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Band Camp Edition

A Newsletter of the WSHS Band of Gold
Band Booster Association

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Greetings! I hope this letter finds you at home enjoying a well deserved summer break. The start for band camp and the new school year is right around the corner. The marching band staff and band parents have been working hard to make sure this year is another success. 2010-2011 was a great year and we plan to build upon those achievements to make the 2011-2012 year even better. Returning students are extremely excited about the ideas and songs they've heard and played for *The Who* show. Possible tunes in the show include *Who Are You*, *Won't Get Fooled Again*, *Behind Blue Eyes*, and *Pinball Wizard*. The show promises a real crowd pleasing experience and something the students are sure to enjoy working on. This year promises to be one of the most exciting yet.

I encourage all students to keep themselves in shape physically and musically over the summer. Keep some form of regular outside activity going to acclimate yourself to the heat of band camp. Remember, we all 'love the heat' but we need to make preparations for working in this particular environment. Students also need to spend some time on their instruments every day. Regular practice, private lessons and summer music camps are a great way to stay in shape musically and even improve your chops.

We are very lucky at Winter Springs High School to have the best band parents. They are the behind the scenes producers for all that we do. Without their contributions, what we do would not be possible. We are also very lucky to have the opportunity to run the concession stand at football games this year, which will require lots of parent volunteer help. The best thing you can do is to get involved. I'm sure you will love working with our group.

See you at band camp!

Musically,
Adam McIntyre
Director of Bands,
Winter Springs High School



ATTENTION

WSHS BAND THEME SHIRT ANNUAL DESIGN CONTEST



This year's halftime show will feature songs from *The Who*, so get your creative juices flowing and start drawing! The shirts will be purple with the design in white. Submitted graphics should have crisp outlines (like a coloring book) with no shading, or be a solid color.

Designs will be due by 5 PM on Tuesday, 8/2. All designs will be displayed with the entire band voting on Thursday, 8/4.

DESIGNS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON AN 8 X 11 SHEET OF WHITE PAPER. THIS IS NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE DESIGN TO THE SHIRT. ANY DESIGN SUBMITTED ON ANY OTHER KIND OF PAPER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Have fun and be CREATIVE!

BAND

VOLUNTEERS/CHAPERONES:

Anyone interested in volunteering/chaperoning must be a registered Dividend with Seminole County. All dividends must re-register at the beginning of each school year.

Please go online and register at scps.k12.fl.us and go to the volunteer link. Chaperones should familiarize themselves with the *Chaperone Guidelines* prior to volunteering (available on the website volunteer page).

BAND UNIFORMS:

Incoming freshmen: We will be fitting you for your shoes and gloves during marching camp.

Upperclassmen: Please check your shoes to make sure they still fit. If not, please get fitted for new shoes during marching camp.

The charge for shoes is \$25 and gloves are \$3.00. All checks should be made to the **WSHS BBA**.



ICE POP DONATIONS NEEDED!

During band camp and after practices, we hand out ice pops for the students. Donations are appreciated! You can donate a box of ice pops or contribute a couple of dollars toward our ice pop fund.

BAND CAMP INFORMATION

Attendance at the WSHS Band Camp is **MANDATORY** for all **Band of Gold** Marching Band students. The purpose of Band Camp is to prepare for the 2011 marching show. This show will be performed at half-time at all varsity football games and at various band competitions. It is in band camp where the show music and the marching formations are learned and practiced.



REGISTRATION
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011
5 – 7 pm in WSHS Cafeteria



All Band students **MUST** register to attend Band Camp. Parents must fill out and **BRING TO REGISTRATION** all of the required forms, which are available on the website: www.wsbandofgold.com

NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND BAND CAMP WITHOUT ALL COMPLETED FORMS!

Please make sure your child has a substantial breakfast before coming to band camp and dresses in cool clothing (wear shorts). Band camp is hard work in the heat, and students will feel much better if they come prepared.

BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Wed., July 27	Band Camp for COLOR GUARD only	8 am – 5 pm
Thurs., July 28	Band Camp for COLOR GUARD only	8 am – 5 pm
	Band/Color Guard Registration (cafeteria)	5 pm – 8 pm
Fri., July 29	Band Camp for COLOR GUARD only	8 am – 5 pm
Monday, August 1	All Band Members and Color Guard	8 am - 5 pm
Tuesday, August 2	All Band Members and Color Guard <i>Theme shirt designs due</i>	8 am - 5 pm
Wednesday, August 3	All Band Members and Color Guard	8 am - 5 pm
Thursday, August 4	All Band Members and Color Guard <i>Voting on theme shirt designs</i>	8 am - 5 pm
Friday, August 5	All Band Members and Color Guard	8 am – Noon
	Free Lunch (Provided by BBA)	Noon – 1:00
	Traditional Water Balloon Fight	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Monday, August 8	Band Camp for COLOR GUARD only	8 am – 5 pm
Tuesday, August 9	Band Camp for COLOR GUARD only	8 am – 5 pm

Lunch Break: NOON to 1:00 (Students may not leave campus)

On the final day of full band camp (Friday, Aug. 5th), the Band Boosters will provide a free pizza lunch for all band and Color Guard students.

PARENTS: PLEASE PICK UP STUDENTS NO LATER THAN 5:30 PM (Note that on Friday, August 5th we end early)

BAND CAMP CHECKLIST

- _____ SUNSCREEN (Minimum SPF 30)
- _____ **WATER WATER WATER!!! (DID WE MENTION WATER?)** Bring a 1 or ½ gallon jug with spout. Actually, diluted Gatorade (50% water, 50% Gatorade) is even better.
- _____ HAT AND SUNGLASSES (Be Original!!)
- _____ CLEAN, DRY TOWEL (You REALLY will need one)
- _____ COOL, LOOSE-FITTING CLOTHING (Shorts & tank tops allowed)
- _____ SNEAKERS/ATHLETIC SHOES (well broken in) AND SOCKS
- _____ SHOW MUSIC (You will receive copies the first day of band camp)
- _____ FLIP FOLDER WITH LYRE (If needed-- available registration night for \$5-\$15)
- _____ PENCIL AND SMALL SPIRAL MEMO BOOK (for taking notes)
- _____ LUNCH AND SNACKS (Each student brings own food except for Friday lunch). **YOU MUST EAT TO KEEP UP STRENGTH AND STAMINA IN THE HEAT. REMEMBER YOU MAY NOT LEAVE CAMPUS!**



STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2011-12

DRUM MAJORS:

Sam H.
Neal R.

BAND OFFICERS:

President
Neal R.

Vice President

Abby J.

Historians

Sandra L.
Alex B.

Librarians

Chris U.
Sam W.
Humberto M.
Alex B.

Clarinet

Molly O.
Jordee K.

Saxophone

Natasha G.
Carly H.

Trumpets

Amy S.
Rachel L.

Horns

Abby J.
Tommy S

Flutes

Sandra L.
Katie C.

Operations

Robbie V.

SECTION LEADERS:

Trombones

Erich S.
Omar L.

Baritones

Niki P.

Tubas

Humberto M.

Percussion

Preston L.

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Al H.
Sabrina T.
Omar L

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LOOKING AHEAD

8/26	Kick-off Classic vs. University
9/2	Football vs. Hagerty
9/5	No School
9/9	Football @ Lake Mary
9/16	Homecoming vs. Lyman
9/24	All-State auditions
9/29	No School
9/30	Football @ Lake Brantley
10/6	Football vs. Edgewater
10/13	Football @ Timber Creek
10/17	Teacher workday
10/21	Football vs. Oak Ridge
10/28	Football @ Lake Howell
10/29	FBA Marching MPA
11/4	Football @ Oviedo
11/8	Symphonic Band Concert 7pm
11/11	Football vs. Seminole (Senior Night)
11/17	High School All County Auditions
11/23-25	No School (Thanksgiving)
12/1-3	Tri-State
12/6-8	Showcase rehearsal 2:30-5:30
12/9	Showcase concert #1 @ 7pm
12/10	Showcase concert #2 @ 7pm, W. S. Holiday Parade (tentative)
12/19-21	Half days
12/22-23	Teacher Workdays
1/11-14	FMEA All-State
1/16	No School
1/26-28	All-County Band
2/10-11	High School Solo & Ensemble
2/20	No School
2/28	Pre MPA Concert 7pm
3/8-10	Concert MPA
3/16	Teacher workday
3/19-23	Spring Break
4/6	No school
5/3-5	State MPA (tentative)
5/8	Final Band Concert 7 pm
5/12	Band Banquet
5/28	No School

***** All Dates Subject to Change*****



Support the Band of Gold by Volunteering



The Band of Gold Boosters needs YOU to help make this be another successful year for our terrific students! Please consider helping in one or more of the following volunteer opportunities:

CHAPERONES:

We need chaperones for home/away football games, festival competitions and other events. Support your student and be there to see our wonderful band in action!

CONCESSION COMMITTEE:

Parents are needed to set-up, cook, serve and clean-up during football, soccer, lacrosse and baseball season. Your volunteered time is GREATLY appreciated! What a fantastic way to meet other band parents, while supporting our band! Please contact Noel Lambert : Nellyjane66@embarqmail.com or (407) 690-3684

UNIFORMS:

Help is always needed to fit and mend uniforms, take to the cleaners or pick up, and then to return them to their proper hangers for both marching and concert season.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

Many helpers are needed to assist our chairperson with fundraisers throughout the year.

HOSPITALITY:

This committee provides refreshments/set-up at home games for all band and color guard members for WSHS and our opposing teams and provides refreshments for all band concerts as well as the end of the year banquet.

SHOWCASE CONCERT:

Volunteers are needed to help with planning, publicity, ticket sales, and with backstage logistics during the week of practices and concerts in December.

We will start signing up parent volunteers for concession shifts at registration on July 28th. To fulfill our concession obligations, we request that each parent volunteer for at least two concession shifts during the year, with a special need during football season when we need 20 – 25 people per varsity game. Please check the volunteer page of the website for updates to the concession schedule and other volunteer opportunities:
www.wsbandofgold.com.

BBA Meetings

Band Booster Meetings are held in September and March, and on other dates as determined by the band director. For dates, see "Calendar" page on website:
www.wsbandofgold.com



Band Assessment Fee

Like many extracurricular activities at WSHS, the band assessment is a required annual fee for all band members. The Band of Gold has consistently excelled in district and state competitions. These superior ratings are proof of the hard work and dedication of every band student, staff member and booster. The financial support needed to maintain this level of excellence must come from the parents and families of band students through active participation in the WSHS Band Booster Association.

How is the Money Spent?

An operating budget will be presented for approval at the first band booster meeting of the year. Funds are budgeted for a variety of needs including music copyright fees, uniform cleaning and replacement, instrument & equipment purchases and maintenance, bus and truck rental costs, Florida Band Association (FBA) fees, clinicians, insurance, administrative costs, and refreshments during 3rd quarter break. Our band dues are lower than many other schools in the area. The band assessment fee represents a small portion of the funds the band needs. The Ways & Means Committee raises additional money throughout the year. It takes money, hard work and dedication from all of us to have a successful band program. The benefit will be that our students will be excited and committed to something they can be proud of for the rest of their lives. The friendships they make and the skills they learn from their band experience will be immeasurable.

How Much Do I Need To Pay?

The band assessment fee for 2011-12 is \$250.00 per Band Student / Color Guard Member **and is due on July 28th**. Orders for gloves (3.00/pair) and marching shoes (\$25.00/pair) will also be taken at registration. Make checks payable to **WSHS BBA**. Checks written after registration should be placed in the black Band Booster Drop Box in the band room in a marked envelope. Include student's name, purpose of payment and To the Attn: Treasurer on the front of the envelope. Checks must have your student's name written clearly on the memo line of the check for proper credit.

The Booster Club will pay all audition/registration fees for any student participating in All County, All State and Tri-State Bands as well as District and State Solo & Ensemble competitions. If a student does not attend their audition, they will be required to reimburse the BBA for fees paid. **Students are responsible for all accompanist fees.**

Thank you for supporting your student and the WSHS BAND OF GOLD!