

SANDERSON BAND NOTES

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Next Band Booster Meeting – Monday, Mar. 8th, 7:00PM

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

"If you will think about what you ought to do for other people, your character will take care of itself." - President Woodrow Wilson

Upcoming Events

- Mar 6 All State Band Auditions
 - Mar 6 Winter Guard and Percussion Ensemble Competition at Wakefield HS
 - Mar 8 Band Booster Meeting, 7PM, Band Room
 - Mar 15 SCRIP Orders Due
 - Mar 20 Winter Guard and Percussion Ensemble Competition At Green Hope HS
 - Mar 24 Concert Festival
 - Mar 25 Concert Festival
 - Mar 26 Concert Festival
 - Mar 27 Depart for Spring Break Trip!
 - Mar 30 Return from Spring Break Trip
- Mar 3, 10, & 17 - ABC Training - See Website for Additional Information

Spring Break Trip

There are several attachments to an e-mail sent on Feb 27th that are **critical** with respect to being about to go on the trip and here's the list:

- Final itinerary with contact numbers for all venues and events
- Parental permission and medical form
- Chaperone medical form
- Room and chaperone assignments

Please print these out and complete as soon as possible. They should be mailed to my home address: 8429 Summerspring Lane, Raleigh NC 27615.

I must have signed and completed forms for all attending or you won't be permitted on the bus. As we get closer, if I haven't received everything from you, I'll be on the phone to harass you un-mercifully!

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Jay - jbaker10@nc.rr.com

2010-2011 Band Board Positions Still Available!**Sign Up Now Before They're All Taken!**

There is a lot of behind the scenes work to keep the band running efficiently – band camp, props, uniforms, fundraising, website, equipment/pit crew, transportation, newsletter, fair share, chaperones, hospitality, awards, band banquet, 8th Grade Liaisons, Spring Break trip, and of course – EXPO! As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved. Please consider chairing one or more of the 50+ positions that will need to be filled next year (check the website <http://www.sandersonband.com/boosters/boosterjobdescriptions.htm#news> for additional information). With your participation, assistance, and support, the Sanderson Band program will continue to be very successful. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about a particular position, please contact Nelson Williams at bignel@bellsouth.net.

Walnut Creek Fair Share Opportunities

Fun Times and Earn Fair Share Money!!!

Students must be 16 years old. Adults must be TIPS and ABC trained.

Training and concert dates are on the band calendar for more information. Just click on the event on the band calendar and fill out the form to sign up.

Current Concert Dates

4/23 & 4/24 Widespread Panic

5/6 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers

5/28 Country Throwdown

6/5 Brooks and Dunn

7/10 Toby Keith

8/14 Tim McGraw

8/28 Brad Paisley

10/2 Sugarland

Any questions please email Paul Tilden at ptilden@wakemed.org or call 796-2479.

Always check the website (www.sandersonband.com) for the most up-to-date information.

SCRIP

Looking for an extra gift for your spring holiday basket? Don't forget about scrip! There's lots to choose from - iTunes, Baskin Robbins, Brueggers, Blockbuster - just to name a few. And a percentage of the purchase of each card goes directly to your fair share account. The deadline for placing scrip orders is March 15. Detailed instructions on ordering can be found in the fundraising section of the band's website.

Need help placing an order? Contact Julie Lebria at jlebria@nc.rr.com.

All District Jazz Band Auditions

Several students auditioned for All District Jazz Band on January 23:

- ♪ Garrett George
- ♪ Eli English
- ♪ Jesse Rogers
- ♪ Steven Tanaka

Congratulations to Garrett George - 1st chair alto sax and Jesse Rogers – drums for making the band. Their clinic and performance weekend was held on Feb 12-13.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!

William Coe was awarded the Park Scholarship to NC State. The Park Scholarship provides a superb educational opportunity for exceptionally talented and well-prepared young men and women to develop leadership skills and civic awareness. The scholarship includes the full cost of education, related expenses, and enrichment activities.

Katie Perkinson (Vocals) and *Jasmine Tilden* (Instrumental) were selected as finalists for NC Governor’s School. Good luck to both of you in the final round!!

Spring 2010 Yankee Candle Fundraiser Starts Now!!

40% of sales goes towards your Fairshare Account!!
Great Gift Ideas, Delivery in time for Mother’s Day!!

Catalogs available in the Band Room.

All orders must be turned in by **March 19.**

Contact: Jane Watt (873-9151 / wattssup@nc.rr.com)



What is the Percussion Ensemble?

An indoor percussion ensemble or indoor drumline consists of the marching percussion (or battery) and front ensemble (or pit) sections of a marching band or drum corps. The only exceptions are in concert divisions (eg. Percussion Scholastic Concert Open) where the marching line is absent and the ensemble consists entirely of a pit. Indoor Percussion marries elements of music performance, marching, and theater; thus, the activity is often referred to as percussion theater. Although most indoor percussion ensembles are affiliated with high schools, there are also many independent groups that draw participants from a large area. Independent groups typically start rehearsing in October and groups associated with high schools start after marching band season ends in November or December, and the season culminates with national championships in April. It is sometimes called Winter Percussion due to the season in which it mostly occurs.

Looking Forward

April 19, Apr 26, May 3, May 10 - Marching Band Percussion Auditions
 April 27 through 30 - Color Guard Auditions
 May 11 through 14 - Drum Major Auditions

May 18 Weenie Hearsal
 May 20 Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Concert
 May 27 Band Banquet

July 19-22 Pre-camp at Sanderson 8-4
 July 23-27 Band Camp at Campbell
 July 28 REST (they'll need it!)
 July 29 Full band rehearsal 8-4
 Aug. 3-5 Full band rehearsal 8-4
 Aug. 10-12 Full band rehearsal 8-4
 Aug. 17-19 Full band rehearsal 4-8
 Aug. 25 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

October 23 - EXPO!!

THROW IT DOWN – Breathe, Play & March

Throw It Down, an 88-minute documentary from director John E. Maher, offers a rare behind-the-scenes look at the reality of marching in a top-ranked drum and bugle corps. The film follows the 2006 season of the Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps from Canton, Ohio, and presents themes that are universal to anyone involved in the marching activity.

This is a film about perseverance and the ultimate rewards for those who manage to navigate the challenges of a summer spent living, breathing and dreaming drum corps. It's important to watch *Throw It Down* all the way through. In the first 30 minutes, uninitiated viewers might wonder *why* anyone would want to join a corps and work so hard. But the answer becomes clear later in the film when the intensity and repetition start to pay off.

Throw It Down gets its title from the concept of performers "throwing down" the best performance they can possibly give. The film ends on a joyous note with the Bluecoats members showing ultimate satisfaction with their final performance. Yet the film is not just about a single season. *Throw It Down* gives viewers new appreciation for any quality performance, since they have peeked behind the scenes and witnessed the grueling effort that was required offstage.

Visit the website at www.throwdownthemovie.com.

