

# MARCHING SPARTANS BAND NOTES

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**Next Band Meeting – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM, in the band room.**

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

If you would like a copy of the minutes each month, please contact our Band Booster Secretary: Ruth Strauss [rogersstrauss@bellsouth.net](mailto:rogersstrauss@bellsouth.net)

## Band Director News

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

I would like to encourage everyone to take private lessons on your instrument. Private instruction is invaluable when it comes to moving to an advanced level on your instrument. We are fortunate to have many fine instructors in the area. You can check the list on the web page or ask for recommendations and I would be happy to help.

I also wanted to make sure everyone is aware of events that are coming up as we get into the second semester.

All District Auditions are Jan. 10 at Orange HS. This is much closer than going to High Point as in years past. Students will need to arrange their own transportation. Once you have finished your audition you may leave, but realistically plan for this to take most of the day. Good luck to those auditioning, and keep practicing.

Feb. 12 the ECU wind ensemble will be doing a concert at Sanderson at 7:00 pm in our auditorium. This will be a free concert and should be very good.

Our first concert of the second semester is Feb. 24. Festival is March 25-27. As soon as specific times are known I will let everyone know.

The calendar on the web page has also been updated through the summer. Please take a look as summer plans begin to take shape. Please also share this with any upcoming 8th grade families you may know. They are often not aware of our summer schedule until it is too late.

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## Spring Break Trip - NY City

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

The NY band contingent is finalizing their entourage. Currently, there are 56 students going and 12 chaperones. We would love to have some more male chaperones if you can take the time! We have 2 1/2 willing fathers and they would love some help!

The \$200 payment was due on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and the last payment of \$300 is due Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please send this to the band post box: Sanderson Band Boosters, attn. Fairshare, P.O. Box 99370, Raleigh, NC 27624-9370.

I would like to meet with the chaperones prior to the booster **meeting** on January 12. This is just to discuss organizing the trip and the free morning plans. After I get the second payment rounded up, I'll begin to form the touring groups and room assignments.

I will get the final cost to you as soon as I know it. **Keep watching your email for trip information!** I have formed an email group and asked for replies so I know your email is entered correctly. I'll be using that group to send updated news about the trip.

### Upcoming Events

Jan 10 - All District Auditions

Jan 16, 20, 21, 22 - Final Exams

Jan 30 – 31 - All District Clinic

Feb 7 - Winter Guard Competition at West Johnston HS

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

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

Feb 21 - Winter Guard Competition at Green Hope HS

Feb 24 - Sanderson Band Concert 7PM

Feb 28 - Winter Guard Competition at Clayton HS



*Competition at  
West Johnston*

## Competitions

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** - Highland Celebration, Scotland High School, Laurinburg, NC  
Class 4A: Trophies for participation, 2nd place Visual and 3rd place Overall.

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** - Panther Creek High School, Cary, NC  
Class 3A: 1st place in their class for Drum major, Colorguard, Percussion, Music, Marching and Effect.

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** - West Johnston High School, Benson, NC  
Class 4A: 2nd place Drum Major, 3rd place Marching Effect and for Participation.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - Fuquay Varina High School, Fuquay-Varina, NC  
Class 4A: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Percussion, 1st Place Colorguard, 1st Place Music Performance, 1st Place Visual Performance, 1st Place General Effect, 1st in their Class **and the Overall Grand Champion!!**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – EXPO – GREAT JOB BY ALL!

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** - Crystal Coast Band Classic, Havelock High School, Havelock, NC  
Class 5A: 2nd place in Marching, 2nd Place in Music, 2nd Place in Percussion, 2nd Place Drum Major. 3rd Place in Effect, 3rd Place Colorguard and 3rd Place Overall in the class and our Band Parents won "Best Pit Crew".

## Fundraising Info

### Fruit and Flowers

Co-Chairs - Bernadette Clark and Mary Weaver: The sale did really well. There were more total sales than last year. Congratulations!

**Grocery cards are always available from Sue Truxal 332-1926.**

### SCRIP

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

Organization: Sanderson Band Boosters/Raleigh, NC

Enrollment Code: E714FF3412769

The following Script Cards are available from Elizabeth Wentz, 919-870-2079, 518-8338 [elizabeth.wentz@genworth.com](mailto:elizabeth.wentz@genworth.com) first come first serve:

\$10.00

Arbys  
Auntie Anne  
Barnes & Noble  
Brueggers  
Crate & Barrell  
Panera  
Papa Johns  
Restoration Hardware  
Starbucks  
Wendys

\$15.00

I-Tunes

\$25.00

Barnes & Noble  
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Borders  
Crate & Barrell  
CVS  
GAP/Old Navy  
JC Penney  
Land End  
LL Bean  
Office Depot  
Office Max  
Orvis  
RiteAid  
Sears  
Staples  
Walgreens

**"In the  
school of  
life, all  
hallways  
lead to  
the  
bandroom"**

## Kudos for the Kids

Garrett George auditioned for and made first chair for the Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble, which is one of 4 bands under the Philharmonic Association. It is a year long commitment. He has also played jazz music at The Ocean Grill restaurant in Cary twice this fall backing up two professional musicians, and plans to play more frequently there now that marching band season is over.

Jessica Grossano, Phillip Knorr, and David Williams were recently selected to participate with the Triangle Youth Brass Band (TYBB). TYBB is an elite English-style brass band with 30 members. Our Sanderson Band students were selected from a group of roughly 60 students from around the area who auditioned on Sunday, November 9.



## MARCHING BAND SECTION OF THE YEAR: DRUMLINE

What – you ask – exactly is the drumline?

**DRUM-LINE:** 1) The people hitting the drums (or each other) with sticks in time with each other, but either a half beat earlier or later than the band and one beat from the pit. 2) A group of people who think (or do they KNOW IT THIS YEAR?) that they are better than everyone else.

Seriously, for those who may not be all that familiar with band lingo: The drumline, (often referred to as marching percussion, battery, or back battery) typically includes snare drums, tenor drums, bass drums, and cymbals and are responsible for keeping tempo for the band. The drum major derives his/her title from his/her role in visually representing their tempo. All of these instruments have been adapted for mobile, outdoor use.

## Fairshare Information

Questions: call or e-mail  
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## Raleigh Christmas Parade



**“It’s too cold to be doing this.”**

## Ambassadors

Still wondering which job would be best for you at Expo?  
How can you raise more money for fairshare?

AMBASSADORS ARE HERE TO HELP with any questions you may have.

|              |                            |          |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Leigh Ammons | (student's last names A-C) | 847-4815 |
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| Kim Odishoo  | (L-Sa)                     | 847-3631 |
| Kim Sweet    | (Sc-Z)                     | 848-6334 |

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The website is also a wonderful source of information:  
[www.sandersonband.com](http://www.sandersonband.com)

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