

High Notes for Monday, September 7, 2009
Happy Labor Day!

Hi, Band Families,
We hope you enjoyed some family time this weekend.

Last Week's Parent Meeting

We had an engaging parent meeting last Tues with Mr. Stensrud, our principal. In general, the only change that students and parents will need to make to the practice schedule is on **Sept 22, when practice will run from 3:30-6:30**, instead of 6-9. All other practices will run as scheduled. Changes may occur next year, but that will be discussed in early 2010. We will get your comments regarding practices for next year at that time.

As for the football games, there is no money for the athletic program to pay for buses per game to get the band to the football games. Fairview will pay for the band to travel to the Homecoming Game on Oct. 16. FBBO's Board members will vote this week on a proposal to pay for 2 buses to get the band to one game, or a proposal to pay for 1 bus to transport ½ the students, then circle back around and pick up the second ½ of students to get them to the game. This might occur for both the Sept 25 and the Oct 2 games. We'll let you know as soon as we know.

We also asked for feedback on taking the band to Disney World in Dec 2010. The cost will most likely be at least \$2,000. Please let us know your feelings about the trip by e-mailing or calling Nancy or me or by sending us a letter. The general feeling by most, but not all, was that the band should move forward on planning the trip. Monthly payments for the trip would probably begin in May or June 2010.

Also, we handed out a parent's guide to football games and competition (festival) days. These are included at the end of High Notes today for you to read. The **next parent meeting will be Tues, Oct 6 at 7 PM** in the Band Room. Mr. Keller will talk to the parents about our role in helping the band perform their best.

The Board has a new Secretary. Jennifer Engelbrecht was taking notes madly at last week's board meeting. Welcome, Jennifer.....and thanks!

Indoor Concessions

The committee for indoor concessions is revving up. You will be receiving separate e-mails to sign up for concessions, but we will keep a running list of upcoming sessions and workers in the High Notes each week. It's a great way to keep working on this or next year's fees, or the Disney trip. Your student's band account will be credited \$3.50 for each hour you work. Students have also worked concessions when it doesn't conflict with band and when an adult is also present, though we have a couple of students who could easily train us adults. Please consider concessions if you have not yet helped with a fundraiser this year.

Sign Up for Indoor Concessions
Earn \$3.50 per hour for your Student's Account
No experience necessary.
New volunteers will be paired with a trained volunteer.
Take advantage of this opportunity to earn
Student Account Dollars on Tuesday or Thursday nights
while your child is at band practice.

To sign up for a shift, send an e-mail to Katy Williams at katywill@comcast.net

Watch High Notes each week for more dates to be published
as the athletic schedules become available and the
Fine Arts performances draw near.

Indoor Concessions			
Event	Date	Hours of Shift	Volunteers
Volleyball	Tues, Sep 8	5:30 – 8:30 pm	1. Dave Baskett
			2. Katy Williams
Volleyball	Thurs, Sep 24	5:30 – 8:30 pm	1. Katy Williams
			2.
Volleyball	Tues, Sep 29	5:30 – 8:30 pm	1. Evelyn Grell
			2. David Baskett
Volleyball	Thurs, Oct 1	5:30 – 8:30 pm	1. Anne Sheehan
			2. Katy Williams
Volleyball	Thurs, Oct 8	5:30 – 8:30 pm	1. Peter Bialick
			2.
Volleyball	Tues, Oct 13	5:30 – 8:30 pm	1. Evelyn Grell
			2.
Volleyball	Tues, Oct 20	5:30 – 8:30 pm	1.
			2.
Extravaganza	Wed., Oct 28	6:15 -	1.
			2.
Extravaganza	Thurs., Oct 29	6:15 -	1.
			2.

PSAT

The list of juniors and sophomores has been turned over to the Counseling Office. All marching band students who wish to take the PSAT must take it on the alternate date of Wed, Oct. 14. We have 41 marching band students on the list to take the Oct 14 PSAT. We will let you know more information as we have it.

Payback Books

Ann Closser still has Payback books to sell. E-mail her at aclosser@idcomm.com or call her at 303-499-6538. Remember, you get \$4 into your student band account for each book you sell.

EXTRAVAGANZA-TWO NIGHTS this year-This is a change, so mark your calendars. FMK will be in both performances on **Wed, Oct. 28 and Thurs, Oct 29**. You do not want to miss this! All the choirs, the orchestras, the jazz bands, the marching band, and the cast members of the musical perform each of the two nights. The art classes display their art outside of the gym, as well. There will be more info as we get closer.

Field Trip Form

In band, your student will be receiving a field trip form to ride buses to attend football games and marching band festivals. Please fill it out and return it to Mr. Keller as soon as possible.

Parent Guide to Football Games and Competition Days

Football Game Days

- First game in uniform is _____
- Call is usually at 5-5:15 PM. Read High Notes and/or watch for a dope sheet for specifics.
- Students get into marching uniform. Parents are always needed in the band room to help the band dads pack and in the uniform room to put up hair and check that students haven't forgotten hats, gloves, berets, etc. Just come up and help, whether you are a chaperone or not.
 - Students should wear boxers and a t-shirt. Their white band t-shirt is perfect. (No sleeveless shirts- too much sweat on the uniforms.)
 - They should not leave valuable items in the uniform room or bring items with them. (i.e. leave ipods, etc. at home). Backpacks stay on the buses-Please leave valuables at home.
 - Cell phones may be carried in their uniform pocket, but must be turned off.
 - No jewelry. This is strictly enforced on competition days.
 - Long hair should be put up, pinned, and gelled before they arrive at the band room, no wisps. Again, this is much more strict for competitions than at football games.
 - Students will bring their hat boxes and hats with them on the bus.
 - Students often keep a warm pair of gloves and ear covering in their uniform to stay warm at games.
- Instruments need to be placed near the band room entrance so that band dads may load them on the truck-
 - yes, they could use help.
- Students get on buses and head to Recht Field. Buses park behind the football field off of Arapahoe and Broadway. Students must ride to and from the game on the school bus.
- At Recht Field, the band students, in full uniform, will warm up and will then march onto the field to play the national anthem and will then move up to sit in the stands in an area marked off for them.
- Students will remain in uniform, complete with hat on, and play pep music until into the 2nd quarter, when the band will move to a field behind the goal post to warm up and prepare to perform their show at half-time.
- After performing, the band will put their hats in their hat boxes on the buses. During 3rd quarter, the band, remaining in uniform, will get time off to use the restroom, get a snack at the concession stand, etc. They need to be back in the stands by the time there are 2 minutes left in the 3rd quarter. They play pep band music during the 4th quarter. No family or friends may sit with the band.
- Food while in uniform includes water, clear soda, hot apple cider, plain hot dogs, and candy that does not contain chocolate. These were \$500 uniforms when we bought them and cost significantly more to replace now. Food that is not okay to be eaten while in uniform is gum, popcorn, chocolate, colored sodas, mustard, ketchup, hot chocolate, and pizza.
- After the game, the band heads to the buses for the ride home. We usually get back around 9:15-9:30 PM.
- We need lots of parents to help in the uniform room after a football game or competition, and the band dads

usually need help unloading the trucks, too. If you are sitting in your car waiting, come on up and help.

The students get out of their uniforms, place dirty shirts, socks, etc. in the appropriate boxes, shine their

shoes, and hang up their uniforms. Their uniform must be inspected in order to receive a piece of candy,

their ticket out of the uniform room.

Competition Days

-The first competition day is a short one. We will perform on Sept 26 at CU Band Day at Folsom Field, most likely in the afternoon. A usual marching band practice will take place in the morning. The price of a ticket to watch a marching band festival is \$11-13 for the preliminaries, another \$11-13 for the finals, or an all day ticket for \$20-22. Children and students usually cost \$7-8 for prelims or finals. Of all the festivals, CU is usually the cheapest for observers, running \$5-7 to get in.

-Read the High Notes each week for the most accurate information.

-Watch for the "Dope Sheet" a day or two before the competition. It usually won't come out earlier than that because Mr. Keller often doesn't get final info until then. This sheet will have specific information about the band's departure and arrival times, the competition times, costs, whether or not to bring a lunch, etc. The band usually arrives at the competition site about 2 hours before their performance and goes through a series of warm-ups to prepare.

-The band gets dressed in uniform. No jewelry, minimal make-up. Hair up and wisps pinned up and gelled. If the weather is cold, the band will wear turtlenecks under their jackets. Long underwear is also recommended on cold days. Coats, back-packs, etc. stay on the bus. Please don't let them bring anything valuable.

-All band students ride the school bus to and from the competition.

-For competitions lasting all day, usually the band makes its way to a park or facility to eat and rest between prelims and finals. The meals will vary in price, but you will be informed what the cost is each time. The band is expected to eat the food provided because we have purchased enough for the entire band prior to the competition. Depending on the amount of time between prelims and finals, the band will take along a garment bag with their street clothes in it and will change out of uniform for a few hours. Students often bring homework, frisbees, board games, card games, etc. to pass the time. Then, the band will get back into uniform for finals and stay in uniform until they get home.

-Everyone is tired when we get home, but we still need to get the instruments and gear into the band room and the uniforms must be neatly hung. Please get out of your cars and come in to the band room to help. We'll all appreciate it very very much.

-Sometimes, after a football game, competition, or concert, students may go out for a bite to eat, usually at Denny's. It's a nice social time for them, but it is obviously, never required.

Thanks,

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