

GMS Band News

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Practice Logs

4th Quarter practice logs are due on May 13th.

Volunteer this year!

It's not too late to help out this year. See the accompanying form for our current needs. Thank you again!!



Note from the Director

Dear Parents and Students,

I am very excited to announce that the GMS Symphonic Band has been invited to perform at the Florida Southern College Middle School Band Symposium, November 14th, 2008. This is a very prestigious honor as the GMS Symphonic Band was selected as one of three middle school bands in the state to perform at this event.

The 2008 GMS Symphonic Band will perform a half-hour concert, receive a 40 minute clinic from one of the nation's leading band experts, get a tour of the Florida Southern College campus, and also observe the Florida Southern College School of Music Showcase, which is a concert featuring the many different collegiate level ensembles offered at FSC. More information regarding this trip will be coming before the end of school and in August.

Chaperone Orientation & Band Parent Meeting

Our final general Band Parent meeting of the school year will be held in the GMS cafeteria at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6th, to be followed by the mandatory information session for Islands of Adventure chaperones. We will discuss the end-of-year trip, the Awards Ceremony and Social, elect a new board, and answer any questions members have. Hope to see you there!

District Festival

The Symphonic Band performed at the District Music Performance Assessment (Festival) on April 18th. They received all "A's", adding up to straight "Superiors" once again. Congratulations to the students and Mr. Srigley. All your hard work this year has had great results!

Exciting News

The nominating committee is pleased to report that there is a full slate of board members ready to be approved at the May 6 band parent meeting. If you were hoping to get more involved in the band next year, we'll still find a role for you, though. Call Mr. Srigley at 564-3591, or Angela Boling at 567-7398, and we will gladly give you information regarding remaining positions and also put you in touch with the parents currently filling those positions.

Committee Needs

Areas that are still in need of leadership for next year include:

- Webmaster—requires some working knowledge of HTML and websites. The current webmaster will provide transition help for the new webmaster.

- Newsletter publisher
- Dolphin Dash co-chair (we have many willing committee members, but need one additional co-chair)
- Vidalia Onion Fundraiser Chair

Thankfulness

It has been a great honor and pleasure for me to serve as your Band Parent Assoc. president these past two years. We are all fortunate to be part of such a wonderful band program. I hope that helping the program to run well has been as rewarding for all of you as it has been for me. Thank you to all who've been involved in any capacity, and thanks for all your encouragement and kind words. You and your children have blessed me! I know the band and Band Parent Association will continue their record of success with Mr. Srigley and next year's board. Aren't you curious who they'll be? Come to our meeting next week to find out!

Sincerely, Angela Boling

Special Thanks

A big heart-felt "Thank You!" to these parents who have served well. We will miss you!

- Eleanor Dixon, for 2 years as Band Parent Treasurer
- Latasha Lutman, for 2 years as Band Parent Vice-President
- Cindy Salis, for 3 years as the Band Parent Webmaster and 4 years Newsletter Publisher

Spring Concert

The GMS Band Spring Concert is May 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the VBHS Witt Gym. Parents interested in chaperoning or helping to set up may call Gayle D'Haeseleer at 231-5402. For 30 minutes preceding the concert guests will be treated to a performance by the Atlantic Saxophone Quartet.

DVDs of Performances

Mr. Charles Vitunac has been busy videotaping concerts for us. Copies of the Symphonic Band Pre-Festival Concert, the GMS Percussion Ensemble at the Night of Percussion Concert, and the upcoming Spring Concert are available for \$10. Order yours by

sending in your cash or check to the band room, with the attached form, and your student's name. You may also order DVDs at the Spring concert itself.

Islands of Adventure Field Trip

The band will go to Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios for our end of year trip on May 10th. Thank you to Ann Walker for chairing the event. Permission slips and payment were due Monday, April 28th. Chaperones may still be needed, and must attend an orientation at the Band Parent meeting Tuesday, May 6th.

Vidalia Onions

The Vidalia Onion fundraiser was a great success again this year. Thanks to all students and parents who helped sell and buy onions. Thank you to all the parents who picked up and delivered your onions. Thanks especially to Gail Pheneger for chairing this fundraiser for the Band Parent Association. Students who have not picked up their orders will not be able to go on the Islands of Adventure field trip.

Ashlee Burd Scholarship

This year's Ashlee Burd Scholarship recipients are:

- 8th Grade - Vanessa Velasquez
Runner Up - Leo Cury
- 7th Grade - Ember Courtney
Runner Up - Lindsey Noland
- 6th Grade- Giordi Bordoli
Runner Up - Jeffrey Lamothe

Congratulations! Recipients will receive awards to help pay for summer band camps.

May Calendar

- Monday, 5th Board Meeting
at Eleanor's house
- Tuesday, 6th General BPA meeting
7 p.m., Followed by the Islands of
Adventure chaperone meeting
- Saturday, 10th Islands of Adventure trip
- Tuesday, 13th GMS Band Spring Concert
7:30 p.m.
- Friday, 16th 13th Annual
Awards Ceremony and Social