

GMS Band News

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Better Communication

If you have changed your e-mail address over the course of the school year, you may be missing out on some timely band information. Send your current e-mail address to angelaboling@gmail.com.



District Concert Festival

A required event for all Symphonic Band students, the District Concert Festival takes place at St. Lucie West Centennial High School on April 18th. This performance can be considered the band’s version of the FCAT, as it evaluates, in a performance setting, everything the students have learned in band since 6th grade. Parents are encouraged to attend, and if you are attending please volunteer to chaperone! Contact Gayle D’Haeseleer (231-5402 or Grasie1@aol.com) to volunteer! Check the calendar in this newsletter for after school practice dates. More information will come home closer to the event.

Band Parent Meeting

There will be a short informational meeting for all band parents at 7 p.m. March 3rd in the GMS Band room. We will answer questions you may have regarding the District Festival, Onion Sale, and end of the year activities.

8th Grade VBHS Band Information Night

The Vero Beach High School Band will be holding an informational meeting, Monday, March 10th, at 7:00 P.M. in the GMS Band Room. The band directors from VBHS, Mr. Sammons and Mr. Howell, and former GMS students who are now in the VBHS Band will be available to answer questions about high school band also give you information regarding 2008 summer activities.

Solo & Ensemble Festival Update

Students in the GMS Band performed at the Florida Bandmasters Association Solo & Ensemble Music Performance Assessment on February 1st & 2nd. All student performances scored at either the Superior Level or the Excellent Level.

Board Members

The current board is receiving nominations now for the position of President on next year’s BPA Board. Contact Angela Boling, 567-7398, if you are interested or have a recommendation.

Vidalia Onions

The GMS Band will begin our annual Vidalia onion sale on March 3rd. The proceeds from the onion sale pay for new instruments, music, concert expenses and the Awards Ceremony and Social. The sale also gives each student a chance to earn a discounted or free trip to Islands of Adventure on May 10th.

This has been a tremendously successful fundraiser due to the efforts our parents and students and we hope to continue that success this year. Ask your student for information regarding the sale March 3rd after school! Thank you to Gail Pheneger (234-1537 or gphene@bellsouth.net) for chairing this fundraiser!

Band Student Honors

- **Luke DiSandro**, 7th grade percussionist, performed in January at the Tampa Convention Center as a member of the Florida All-State Band. Luke auditioned in September 2007 along with hundreds of students from around the state and was selected to the All-State Band in November.
- The **GMS Percussion Ensemble** performed in Tampa in January at the Florida Music Educators Association Conference.
- The GMS Band also had four students selected to the Four County Honor Band that recently performed at Indian River Community College. **Daniel Boling**, **Vada Griffin**, **Thomas Holman** and **Zach Maes** represented GMS and performed with other outstanding students from Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

Awards and Social Night

If you are interested in helping with the Awards and Social Night which is May 16th, please contact Sherrie Verhoeven (770-2354 or sherriegregg@comcast.net) or Angela Boling (567-7398 or angelaboling@gmail.com.)

Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours for this year must be submitted by April 1st. Please record your band volunteer hours in the Volunteer Hours binder in Mr. Srigley's office. If you have any questions, contact Alicia DiSandro at 567-6219.

Calendar

February 26..... Sym. Trombones & Baritones
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

February 28..... Sym. Tubas and Low
Woodwinds 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

March 3-25 Vidalia Onion Sales

March 4.....Sym. Percussion 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

March 6..... Sym. Brass 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

March 11....Sym. Woodwinds 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

March 13..... Sym. Brass 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

March 18....Sym. Woodwinds 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

March 24, 26, & 27.....IR County Music
Festival @ SRHS

April 8..... Sym. Full Band 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

April 15..... Sym. Full Band 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Rehearsal and Pre-Festival Concert at
VBHS PAC.

April 18.....GMS Band performs
at District Concert Festival at St Lucie West
Centennial High School

April 26..... Vidalia Onion Pickup at
IMG Packing House

May 10.....GMS Band End of Year Trip
to Islands of Adventure

May 13..... GMS Band Spring Concert
..... 7:30 P.M. @ VBHS Witt Gym

May 16.....GMS Band Awards/Social
7:00 P.M. @ GMS

May 28.....Jazz Band Performance TBA