



Silver Jaguar Bands

Breathe, Smile, and Relax

Another marching season ends! What a wonderful ending in finals at Mizzou! Mr. Sharkey is so proud of all his students and reported what wonderful dinner time behavior he noticed in Lion's Choice in Columbia. And yet, the beginning of the next season has begun. Mr. Sharkey already has version one of next year's band calendar with dates for band camp and competitions. The next marching band show is likely to be a symphony by Danny Elfman. Mr. Sharkey is already working on copyright permissions.

The band now moves on to concert season and will perform very soon.



The December 19th band concert will feature all three ensemble groups. This is largely because there are too many students to fit into one practice room! We are blessed with a popular band program.

Along with concert performances, band students will have a requirement to take part in two pep band events. These basketball games will begin on December 1st. The call times and performance times are listed on the band Web site. Students must wear their purple band polo shirts to the games. Students may attend as many games as they wish, and will receive extra points towards their band letter by doing so. They will receive 1 point for each game attended. If a student attends all ten games, they will receive twelve (12) points for perfect attendance.

Friday evening's Jazz Concert (11/17) was a smashing success. It was great to have vocalists at the concert as well. The Jazz and Madrigal Ensemble alternated sets with the Jazz Band. The Jazz Band sagn one number and the show ended with the entire group of performers in unison. Please consider joining these groups for performances in March and in May.

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Barnes and Noble Bookfair Fundraiser

The Fort Zumwalt West Marching Band Bookfair is scheduled for Saturday, November 25, 2006. It will take place at the Barnes & Noble location on Mid-Rivers Drive in St. Peters. This is the Saturday after Thanksgiving -- the big shopping weekend! This is an easy fundraiser -- we don't have to "work it," nor do we have to sell anything. Students and parents simply distribute vouchers to anyone and everyone before the event -- shoppers then bring their vouchers to B&N in St. Peters Nov. 25 and the band gets a percentage of the sales. Last year the band made almost \$500 --- not bad, considering that this B&N was new and not as well known, and that our Book-

fair was held in February. A copy of the voucher to be distributed is included with the newsletter, so that you can make as many copies as you wish. If you don't have access to a printer, please contact Jeanie Ransom, 978-4080/ransomink@pobox.com, and she will get you some vouchers. In addition, the students will be bringing home some vouchers before Thanksgiving break.

UMB Summary (provided by Joanne Quinlan)

Total UMB Earnings - \$15,074.68
Less Insurance Expense - \$374.92
Total NET Earnings - \$14,699.76

60% to **Student accounts - \$8,820.13** (rounded)
Total shifts worked - 221.5
Earnings per shift - \$39.82

Total Band Earnings - \$5,879.63
(don't miss the finance article on page 3!)

District Band Audition Results

District band auditions were held on Oct. 30th. After three rehearsals, the concert performance was on November 19th.

Performers from FZW band were:
Trumpets: Andrew Myer, Kyle Lessnau
Trombone: Joey Stanley (who qualified 5 times on various instruments)
Saxophone: Steve Martin (who chose jazz band)
Bassoons: Trish Ingraham, Jeremy Darnell
Alternates: Ben Blanton & Chris Spurlock

Other students who studied valiantly and practiced faithfully for the auditions were: Aaron Ring on Alto Sax, Thomas Krull on bassoon, Danny Pace on trumpet, Jessica Mertz, Katie Meyers, Lucas & Lindsay Kill and probably 10 others that I don't immediately have names for. Their hard work this year will help them in their future attempts! May all these fine musicians always believe in themselves and their abilities.



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Winter Concert Part II –the Cake Auction

Have you heard about the infamous cakes made and decorated by our own band students? Will there be another drumline cottage?? What will the senior cake look like this year?? How many pounds of chocolate will be used in making a dozen cakes?? It will be hard to wait, but you will have a chance to see them and even purchase one or more during our annual cake auction which takes place during the December 19th Music for a Winter's Eve concert. Similar to last year, we will have a Silent Auction before the concert and a live auction between the band's performances.



All proceeds from the auction will go to the band boosters general fund. Besides bidding on cakes, there are many ways adults can participate, including helping with donations or being there during decorating:

- donate to the cost of decorating cakes (\$\$ to Mr. S)

- decorated cakes (drop off Dec 18th 2:30-7 in Room 142)
- plain cakes for decorating (please deliver on foil-wrapped cardboard), due Dec 18th before school
- supplies for decorating (i.e.: candies, mints, Hershey Kisses, toothpicks, gumdrops, fruit roll ups, coconut, sugar cones, old fashioned candy mix, etc.), due Dec 18th before school.

We hope you will enjoy the concert and participate in the cake auctions Dec 19. Donated cakes will be available for bidding from 6-7 pm in the auditorium lobby. During the concert we will begin the live cake auction---and we are planning to keep it much shorter than in the past!! Be prepared, as the cake with the most chocolate will most likely sell for over \$100!!

Questions, or want to help with anything....call Nancy Merritt--314.378.8538.

Booster Finances

The gross cash in the band booster's accounts is roughly \$30,000. But, that amount is mostly dedicated money we've promised to other bills and events. Student accounts alone comprise \$18,000 of this. These are the accounts where students fundraising cash is held until it is spent for the DC trip or the next band camp fee. There is only about \$6000 available for any "surprise" expenses. That is not a lot when you consider there are 140 students between varsity and JV bands. (It's about \$43 per capita for spare change.) And, also consider the price range for what we do: A single uniform is over \$250; A single instrument can cost thousands; A single band "meal" can cost 140x\$3 or \$420 total.

It can make a treasurer's job very stressful to always have to keep strict adherence to budgets for every committee. We all owe Mr. and Mrs. Fultz a great deal of thanks for their accountability and accessibility to the

band students and families. They spend a lot of uncompensated hours on behalf of this group. And, to Mr. Sharkey, we appreciate his time and expertise to plan, not only the events of competition, but also, the clinics and budgets it all requires.

Thanks also go out to each fundraising chairperson. Without fundraisers, every penny would have to come from parent pockets making it a very exclusive group who could take part or limiting the experiences students would have offered to them. Even if you personally don't need fundraisers, corporately, you do.

Ultimately, all booster money is school district money. They only allow booster clubs to be guardians/caretakers of the funds. While Mr. Berry is a busy man, you would be surprised about how many details he attends to around this school and this booster organization.

Butterbraid Sales Results

Butterbraid sales resulted in \$3100 profit that will be added to student band accounts by the next booster meeting! We had almost 50% of 140 band students participating! Please keep up the good work! Thanks also to all the parents who helped with ordering and delivery of this fundraiser!



Equipment Notes

Sadly, we found out that Doug Dickenson is being transferred to Seattle after Christmas. He was able to negotiate being the driver for the band trip to Washington DC but that will be his last duty for the band. Amy will be able to stay with band until the end of the school year.

Doug wants to have a final work day to address some drum straps and brake work on the golf cart. He only needs a few parent helpers for a few hours on a weekend.

We will need another equipment chairperson ASAP. It would be helpful if they could have already worked with

Doug or be able to learn his trailer and repair tricks before January. A heavy duty pick-up is needed for hauling the trailer on trips but the chairperson could organize this without a truck of their own.

Doug has left our equipment in far better shape than we were able to offer to him. Maintaining is essential. Future repairs would be great. The need to fill this position will start getting critical by band camp next summer! Please start thinking about the possibility of filling this position!

Lapel Pins

The purchase of 500 lapel pins was approved at the November booster meeting! These will be ordered soon but not likely arrive before the December break. They will sell for \$3 each or 4 for \$10 on a cash and carry basis at meet-

ings, concerts, & events after the new year begins. These will be great additions for a ball caps, backpacks, purses, letterman's jackets, as well as shirt lapels! Having just one will not be enough.

Band Camp 2007

Debbie Annarelli has signed on for chairperson of Band Camp 2007. She is counting down the days until the big camp out! As of the November booster meeting we only had 264 days of waiting for this fantastic week to begin!

Now you know you can't procrastinate thinking about whether you want to be a chaperone or a food helper. Sylvia can't escape and neither can YOU! Is building a bon fire in August your specialty? How



about pumping the water station up each morning? Cabin checks? Providing kids with chilled water?

Game scoring? Please contact Debbie Annarelli or Karen Johnson to let them know your volunteer interests. Their contact info is on page 7. Pink flamingo accessories are not required to volunteer but you may be surprised by what the students provide for YOUR entertainment.

Trivia Night in January

Lori Mertz has booked our hall for Trivia Night! The date is January 19th, 2007 to best recollection at the time of writing. Lori has a couple volunteer helpers and will use some student workers labor for the night of the event. If you can help Lori, please let her know.

There will be “tables” to sell for this event—you can’t have trivia competition without people! Please start thinking of your game loving friends now. The more tables you sell, the more funds you raise for your student band account. Student workers must also be table sellers. Lori will let us know about table cost and how to snack all evening.

The other fun thing about the evening is baskets. We solicit merchandise donations from local businesses and ask students to bring

donations for their own baskets as well. Last year, we raffled off a couple dozen baskets to benefit the band general fund. Let us know if you have an idea that is even more cool than the hero basket (I seem to recall something about Superman boxers) or tastier than the candy basket of last year. Also, let us know if your business or employer would like to donate raffle basket merchandise.



Other Reminders

Debbie Alcorn has been busy keeping up with the holiday changes for Scrip percentages. Special bonuses abound right now. An email has gone forth with all the detailed amounts your student can earn through participation. Participation has been very good approaching the holidays. Be sure you allow shipping time for your holiday orders—Plan now! If you have any questions, Debbie is always only a phone call away.

Karen Johnson still had some extra “Elements” show shirts available for sale for only \$4 each. Please call her if you are interested. Wouldn’t it make a nice gift to a younger sibling of band students?

Terri Towe is working with Doug Dickenson to plan uniform transportation to Washington DC. Squashed and wrinkled uniforms would not be too impressive for

marching. Uniforms will be cleaned and ready for this trip by then.

Early stages of planning for SwingIn’ to Spring dinner and dance have begun. This is a great performance opportunity for the Jazz band. If you have a jazz student, please consider contacting Mary Pace to volunteer your time to help make this happen! There are many needs from decorating to collecting donations to helping plan the paper program. In the end, everyone benefits from the funds raised by this event so we encourage all to come take part.

**Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were.
But without it we go nowhere.**

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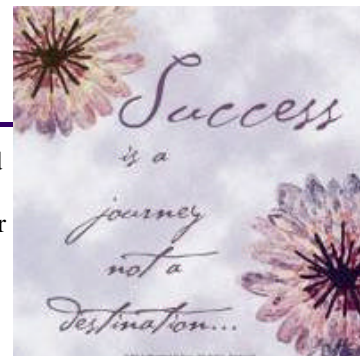
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Winter Guard

Winter Guard tryouts are well under way with about a dozen students. Ms. Teresa Grossclose will sponsor the team that will begin practicing on December 4th to Christina Aguilera's "Walk Away" song. Debi Kenny and Mary Hennenfent will be parent helpers in support of Ms. Grossclose. Their first competition will be in February. The

season is over by the end of March. Please come out and support our color guard during this time.



Winter Drumline

Newlywed, Mr. Matt Stevens, is beginning his Winter Drumline auditions just a couple days behind the color guard's. It was a tight schedule fitting a wedding in between the regular marching season and the winter season but Matt and Lauren fit it in. Congratulations to both of them! Little information is available this week but their competitive schedule is very similar to the guard's.