

Band Boosters

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NEXT BOOSTER MEETING:

Sept. 21th, 7PM High School Media Center (2nd floor)

Important Dates

Date	Event
Wed, September 08, 2004 8:00 PM	New Parent Get Together
Sat, September 11, 2004 TBA	Band Competition - South Lyon
Mon, September 13, 2004	Band - Holiday Wreath Sale (Tentative)
Fri, September 17, 2004	Band - Football Game
Tue, September 21, 2004 7:00 PM	Band Booster Meeting
Sat, September 25, 2004 TBA	Band Competition - Trenton
Fri, October 01, 2004	Band - Football Game
Sat, October 09, 2004 TBA	Band Competition - Plymouth Canton

Plus all scheduled band rehearsals. All dates are subject to change.

New Parent Night

If you are new to band, drop by and meet with fellow band parents! We're having an informal "Getting to Know You" night, **September 8th at 8:00pm** in the Band room. The Band room is located in the back of the school, near the field where the band practices. We thought it would be a good opportunity for "band veterans" to answer any questions...then adjourn to the field and watch the band end their practice session. We'll even have cookies to serve!

Rehearsals

Just a reminder...Rehearsals are Monday, Wednesday and Friday (unless there is a football game) from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Rehearsals are also scheduled prior to competitions at the Director's discretion. It is extremely important that all band students attend these practices.

Fund Raiser Kick-Off

The Band Boosters are planning to sell holiday wreaths for the first fundraiser of the year. Our sale is tentatively set for September 13th, with product delivery in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. This is a great opportunity for your band student to earn money for their band account, which can be used for numerous band-related expenses, such as Band Camp or the Florida trip. Details for the sale will follow soon.

Our Thoughts...

We are sorry to report that Band Booster Secretary Celeste Clark's father died Sunday, August 29th. All of us in the Band Boosters send our best to Celeste, Deanna, Darrell and the Clark family.

Thank You – Band Camp!

A very special THANK YOU to all of our parent chaperones at the 2003 Band Camp, including Art Schneider, Donna Hoepner, Peggy Ball, Mark Elias and Celeste Clark. These folks went way beyond the call of duty, so if you see them at a band competition or practice, drop by and say THANK YOU! Also, special thanks to Celeste Clark, Marie Bate, Laurie Stowell and Ellen Dunn who put in numerous hours in the preparation for band camp.

Uniforms 'R Us!

Speaking of numerous hours...many thanks to Ellen Dunn, Laurie Stowell, Marie Bate and Robin Schneider who spent a lot of time and effort fitting, hemming and...WOW. Did they put in the hours. A very necessary, but time-consuming task. If you're handy with the thread and needle or can spare a little time during the day, let us know. This is an area where the Boosters could really use your help.

More on uniforms...

The "**SLHS Marching Band Uniforms & Cleaning Fee Form**" is included in this newsletter. Please fill out the Cleaning Fee form and return it with your band student to the Band Booster box in the band room **by September 17th**.

Please take great care of this uniform. Band uniforms are very expensive. In fact, the school district has spent over \$45,000 on these uniforms! Parents will be responsible for lost articles, as outlined in the fore mentioned SLHS Marching Band Uniforms & Cleaning Fee Form. They are GREAT LOOKING uniforms...please help us keep them looking great!

Uniforms include the blue band shirt (from the summer uniform they wore in the Memorial Day parade) and BLACK SOCKS. Please be sure your student has these and all the other uniform components before boarding the bus to competitions.

Football Games

- Uniforms are required, unless otherwise instructed by Ms. Polenick.
- The band plays in the stands and performs during halftime for all Cavalier home games. This is a GREAT opportunity for you to see the show! If you're thinking of becoming part of the pit crew, football games are a great way to "learn the ropes."
- Dismissals are at the discretion of the band director. If your student does not drive and needs to make arrangements, please be sure they have a way of contacting you for transportation. Often, the band is dismissed after halftime if the weather is bad or if there is a competition the next day.

CRAFT SHOW

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." – and that can only mean that another exciting, wonderful and creative CRAFT SHOW is upon us. The Craft Show will be on Saturday, December 4, 2004 in the High School gym. We'll need LOTS of student and parent help for this. Come spend an hour or two...or make a day of it! Once again, this is a great opportunity for your band student to earn money for their band account. **Crafters Wanted: Contact Ellen at 778-7023 or e-mail at CraftShow@jeffdunn.net**

WEB SITE

The web site has and will continue to have up to date schedules. There are tons of photos and we're hoping to have some 2004 Band Camp photos soon! The web address is **<http://www.solake.org/band>**

Questions? / Issues?

If you have any questions, concerns, issues about the band program, PLEASE be sure to contact Ms. Polenick. She can be reached at 586 435-2426 or via e-mail at cp3msol@sol.misd.net



SLHS Marching Band Uniforms & Cleaning Fee Form

The South Lake School District purchased NEW UNIFORMS for the marching band in September 2001 at the cost of \$45,000. At the beginning of the school year, each student will be assigned a uniform to use during home football games and in the marching competitions.

The costs of the pieces are as follows:

Jacket	\$55
Baldric (2 pieces: "sash & buckle")	\$25
Pant	\$16
Gauntlet ("white cuff piece")	\$20
Hat	\$35
Raincoat	\$65
Garment Bag	\$12

If any of the uniform is lost or damaged, the student will then be responsible for the cost each and every item.

The care and handling of the uniforms is very important!

- **There are to be no alterations made to the uniforms**
- **Do not wash the uniforms**
- **Make sure the uniform is always dry**
- **Always hang your uniform properly after a performance**

Each student is responsible for his or her uniform. They will be given a card with the numbers of the uniform pieces on them to sign by parent. If any problems (cleaning, hemming, repair), contact a Band Booster Officer.

The uniform also includes the student's blue band shirt, black socks, black marching shoes and white gloves. Gloves are \$2/pair and will be distributed by Band Boosters.

There will also be a \$10.00 cleaning fee for each student once a year. This will be applied to the cleaning of both marching and concert uniforms. The non-refundable fee will be due at the time of the marching uniform distribution.

Please retain this top portion as reference. See back of form for detailed instructions.



Marching Uniforms Cleaning Fee

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature: _____

Deduct the cost of my cleaning fee, in the amount of \$10.00, from my band account:

Yes _____ No _____ If no, please enclose a check made payable to:

South Lake Band Boosters Check No.: _____

Due by Sept 17th, 2004. Return to the Band Booster box in the Band room. If we have not received payment, it will be deducted from your student account.

. See back of form for detailed instructions.

CARE AND HANDLING OF YOUR BAND UNIFORM

DO NOT PERMANENTLY ALTER your uniform by cutting or stretching-stitching. Temporary-type stitching is permitted.

DO NOT WEAR your uniform over jeans, coats or other outer garments. This causes undo stress and strain to the uniform seams, snaps and zippers. THERMAL UNDERWEAR is recommended for chilly weather.

DO NOT WASH any part of your uniform. To maintain color consistency, all uniforms will be collected and cleaned at the same time.

Moisture retention and mildew can rot and destroy the fabric. If your uniform becomes damp, dry it in the shade or a very dry place inside.

ALWAYS hang your uniform properly after a performance and when it is thoroughly dry, put back in your garment bag.

A band member is expected to be proud his/her uniform. While representing your band, you must be FULLY DRESSED in that uniform until arriving home, or until told otherwise by the band director.

UNIFORMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER EVERY PERFORMANCE!