

# MARCHING SPARTANS BAND NOTES

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

Prior to the Booster Meeting - there will also be a NY Spring Break Trip chaperone meeting at 6:15 . Please contact Mary Jane Tanaka if you will not be able to attend. [mjtanaka@nc.rr.com](mailto:mjtanaka@nc.rr.com)

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!

## Volunteers Still Needed

Darden Coe – [darden.coe@mindspring.com](mailto:darden.coe@mindspring.com)

We're getting close to filling the board and fundraising positions, but still have a few open. If you are willing to spend some time to help the band – it would be greatly appreciated! Details of responsibilities are listed on the website. Fundraising chairperson positions can be shared. Please contact me to volunteer or if you have any questions regarding these positions.

- Eight Grade Recruiting - this is an immediate need – we have 36 seniors leaving us. The more members we have – the less fairshare will be!
- One More Ambassador
- Band Booster Vice President – Coordinates band transportation and the Spring Break trip. (This position does not necessarily move up to President.)
- Band Booster Secretary
- Citipass Chairperson
- Directory Chairperson (published during band camp)
- Family Night Out Chairperson
- Hospitality Chairperson
- Pit and Prop Crew Chairperson
- Logo Apparel Chairperson

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### WINTER GUARD FINAL PAYMENT IS OVERDUE.

Please send payment to:

**Sanderson Band Boosters**  
**PO Box 99370**  
**Raleigh, NC 27624-9370**  
**Jerry Diamond 676-0318**  
[fairshare@sandersonband.com](mailto:fairshare@sandersonband.com)

### NEW LINK ON OUR WEBSITE

There was a new link added to the main Sanderson Band web page -- NC Band Concerts. It's a new project to list local concerts. These concerts will qualify for cultural arts assignments. Please see -- <http://ncbandconcert.com/> .

### Upcoming Events

- Mar 7 – Honors Band Auditions (Good luck David!)
- Mar 9 – NY City Spring Break Trip Chaperone Meeting – 6:15 in the band room
- Mar 9 – Band Booster Meeting – 7PM in the band room
- Mar 19 – Winter Guard Exhibition at Sanderson, 8PM
- Mar 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 28 – TIPS Training for Walnut Creek (see page 3 for additional details on Walnut Creek)
- Mar 21 – Triangle Youth Brass Band and Brass Ensemble, Fletcher Theater, 8PM (Cultural Arts Credit)

**All-District Participants**

Nelson Williams

Six Sanderson High School students were selected from more than 1,000 area musicians who auditioned for the Central District All-District Honor Bands. These students participated in a two-day clinic and a performance at University of North Carolina’s Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, January 31.

The 9-12 Symphonic Band was conducted by Dr. Jerry Markoch of Athens Drive High School. Four Sanderson students – William Coe, junior alto saxophone (first chair), Garrett George, junior alto saxophone, Jessica Grossano, junior euphonium, and Jesse Rogers, junior percussion – were selected for this band which performed four contemporary works, including the lyrical and reflective piece “Poem”, by Scott Boerma.

The 11-12 Wind Ensemble was conducted by Dr. Kevin Geraldi Associate Director of Bands at UNC Greensboro. This ensemble featured two Sanderson students – Phillip Knorr, senior trumpet and David Williams, junior tuba (first chair). The 11-12 Wind Ensemble also performed four selections including the spirited dance “Amparito Roca” by Spanish composer Jaime Texidor, and the four-movement work “Paris Sketches” by Englishman Martin Ellerby.

Be sure to congratulate our All-District Participants when you see them!



Pictured (front) Jessica Grossano and (back, left-to-right) Jesse Rogers, Garrett George, Phillip Knorr, William Coe, and David Williams.

**Sanderson Winterguard in Middle of Competition Season**

Paul Nevill

The Sanderson Winterguard competition season is in full swing. In February, the ladies opened with performances at West Johnston High School and took home 3rd place trophy for their class at Green Hope High School. They also performed at the Clayton High School competition.

The theme for this year's Winterguard show is "Survivor", a jungle theme with lots of camouflage makeup, a deep green painted floor cover, loud video game music, and huge backdrop props that make the entire performance appear to be in the woods. A typical eight-minute routine includes set-up, spinning of rifles and sabers, coordinated routines with two different flag colors, and then a complete tear-down and gym exit. The team is competing this year at the higher A3, or varsity level, which is much more competitive and difficult than previous years in the lower "Regional A" class. The top Winterguard teams in the Raleigh area are in the A3, A2 and A1 classes.

Come out and support our Winterguard at the Wakefield High School competition on March 14th - audience cheering is allowed during the routine, and the team will really appreciate your enthusiastic support! The Winterguard season will conclude at the AIA Regional championships in Virginia the last weekend in March, where the team will compete in their class against schools across the Mid-Atlantic States.

Winterguard: a real contact sport!



**MONEY** - for a small piece of paper - it sure carries a lot of weight!

**SCRIP MADE EASY!**

*If you're not exactly sure how SCRIP works – Julie wants you to know there is a very simple way to earn fairshare through this program. All you need to do is send her an e-mail (jlebria@nc.rr.com) to make arrangements to purchase any of the following cards:*

SCRIP Card	Amount	% to Fairshare	# in Inventory
American Eagle	\$25.00	9%	1
Applebees	\$25.00	8%	8
Auntie Anne's Pretzels	\$10.00	8%	1
Barnes & Noble	\$25.00	9%	2
Barnes & Noble	\$10.00	9%	1
Bath & Body Works	\$25.00	13%	1
Borders	\$25.00	9%	5
Borders	\$10.00	9%	5
Cheesecake Factory	\$25.00	4%	1
Cracker Barrel	\$10.00	9%	4
Crate & Barrel	\$25.00	8%	1
Crate & Barrel	\$100.00	8%	1
CVS	\$25.00	6%	1
Gap/Old Navy/Banana Rep.	\$25.00	9%	1
I-Tunes	\$15.00	4%	5
JC Penney	\$25.00	6%	1
Office Depot	\$25.00	4%	2
Office Max	\$25.00	5%	1
Orvis	\$25.00	17%	5
Papa Johns	\$10.00	8%	7
Pottery Barn	\$25.00	8%	2
Restoration Hardware	\$25.00	12%	3
Ruby Tuesday	\$25.00	8%	4
Sears	\$25.00	4%	3
Staples	\$25.00	5%	2
Starbucks	\$10.00	7%	9
Starbucks	\$25.00	7%	3
Walgreens	\$25.00	2%	3

**Walnut Creek Fund Raising**

We need volunteers to sell concessions at Walnut Creek events. Since beer is sold at all of our stands, all adult workers must be over the age of 21 and must be TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) trained. TIPS training is good for 3 years and involves attending a 3-hour training session. Student workers (minimum age 16) are needed to assist with food preparation. We receive a percentage of total sales at each stand for every event. The total number of volunteer units is equal to the total number of volunteers that worked each event. One parent working or one student working one event earns 1 unit. Two family members can work the same event and earn 2 units. You can sign up for as many events as you would like. At the end of the season we total the money raised, and divide it into the number of units to give a dollar amount per unit. The number of units that you have earned times the dollar amount per unit is what gets credited to your student's fair share account. For the 2009 Walnut Creek season, the amount per unit was over \$50. Please contact the Event coordinators, Paul Tilden and Betsy Harrington, at [walnutcreek@sandersonband.com](mailto:walnutcreek@sandersonband.com) for more information or if you have questions.

**Kudos for the Kids**

Joey Truxal and Patrick Short represented Sanderson at the WRAL Brain Game in early February. They faced a tough Grimsley team, but managed to finish a respectable second place, well ahead of Lee Christian High School. A third Sanderson student, Chris Schaeffer, joined them in this effort. Who will be the next Brain Game contestant to represent not only Sanderson High School, but the Marching Spartans?!

Joey Truxal has been accepted into the Air Force Academy.

After an extensive audition process, Phillip Knorr has been selected to tour with Drum Corps International's Carolina Crown as a lead trumpeter.

William Coe and Brandon Fernandez were selected to participate in the Carolina Band Festival at UNC-G. They were chosen from over 300 applicants from a 7 state area. Their clinic was directed by Dr. Frank Ticheli – composer and conductor from the University of Southern California.

Becca Landon earned her Girl Scout Silver Award, the second-highest achievement in Girl Scouting. For her Silver Award project, she created Operation Shelley Lake Cleanup to clean the Raleigh lake and surrounding marshy areas.

Marshall Sweet earned his Boy Scout Eagle Award.



**Marching Band History**

The marching band originated with traveling musicians who performed together at festivals and celebrations throughout the ancient world. It evolved and became more structured within the armies of the early city-states, becoming the basis for the military band, from which the modern marching band emerged. As musicians became less important in directing the movement of troops on the battlefield, the bands moved into increasingly ceremonial roles - an intermediate stage which provided some of the instrumentation and music for marching bands was the modern brass band, which also evolved out of the military tradition.

Many military traditions survive in modern marching band. Bands that march in formation will often be ordered to "dress their ranks" and "cover down their files". They may be called to "attention", and given orders such as "about face" and "forward march". Uniforms of many marching bands still resemble military uniforms.

Outside of police and military organizations, modern marching band is most commonly associated with American football, specifically the halftime show. Many U.S. universities had bands before the twentieth century. The first modern halftime show by a marching band at a football game was by the University of Illinois Marching Illini in 1907 at a game against the University of Chicago.

Another innovation that appeared at roughly the same time as the field show and marching in formations was the fight song. University fight songs are often closely associated with a university's band. Many of the more recognizable and popular fight songs are widely utilized by high schools across the country. Three university fight songs commonly used by high schools are the University of Michigan's "The Victors", the University of Notre Dame's "Victory March", and the United States Naval Academy's "Anchors Aweigh".

**Band Banquet Info**

The annual band banquet will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6PM at The Shrine Club on Leadmine Road. Ticket and menu information will be available towards the end of March.

Everyone that has volunteered will be contacted in March about your interest and help. Thanks for volunteering to help.

Anyone still interested in volunteering can contact:

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Jerry Diamond  
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to sign up.

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.