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Bandys Trojan Band Boosters

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Fall Semester Winding Down!!

The Trojan Marching Band has completed its competition season, and the band had one of the most successful contest runs in the history of our program. After the great early season success we enjoyed at Enka, Ashe County, and South Caldwell, the band saved their best for last at the final two competitions of the year!

The band began the second half of their contest season when they competed in the Foard Band Classic at Foard High School on Saturday, Oct. 24th. The band finished 2nd in the 1A class with an Excellent rating, and received awards for First place Drum Major, First Place Percussion, First Place Color Guard, First Place Music, and First Place General Effect. In addition, the Trojan band won the Best Overall Awards for Drum Major and Color Guard in the 1A-3A class division. The band then finished the 2009 season at the Newton Conover Southeastern Classic on Saturday, Nov. 7th, and closed out the season with their best performance of the year. The Trojan band was awarded with 2nd Place Percussion, 1st Place Drum Major, 1st Place Color Guard, 1st Place Hornline, First Place in the 2A class, and received a Superior rating. In addition to these class awards, the band took First Overall in Music and First Overall Drum Major in the 1A-3A division, and finished 2nd overall out of 17 bands in the 1A-3A class division, only 1.3 points behind the division winner.

These last two contests put an exclamation point on what was already an outstanding contest season. The final awards tally shows some pretty staggering numbers. The Pandora's Box show earned a total of 38 caption and ratings awards throughout the fall, including 1 3rd Place Percussion, 2 2nd Place Percussion, 1 1st Place Percussion, 1 3rd Place Color Guard, 4 1st Place Color Guard, 1 3rd Place Drum Major, 4 1st Place Drum Major, 1 2nd Place Music/Horn Line, 4 1st Place Music/Horn Line, 2 3rd Place Marching, 1 1st Place Marching, 2 1st Place General Effect, 1 3rd Place Band in Class, 1 2nd Place Band in Class, 3 1st Place Band in Class, 1 Excellent Rating, and 4 Superior Ratings. In addition to these awards in their class, the band also earned several Overall awards, including 2 Best Overall Music, 1 Overall Color Guard, 2 Overall Drum Major, 2 3rd Overall Band in Division, 2 2nd Overall Band in 1/3A division, and the Unifour Crown at South Caldwell. The Trojan Band also finished in the top 3 bands of their division at 4 out of 5 contests, and all sections of the band placed 3rd or higher at 4 out of the 5 contests.

In addition to a busy contest schedule, both the Marching Band and Concert Band have been busy with other performances. The band's gave a rare performance at a J.V. game on Oct. 29th, and then joined forces with the Mill Creek 8th Grade Band for our annual Mass Band night on Nov. 6th. This was a great night of music and fun for all of our band students, and a special night honoring our senior class as well.

Both bands have now shifted gears, and are preparing for our upcoming Christmas Concert. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14th, and will be held at the Maiden High School Auditorium.

Booster Business

The band boosters have continued to be busy during our fall season. The fall concession stand has been running really well, and the 1st annual Car Show ran smoothly. The parent volunteers who helped us at contest made a huge impact on the band's success this year, and we really appreciate those of you who have helped!! If you'd like to get involved with our boosters, there are still plenty of chances. Regular booster meetings will begin again in January, so check your calendars and make plans to attend now!

MAJOR FALL FUNDRAISERS NEED HELP!!

The fall semester for our band boosters group is probably our busiest time of year, and many of our major projects are coming up sooner than you may realize. The first one right now is the football concession stand, which continues to run along at full speed with the success of our current football team. The team is in the 2nd round of the playoffs, and has been so successful that we will be playing at home as long as they continue to win. This week's game, on Friday Nov. 20th, will be against Newton Conover, who brought one of the largest crowds during the regular season this year. If we win and play next week, there is a good chance that East Lincoln, another large visiting crowd, could be coming to Bandys. This is great for our program, but also means that we could use EXTRA VOLUNTEERS for the concession stand! If you've helped before, or have never been able to and want to give it a try, there are plenty of spots and jobs for everyone! Come by on Friday night and lend a hand where you can!

Probably the most important of our fall fundraisers is coming up soon, in the form of the **NEW CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!** This is the fall fundraiser that we are hoping can replace a good part of the funds that used to be raised at the Lowes Motor Speedway events, but it needs LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS to be successful. The tree farmer who we are partnering with will be on site each day that we are open, and will have people trained in what needs to be done. All we need are volunteers to staff the event, and help in various ways (wrapping trees, taking up money from customers, helping carry trees to cars, etc.). **This is such a simple fundraiser, but has the potential to be a great find for our program. If you were someone who vowed that you'd help however you could, as long as it wasn't cleaning bathrooms, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!!** There is nothing complicated or difficult about this project, so we really need everyone to be involved, at least for a day!

The Tree Sale volunteer shifts are fairly short on most days that we'll be open, and they vary depending on the day. We are selling every day between Thanksgiving afternoon and Saturday, Dec. 19th. The schedule is as follows:

- **2 separate shifts, 3-6 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. (5 adults and 5 students needed):** Nov. 26, 30, Dec. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 17th.
- **2 separate shifts, 3-6:30 and 6:30-10 p.m. (6 adults and 6 students needed):** Dec. 4, 10, 11, 16
- **2 separate shifts, 9-3:30 and 3:30-10 p.m. (6 adults and 6 students needed):** Nov. 27, 28, Dec. 5, 12 and 19.
- **2 separate shifts, 1-5 and 5-9 p.m. (6 adults and 6 students needed):** Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 18.

This is a huge opportunity for our program, and we really want to see it go well! If you can volunteer for a couple of shifts, please plan to do so. Keep in mind that you don't have to work both shifts on a given day, although you are welcome to do so if you would like to get credit for more time. **THIS SALE STARTS IN ONE WEEK, AND WE CURRENTLY HAVE NO VOLUNTEERS SIGNED UP!! Please contribute, and help us keep the program at the level we have grown accustomed to!**

Directly related to our fall fundraisers is the announcement of our new, redesigned Spring Trip Lottery! With several new fundraising projects in the fall this year, we have retooled our trip lottery, giving more options for families to volunteer and more opportunities for your child to have multiple chances to win. Every year we have a lottery drawing at our annual Holiday concert, with the grand prize being one student winning a free spring trip with the band and chorus in May. To be eligible for this drawing, you must volunteer and help with some of our fall fundraising projects. Each fundraiser will have a "shift", or an amount of work that will qualify you for entry in the lottery. Working at two (2) football games, either varsity or J.V., will constitute one "shift" in the concession stand. The Car Show had an a.m. work space, and a p.m. work space, and working either the morning or the evening time slot is considered one "shift" for that event. The Christmas Tree Sale is spread over 4-5 weeks, with several hours to volunteer each day. Therefore, 10 hours total, spread over several days, will be considered one "shift" for the tree sale. To be entered in the lottery drawing, one person from each family (can be parent, student, combination of both, or other family "designee") must work one shift **IN AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT fundraisers** this fall. **WORKING MULTIPLE SHIFTS WILL ENTER YOUR STUDENT MULTIPLE TIMES!!** Every time a student has two "shifts" worked on their behalf, they will be entered another time in the lottery, regardless of who is working for them. **ANYONE** who works can designate a specific student for the drawing. Students and their parents will automatically be listed for that student, and friends, relatives, or other workers who are associated with specific students can designate who they are working for.

Trojan Band This and That

- We recently completed the fall fundraiser for Symphonic band Dress Uniforms. Many of our students took advantage of the opportunity to raise funds, with at least two students completely paying for their uniform costs out of profit alone! The concert attire will include a dress gown for our ladies, and a tuxedo jacket for our gentlemen. Reminder that these uniforms are only bought by first year Symphonic Band members, not everyone! The cost per student will be \$70 each, and payments are due this week. If you have not already done so, please send your payment to the band room ASAP (checks made out to Bandys Band, NOT boosters.).
- The boosters are once again sponsoring a child in the Catawba County Angel Tree. Instead of asking people to shop for specific items, we are planning to take up donations and send out a “shopping team” to purchase, wrap and deliver the items we need. If you are interested in helping with this project, please send your donations to school in an envelope marked “Angel Tree”, or contact Mr. Keisler directly. Donations need to be in by Dec. 5th, so that we will have time to buy the items we need.
- We need your help with refreshments for the Holiday Concert!! Everyone is reminded that upperclassmen need to bring the “food” (snacks, chips, desserts, etc.), and the freshmen are asked to bring a 2-liter drink of their choice. If everyone contributes, we’ll have more than we need, and no one will be left out when it comes time to enjoy the refreshments! Please do your part!
- We will need parent volunteers to help set-up and clean-up refreshments following the Christmas Concert performance. Also, we will once again be giving out “goody bags” to all of our students following the concert...if you would like to contribute fun “stuff” for the bags (candy, pencils, cheesy plastic toys, etc.), please send it to the band room. We can also use help preparing the bags for the kids! If you’d like to help with any of this, please contact Mr. Keisler ASAP!!

Trojan Band Schedule—Fall 2009

Football Game Performances

Nov. 20	2 nd Round Playoffs	7:30
Nov. 27	3 rd Round Playoffs	7:30
Dec. 4	West Regional Finals	7:30
Dec. 12	State Championship Game	

Possible Contests, Parades and Concerts

Tues, Nov. 24	Mooresville Holiday Parade
Saturday, Dec. 5	Claremont Parade (probable date)
**MON., DEC. 14TH *	Bandys Holiday Concert

**Returned to original date due to conflict with Maiden H.S. Auditorium

Booster Dates

Dec. 14	Jan. 25*	Feb. 22*
March 15	April 19	May 24*

*--rescheduled due to conflict.

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