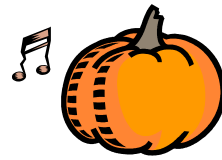


NSA Band Parent Association



The next meeting of the Band Parent Association will be held on Oct. 19th at 7pm in the band room.

Music Notes



Introducing a new concert this year, on October 25 at 7:30 p.m. the upper school concert band will present a Halloween Concert. Please come for creepy music and ghoulishly good time!

The BPA will be contacting parents willing to send in light refreshments for upcoming concert such as the October concert. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Santa's Breakfast

We are starting to prepare for the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 2. We need volunteers for setting up on Friday night and to cook, serve, work Santa's workshop, etc during the breakfast on Saturday morning. This is one of the most fun services the BPA provides, so check your calendars to see if you can come and get into the holiday spirit at the Pancake Breakfast.

If you know someone who sells/makes crafts who may like to set up a table at the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 2, 2006, please contact Lisa Steele - 371-4567, Mary Lou Cox - 255-2518 or Marsha Winslow at 252-465-8030 or 757-242-3148, committee chairpersons. The area will cost \$25 and the vendor will keep all the proceeds.

The Twirling Club will be giving a special performance with the band at half-time on Oct. 27 th.



Band Events Schedule:

LS Band

- Dec. 14 - Holiday Concert – Report to school at 6:30 PM
- Dec. 15 - In school Holiday Concert
- May 24 - Spring Concert – Report at 6:00 PM
- May 30 - Band Banquet – Starts at 6:00 PM
- June 9 - 7th Grade Band - Graduation

US Band

- Sept. 30 - (SAT) - Home Game – Report to school at 11:00 AM
- Oct. 7 - (SAT) –Peanut Fest Parade - Cancelled
- Oct. 20 - (FRI) - Home Game – Noon dismissal – report to school 5:00 PM
- Oct. 25 - October Concert - Report to school at 6:30 PM**
- Oct. 27 - (FRI) - Home Game - Stay after school
- Dec. 9 - District Band Auditions
- Dec. 14 - Holiday Concert – Report at 6:30 PM
- Dec. 15 - In school Holiday Concert
- May 24 - Spring Concert – Report at 6:00 PM
- May 30 - Band Banquet – Begins at 6:00 PM
- June 9 - Graduation



Concession Sign-ups

Here are some concession dates that are still open for volunteers:

- Oct. 20 - Homecoming –opens at 5:30 – need a lot of help this night- it's usually busy
- Oct. 21 - (SAT) Pop Warner – opens at 8:30 – need the most help from 10 – 5
- Oct. 25 - (WED) JJV Game need two parents
- Oct. 27 - Home Game need two more folks
- Nov. 2 - (THU) JV Game need two more people

Note: Band students in 9th grade and up are encouraged to help at Pop Warner, JV and JJV Games.

Hello Band Parents!

The NSA Bands are off to a great start! Students are working hard for upcoming concerts and performances. During half time at Homecoming on October 20 you will see the completed version of the half time show. The marching band, though small, certainly packs a punch with their sound.

Congratulations to Meera Venkataraman for successfully auditioning for Senior Regional Orchestra. Meera made the top group, the symphony orchestra. Please see below for where her performance will be.

Angela Cutler and Paula Johnson, the guard instructors, are working hard to get Indoor Guard up and running. This extra curricular activity is being opened up to the rest of the band and the entire school. Last year on the band trip the Indoor Guard performed for a rating and earned an Excellent. There are 30 spots available for students to participate. There is an information meeting held by Mrs. Cutler and Miss Johnson on Thursday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the band room. Please come to meeting for information regarding Indoor Guard. It's going to be a fun and exciting addition to the band program. Mrs. Cutler and Miss Johnson are amazing twirlers in their own right and great instructors.

We do have one change in our performance schedule: 6th and 7th grade bands will not be performing for Grandparent's Day this year.

I would like to send a special note of thanks to Mrs. Easterbrooks, parent of Paul in the upper school band, for helping me with Regional Orchestra Auditions. Auditions were the same day as our Saturday football game. Since I am unable to be in two places at once, Mrs. Easterbrooks took students to the auditions and filled in for me at the event. Thank you, Mrs. Easterbrooks!!

Thank you also to all of the wonderful parents who have been helping out in the concession stand for football games. Without the support of amazing band parents I am unable to provide the fun activities on the upper school band trip. The money earned from these service opportunities also helps provide equipment for the band program and enables the BPA to offer outings for the band. More info on these outings will be coming soon!

Upper school band trip information will be announced soon. Since we are partnered in with the school this year I am working closely with Edie Higinbotham in the business office to get our financial matters together. Mrs. Higinbotham is still number crunching and working out the particulars. Once she is finished I will announce where the trip is and how much, if any cost, parents will need to pay.

The upper school band is going to try for the band lock in again this year! We are looking for chaperones to help with this super fun event. The event will take place over a weekend in January. Please be on the look-out of more information soon. Last year we had it all planned but due to lack of parental chaperones we had to cancel. You can sign up to work in shifts. You do not have to come and spend the night with the band, although this is a really fun group of kids and you just might enjoy staying up all night with a bunch of teenagers!! I am looking for one parent to chaperone district band auditions with me on Sat. Dec. 9. I would like to have it be a parent of student auditioning. The duties would include meeting parents who are coming in to pick up their child after they audition and keeping a general eye on those students who will be riding the bus back to NSA after the audition day is over. The approximate times are 6:30 a.m. on the bus to Indian River HS until about 2:30 p.m. Please call me at 539-8789, ext. 3316 if you are willing and able. This would be a good time to read that book you've been putting off. The kids are great and make the job a very easy one.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me, 539-8789, ext. 3316. Thank you band parents for all you do to help make the NSA band program successful!

Mrs. Swatsworth-Estes

Music Quiz

This verse is from which song?

From my laboratory in the castle east
to the master bedroom
where the vampires feast
the ghouls all came from
their humble abodes
to get a jolt from my electrodes

Bonus: "when you get to my door, tell them _____ sent you."

Answer below

BPA officers

Pres. Marsha Winslow
1st VP Toni Sanderson /
Nannette Criddle
2nd VP- Mary Lou Cox /
Donna Keene
3rd VP Lisa Steele
Treas. Cindy Howell
Sec. Diana Porter

BPA meetings for 2006 / 2007

Meetings are at
7:00 PM in the band
room on the 3rd
Thursday of the month.
Please mark you
calendar for these
dates.

Oct. 19
Nov. 16
Feb. 15
Mar. 15
Apr. 19

Answer: Monster Mash, 1962
'Tell them Boris sent you.'