 7, 14, and 21 - ABC Training
 - Apr 7, 13, 14, 17, - TIPS Training

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

The Sanderson Percussion Ensemble recently completed its inaugural season. Under the direction of Mr. Nate Campbell, they took first place in all competitions in which they participated (at Cary, Wakefield, and Green Hope High Schools). Thank you for doing such a great job of representing Sanderson High School and congratulations on a fantastic first season from the Sanderson Band Boosters! Percussionists in the ensemble are Taylor George, Nathan Oliver, Matthew Perkinson, Jennifer Pritchett, Jesse Rogers and Tyler Tharrington.



A very special thank you to Julie Lebria, Cathy Perkinson and Cathy Sprankle for all their hard work making the Winter Guard Flags!!

MORE BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!

- *William Coe* made 1st Chair - Alto Sax - All State Band!
- *Katie Perkinson* (Vocals) and *Jasmine Tilden* (Instrumental) were selected for NC Governor's School!
- *Wind Ensemble* received SUPERIOR rating in all categories at Concert Fest! In addition, it was the first time we received A's from all 4 judges (3 on stage, 1 for sight reading) in all the captions: Tone, Technique, Intonation, Balance, Interpretations, Musical Affect, etc.



NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

Mark your calendars and round up your golf buddies for the:

1st Annual Sanderson Band Golf Tournament!!

Date is Monday, August 9th. More details to come.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Yankee Candle Fundraiser ended with \$966 in sales and \$386 going into fair share accounts...less than 10 people ordered! Great sales effort on the few who did participate.

Earn Fair Share Money All Year Long With Grocery Cards.

Kroger, Food Lion, and Lowe's are available.

Contact our Grocery Card Supervisor - Jane Watt at wattssup@nc.rr.com or 873-9151. Cards are also available at all band booster meetings.

Earn Fairshare by purchasing **SCRIP** for your car care needs.

Does your car run on gas? BP, Chevron, Circle K, Exxon, Gulf, Marathon, Mobile, Sheetz, Speedway, Sunoco, and Texaco are available.

Do you change the oil in your car? Jiffy Lube pays back 8%!

Need a new battery or gas cap? Advance Auto Parts, AutoZone, and Pep Boys are there too!

Orders are due in by Apr. 15th.

Be sure to check the website (www.shopwithscrip.com) often for specials.

Scholarship Information

FastWeb matches users to scholarships based on their qualifications, meaning students have a better chance of winning. The scholarship database contains 1.3 million scholarships worth over \$3 billion.

Check out www.fastweb.com!

AutoBell Car Wash Fundraiser



We will be running an AutoBell car wash certificate fundraiser, April 12th thru May 12th. Certificates are \$13.95 which includes a full exterior wash and interior cleaning, \$6.97 goes back to your fair share account....1/2 the price of the certificate!!! Think teacher gifts, graduate gifts, thank you's, and think of all the pollen that will be on your cars very shortly!!!! Contact Jane Watt 873-9151 or wattssup@nc.rr.com to pick up certificates OR they will be available on **Thursdays** in the band room at the end of 4th period for the duration of the sale.

Confessions of a Band Parent "Roadie" by Paul Nevill

I wandered onto the Sanderson High School campus in the summer of 2001 and have never really left. I'm there almost every time outside of class hours: early in the morning, during lunch period, evenings, and around the clock on the weekends. I'm a Roadie with The Band. I know where every strap and bolt and box and prop is hiding now or where it goes on Competition day. If I don't have keys to something, I know who does or how to get it without a key. I can move or lift or drop or transport or paint or fit or collapse or build or modify anything needed to put over 100 Marching Spartans on any competition field from Virginia to Florida. And I have.

But it didn't start out that way. It was August of 2003 and somebody said a Mr. Krier needed help unloading a truck along the track during a football game. I went over because there were only about three guys and a giant moving van full of stuff. It was a show with Egyptian Hieroglyphics that a brand new Band Director had inherited even before he was hired. My daughter had spent time the previous month at something called "Band Camp," which was probably just a social gathering with cabins in the woods, I thought, you know, like Indian Princesses. But this was huge! It was like dumping your household furniture to a hundred teenagers, taking this stuff and musical instruments to put on a Super Bowl party, and then stuffing it back in the moving van. All in fifteen minutes. The following weekend, I sat in awe watching truck after truck stream into West Craven High School near New Bern. This production dwarfed our little halftime show at the football game, and it started to dawn on me that Competition was a Big Thing. I became hooked.

In the years since, our Tour has been a wild ride with Marching and Winterguard. After the Hieroglyphics, we had Reflections of the Blue Frontier, polished up our Coat of Arms, announced that Elvis had Left the Building, rolled out Designs for an American Landscape, felt protected by My Guardian Angel, relaxed with Dream Scenes, fought for Survival of the Fittest, and even though we ventured out with No Strings Attached, through it all we ended up Crazy Ever After. There were some really tough times like freezing on a rainy field at Appalachian State, a traffic accident in the fog somewhere in Virginia, and saying a final goodbye to that same Mr. Krier. There were moments of high exhilaration such as the kids bringing home a Grand Champion trophy, watching the final performances at Expo, and a Section Leader coming off the field to hand me the Pit Crew of the Day award. There was always the quiet pride of seeing our kids turn into competent adults, if only for short moments. Still, the highs always beat the lows.

Over six years gone in a flash, speed up the fast forward to Saturday evening, March 20th, this year. We've finished another great competition at Green Hope in Cary. We unload one last time and the Winter season is over. I bounce the empty truck over those eight nasty speed bumps between the Band Room equipment door and the cage area in the Stadium parking lot. I can back straight to the fence perfectly, in my sleep. While locking the gate, there must have been some dust blowing around, because for a moment my vision gets blurry and I can't see clearly. Then I touch my cheeks and feel the tears.