

# MARCHING SPARTANS BAND NOTES

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## Next Band Booster Meeting – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM

The band booster meeting is **the second Monday each month in the band room**. Everyone is welcome! We are always looking for new faces. Please join us!

**All interested in helping with the band banquet should come for a meeting prior to the band meeting; 6:30 on February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Chairpersons: Mary Catherine Cole ([mccole0820@gmail.com](mailto:mccole0820@gmail.com))  
and Jerry Diamond ([jdiamond@nc.rr.com](mailto:jdiamond@nc.rr.com)).

## Band Director News

Creighton Flowers – [cflowers@wcpss.net](mailto:cflowers@wcpss.net)

The ECU Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be performing at Sanderson on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in our auditorium. This will be a free concert and can be a cultural arts credit.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble is comprised of the most outstanding wind and percussion students in the School of Music. The group is dedicated to the study and performance of the finest wind repertoire regardless of historical period or disposition of instrumental forces. The ensemble had performed original compositions under such well-known composers as Karel Husa, Vincent Persichetti, Vittorio Giannini, Martin Mailman, Jack Stamp and Ron Nelson.

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### **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT - MIDNIGHT BOWLING**

After the Winter Guard Competition at Green Hope on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>  
(Support your fellow band members before having some fun!)

11PM - 1AM, Buffalo Lanes, Cost is ~\$7.00

Please contact Marjie Srsic ([marjiesrsic@bellsouth.net](mailto:marjiesrsic@bellsouth.net)),  
848-8327 with questions.

## Spring Break Trip - NY City

Mary Jane Tanaka - [mjtanaka@nc.rr.com](mailto:mjtanaka@nc.rr.com)

*Please watch your email as to the specific amount for the February payment and the payment date as it may be extended so an exact amount can be given. If you are not receiving emails regarding the trip or wish to use another address, please contact Mary Jane Tanaka:  
[jtanaka@nc.rr.com](mailto:jtanaka@nc.rr.com)*



## Upcoming Events

Feb 5 – Winter Guard Dress Rehearsal/Exhibition at Sanderson, 8PM

Feb 7 - Winter Guard Competition at West Johnston HS, Time TBD

Feb 8 - Triangle Youth Brass Band at Meymandi Concert Hall, 4PM

Feb 11 - Meet the Teacher Night at Sanderson for 2nd semester classes

Feb 12 - ECU Wind Ensemble Concert in SHS Auditorium, 7:30PM

Feb 16 – Snow Make Up Day

Feb 21 - Winter Guard Competition at Green Hope HS, Time TDB

Feb 21 – Midnight Bowling Social, Buffalo Lanes, 11PM-1AM

Feb 24 - Sanderson Band Concert, 7PM

Feb 28 - Winter Guard Competition at Clayton HS, Time TBD

Mar 19 – Winter Guard Exhibition at Sanderson, 8PM

## Fundraising Info

We would all like a little extra help with expenses this year! There is a SPRING BREAK trip, Winterguard, and Band Camp fees (due in May) – so we have put together a plan of our most successful SPRING FUNDRAISERS.

**Now we need your help!** Please look over the list and let me know if you are interested in organizing the fundraiser. Co-Chairs are WELCOME!!



### 1. Auto Bell Car Wash Coupon Books

This one is great for end-of-year teacher gifts, graduation gifts, Mother's Day and Father's Day gift giving. Remember pollen season is quickly approaching! Students checkout the coupon books and return with money. This is organized much like our fall CitiPass sales.

### 2. Cookie Dough

Who doesn't want cookie dough in your freezer? We have tried this vendor once before and everyone loved the cookies! Students are asked to take orders and the product is delivered afterwards.

### 3. Yankee Candles

Mother's Day is in May! This fundraiser has been successful each time we have sold candles. Once again, orders are taken and the product is delivered afterwards.

### 4. Family Night Out

SOMETHING NEW!! Who wants to cook? Why not join your Sanderson friends for dinner? We need a chairperson to find restaurants and coordinate publicity. Most restaurants (Applebee's, Sawmill Tap Room, Milton's, Wildflower and Cozumel) will donate 10-15% towards the band budget. If your group (i.e.: Winterguard, Jazz Band) would like to organize their own event, you may take the profits from the evening!!

Please contact Darden Coe ([darden.coe@mindspring.com](mailto:darden.coe@mindspring.com)) or Nelson Williams ([bignel@bellsouth.net](mailto:bignel@bellsouth.net)) if you are interested.

## NEW CONTACT FOR SCRIP and soon, Grocery Cards



**Fundraising is important because the tuba sounded better before it fell behind the bleachers.**

<http://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

Organization: Sanderson Band Boosters, Enrollment Code: E714FF3412769

Julie Lebria, [jlebria@nc.rr.com](mailto:jlebria@nc.rr.com)

Do you know SCRIP has reloads available?

The SCRIP newest reload process does not require coordinator participation at all! If a family places an order that includes only reload items, and pays with PrestoPay, they will automatically process that transaction and credit your account for the amount owed your organization. The gift card will typically be reloaded overnight if the order is placed before 3:30 PM Eastern time, Monday-Friday. Check out <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/shop/Search.aspx?SearchType=2&CategoryID=-2&PageIndex=1> for brands available with reloads.

Grocery cards - Sue Truxal 332-1926. Jane Watt will be taking over for Sue towards the end of the year because Sue will be skiing and golfing when Joey graduates. Thank you Sue for heading up grocery cards for the last few years.

## **All-District Auditions**

All-District Auditions were held on Saturday, January 10 at Orange High School in Hillsborough, NC. Sanderson High School was well represented with 19 band students participating. Those who auditioned, but weren't selected gained valuable knowledge and experience for future auditions. Those who were selected to participate in the All-District Clinic owe a debt of gratitude to their fellow Sanderson classmates for being there. The audition process was made easier for everyone from Sanderson because there were plenty of friendly and familiar faces in the warm-up rooms and the cafeteria. And the day was an excellent opportunity for Sanderson's Band Boosters to network, as many band parents spent the day visiting while at the auditions.



If you are a Sanderson band student, but you've never participated in an All-District Audition, please take a moment to talk to your classmates who took part this year. It can be hard work, but the process is rewarding on many levels. It's a chance to meet new and interesting students from schools throughout Central North Carolina. It's an opportunity to improve your musicianship. And it's a great way to show your musical commitment to your band mates.

Participants from Sanderson High School for 2009 –

William Coe – Alto Saxophone, Selected for the 9-12 Symphonic Band, First Chair

Maggie Corn – Clarinet

Charlie Coggins – Clarinet

John Diamond – Baritone Saxophone

Brandon Fernandez – Timpani & Mallets

Garrett George – Alto Saxophone, Selected for the 9-12 Symphonic Band

Jessica Grossano – Euphonium, Selected for the 9-12 Symphonic Band

David Hasenauer – Trombone

Laura Harrington – Flute

Laura James – Flute

Kara Johnson – Clarinet

Phillip Knorr – Trumpet, Selected for the 11-12 Wind Ensemble

Bobby Lee – Tenor Saxophone

Matthew McCloskey – Euphonium

Jesse Rodgers – Timpani & Snare, Selected for the 9-12 Symphonic Band for Snare

Doug Stiegler – Tenor Saxophone

Jasmine Tilden – Flute

Wes Vaughn – Trumpet

David Williams – Tuba, Selected for the 11-12 Wind Ensemble, First Chair

2008  
Winter  
Guard  
Competition  
At  
Wakefield



## Cultural Arts Credits

On Sunday, February 8, at 4:00 pm, the Triangle Youth Brass Band -- featuring Jessica Grossano, Phillip Knorr, and David Williams -- will be performing at Meymandi Concert Hall. The featured soloist will be tuba virtuoso Marty Erickson, professor of tuba and euphonium at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin.

For more information, please see --  
<http://trianglebrass.org/> -- and --  
<http://www.martytuba.com/>

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## Remember When . . .



Those were the days my friends,  
we thought they'd never end.

And now, we're the parents.

Wouldn't the kids get a kick out of seeing us in high school? Send in a scanned picture from high school (marching band, majorettes, sports - anything showing your high school personality) which we want to make into a game (more details to follow once we see the response). Please include your name, high school, city and state. Picture should be e-mailed to [jmccloskey@analyticscorp.com](mailto:jmccloskey@analyticscorp.com) by Feb27th.



*Could this be Mr. Nevill?*

## Color Guard History

A traditional color guard bore the national flag and marched into battle with soldiers, along with one or more drummers to keep the soldiers in step as they marched.

As marching bands became more privatized, the color guard added the "pizzaz" to the music that the band was playing. Now, it has evolved into a recognized sport known as "The Sport of the Arts".

More generally, Color Guard and Marching Band have seen tremendous growth and development over the past few years. The 2008 marching band season featured many spectacular performances by the Sanderson Marching Spartans. Now that the marching band season has ended, stress levels begin to rise with the advent of the Winter Guard Season. However, the stress and hard work involved with Winter Guard are offset by the enjoyment of making and portraying music.

So what is Winter Guard? Well, it's the same thing as Color Guard, but without the band, the football field, and the hot weather. To be more specific, Winter Guard is an indoor activity usually performed in a gymnasium. This is a chance for directors and show designers to make something their very own in terms of style, and music. Normally, the Color Guard director chooses the music for Winter Guard, writes the drill, and choreographs it. Performances generally take place on a floor covering in a gym.

The Winter Guard events are listed on our Event Calendar. Please check the website for times. Come out and support your fellow band members!!

To contribute material to the Marching Spartans Band Notes, please e-mail Jean McCloskey ([jmccloskey@analyticscorp.com](mailto:jmccloskey@analyticscorp.com)) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.