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# Spirit Notes



**Summer 2009 – June 10**

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## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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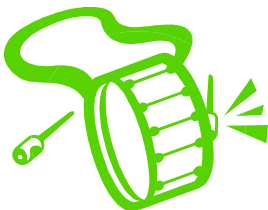
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## SYMPHONIC PERCUSSION!

The "opt-in" deadline for the PASIC trip is June 10 BUT if you've forgotten or not decided, it is not too late. I just need to get a head count of how many people are going. If we have less than 40 total people, the trip cost could go up.

...maybe. So get your PAS membership form and fees (\$28) to Mrs. Kinworthy ASAP.



## NOTES FROM MR. BECKER:

As we complete another school year, the process of planning and preparing for another performance season begins again immediately. In fact, many decisions impacting the band are made well before the school year ends! We now have the calendar for the Fall and for the Winter/Spring seasons 90% complete; we have music chosen for the Fall 2009 marching band show; we have staff members in place working with students; we have drum majors and leaders selected; and we (of course) have South High building renovations in the works for this summer.

I want to address the last item first: there will be a stretch of time in July when South High will be closed in order to update the electrical system in the building. We will not change our rehearsal schedule, but the location for some of the practices will change.

Wednesday night practices through June and early July will take place as usual at South High. After July 10th, we will not have access to the building, and we will move any "indoor" rehearsals to an alternate site. Southwest Middle is the most likely location for those rehearsals, while the South High parking lot and band practice field will remain the location for "outdoor" rehearsals. We will provide detailed instructions regarding rehearsal locations.

Because of the building closure, uniform check out must be completed in June. Please refer to the information provided by the uniform moms and plan accordingly. Preparation for band camp must also be completed before the building closes, under the assumption that we will not be able to access equipment and supplies needed when we leave for Camp Woodland Hills.

Aside from the building repairs, everything else on the list of things we have already worked on is reassuringly normal. The calendar has been handed out, and will be updated and revised as we receive specific information for each performance. The show (suggested again by Chad Schaedler) is called "Groove", and has already received the approval of the students. The staff remains largely the same: in addition to Lisa, Julie Barnes, and me, Greg Hamilton will design the drill and teach with us at every rehearsal; Chad Schaedler and Andrew Gibson will work with the drum line; and Mark Martin will design the guard work and teach once or twice a week during the season.

Finally, I must include the piece of the puzzle that largely determines the success of the season: the students and their leaders. When the students are eager to get to work and lead, the task of completing the show becomes easier. Brian Lunceford and Maggie Beene will be the 2009 – 2010 Drum Majors, and will be excellent student leaders. The rest of the leadership positions are listed in this Spirit Notes. Congratulations to all our student leaders.

As always, thanks for your support. Here's to a great 2009 – 2010 band year!

## News From Off Campus

Welcome back marchers and parents to another fun season of marching!!!!

### Band Packet information:

We'd like to remind all families that your Band Packet of papers is *due tonight: June 10*

We will have a notary at our first 2 rehearsals (June 10 until 7 pm and June 17) for those who still need to have your emergency form notarized.

If your marcher still needs to have a physical please turn in all other papers. Physicals must be completed prior to Band Camp.

If you have not received your band packet yet, please see Judy or Sharon at Wednesday night rehearsal.

### Band Camp: Thursday August 6 - Sunday August 9

We'll need lots of help at Band Camp: Sign ups are outside the Band room. We are particularly looking for the following:

- Pre-trip Meal planning and shopping: Skip Larson is our Kitchen King this year and will be looking for lots of help

- Parkway Employee to drive the food truck out to camp the Wednesday night before (August 5) and returning on Sunday


We still need a few over night parents. If you would prefer to come out during the day to lend a hand, we'll need lots of help there too!!

### Booster Closet Clean up: Wednesday June 17

We need to move all of our Band Camp supplies from the Booster Closet down to the stadium due to the closure of the school after Summer School ends. If you'd like to stop by and lend a hand that would be greatly appreciated!!!

If you have any questions concerning Off Campus information, please feel free to contact Judy Young ([pianojyoung@aol.com](mailto:pianojyoung@aol.com) or 314-560-2516) or Sharon Manegre ([monkelmom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monkelmom@sbcglobal.net) or 314-412-7006) any time.

All for now from Off Campus!  
Judy and Sharon



We are asking for each family to donate ONE CASE OF BOTTLED WATER (the small bottles). Please bring these to practice. They will be used for band trips, parades, and football games for the band.



Don't forget to check out the band's website: [www.spirit76.net](http://www.spirit76.net) You'll find the rehearsal calendar, Spirit Notes and photos.

## UNIFORMS

Seniors/Juniors/Sophomores: Please return your cleaned concert formalwear in garment bag to the Uniform Room ASAP. Thanks!

### 2009-10 MARCHING UNIFORM FITTING DAYS:

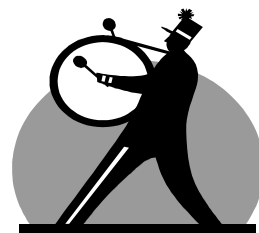
Seniors & Juniors  
Wednesday, June 10 6:30-8:30 PM

Sophomores & Freshmen  
Wednesday, June 17 6:30-8:30 PM

Freshmen  
Wednesday, June 24 6:30-8:30 PM

These fittings are during Wednesday night band practices...come to the Uniform Room per Mr. Becker & Mrs. Kinworthy's instructions. If you cannot make your assigned fitting day, please come on one of the other days offered.

New Marchers--Bring your band clothing order form from the forms packet to your fitting—you will need to order a travel polo shirt, mud pants, shoes & gloves. Returning Marchers--Check NOW to see if your old band clothing still fits or if you need to place an order.



All band clothing order forms are due with payment by JUNE 30. Checks are made payable to Parkway South Band Boosters. (Orders cannot be charged to student band accounts.)

Students are responsible for providing their own khaki shorts, white socks, white fabric belt, white t-shirts and neutral solid undergarments.

Information on Color Guard uniforms will be announced at a later date.

For any questions about uniforms, please call:  
Nancy McGrath (636) 861-1531 or Debbie Pohle (314) 965-5940

*Financial Responsibility forms are due! Please complete, sign and submit this form with your first payment. Your band packets included this form along with our student account policy and payment schedule. These funds are needed to cover the cost of all upcoming activities. Your student's account must be kept up to date. Anyone with an account 30 days in arrears will not be allowed to participate in off-campus activities. We don't want anyone to miss out.*

**Have questions?  
We have answers!**

The band parents 'survival guide' can be found on the wall next to the filing cabinet in the band room.

**Who is that?**

We will be scheduling a day for all parents to get acquainted in the near future. Stay tuned for a time and place to be announced!

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2009 – 2010**

(ROSTER ATTACHED)

MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO TRIED OUT AND INTERVIEWED!!! WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DEDICATION. THE DECISIONS WE HAD TO MAKE ON ALL POSITIONS WERE VERY DIFFICULT.

POSITIONS WERE DETERMINED BASED ON:

*Your Desired Position*

*Your Previous Band Performance and Leadership Experience*

*The Quality of Your Application and Interview*

*Your Involvement in All Band Activities*

*Your Other Leadership Activities*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO APPLIED!

**News From Support Chair**

Hello and welcome new and returning band members!! Let me begin by saying water breaks are vital for our band kids - they work very hard and get very thirsty!! They truly need and appreciate our help.

Yes, it requires us to stay at a practice! However, I feel we have an opportunity as parents to show our kids we respect their hard work and efforts by donating our time. I promise you it will be a rewarding experience. You will see firsthand how hard they work and grow as marchers and musicians. It is also a great way to meet other band parents!

There will be a sign-up sheet near the band room to help with water at practices. Please sign up for as many practices as you like. Two people are needed at each practice because it is difficult for one person to lift the water coolers after they are filled with ice and water, load them in a car, and unload them at the practice location. You will not be expected to do this alone - there will always be someone with you to help!

Thank you for your help!

Vicki Howes

**\*\* Save the Date \*\***

**Parkway South Spirit of '76 Marching Band Day at Busch Stadium**



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**Saturday, August 15, 2009 –  
Game @ 6:15pm**

The Parkway South High School Spirit of '76 Marching Band will play God Bless America before the Cardinals game on August 15, 2009, at approximately 5:55pm. Bring the whole family and show your support for the Spirit of '76 Marching Band, then stay to cheer the Cardinals on to victory! (Transportation is not provided for families/friends.)



**BE A PART OF THE ACTION!  
PLEASE CONSIDER THESE BOOSTER  
BOARD OPPORTUNITIES**

The following positions are available. No experience needed. Free on-the-job training provided. The benefits are outstanding (new friends, time with your child, wonderful background music... just to name a few).

**WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRS  
SUPPORT CO-CHAIR  
ON-CAMPUS CO-CHAIR  
OFF-CAMPUS CHAIRS  
COMMUNICATION CO-CHAIR  
VICE-PRESIDENT CO-CHAIR**

If you would like more information regarding any of these positions or want to volunteer, please contact one of the Band Booster Co-Presidents Mark Maurer or Keith Dobbins. (Don't let the descriptions scare you – it's really not that hard—AND—it really is rewarding.)

**Communications (co-chair)**

Duties: Responsible for getting information to band families via weekly Spirit Notes during fall season, a quarterly newsletter, the web site, and spirit hot line; maintain a roster of band booster and student alumni and provide information to these people on a regular basis; produce a buzz book of all band and guard members; maintain email distribution lists and use these as required; provide competition and travel updates on the spirit hot line (when the band is off campus).

**Off-Campus (chair and co-chair)**

Duties: Works with the Band Director to plan and arrange for any activities that take the band off-campus, including band camp, marching competitions, parades, and the semi-annual 'Big Trip'. Accompanies the band when they go off-campus, or arranges to have an experienced 'go-to' parent fill this role. This committee arranges chaperones, accommodations, meals, and transportation; puts together the band packets that are distributed to all members of the marching band and guard prior to the end of the school year, to be returned prior to the beginning of Band Camp.

**Vice-President (co-chair)**

Duties: Responsible for coordinating with the Band Directors and ordering awards for Fall and Spring; coordinate Senior Mom shirt sales; coordinate advanced ticket sales for various events (Cardinal game, GSL, etc.); aid the co-president(s) as needed.

There will be a notary available outside of the band room on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> until 7 pm and at the rehearsal on June 17<sup>th</sup> to assist with paperwork completion.

**ATTENTION ALL MARCHERS!!!**



Please bring a water bottle with you to practice. We will have ice water available for refills. Bringing your own bottle helps cut down on the cost and waste of disposable cups. Thanks for your cooperation!

**Support (co-chair)**

Duties: Manage volunteers for the following tasks; (it is helpful, though not necessary, if the support chair and/or co-chair has flexible daytime hours during the week).

Help with off-site performances –make sure enough parents are signed up to load/unload trucks and move pit equipment, podiums, and props at performances

See that there is water for the band at all rehearsals and performances (both on and off campus) – make sure parents are signed up to provide water at all rehearsals and performances, and provide training as needed to parent volunteers

Recruit parents to braid hair before performances

Recruit parents to put on and take off bleacher covers whenever the band is in the bleachers at South

**On-Campus (co-chair)**

Duties: Works with the Band Director to plan and organize on-campus activities such as Spirit Night, Band Camp Day, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night, Fall and Spring Band Award Nights, Senior Recognition, football concessions, and concert receptions; reserve the use of facilities for these events; provide programs, speakers, refreshments, volunteers, decorations, invitations, etc. for these activities.

**Ways & Means (chair and co-chair)**

Duties: Responsible for the overall planning and coordination of fund raising activities, not including the Craft Fair or concession stands. Fund raisers include those for the general fund (Dinner with the Band – generally 2 per year, with silent auction) and fund raisers to benefit individual student accounts (Entertainment Books, Butter Braids, Mr. Z's, Century Resource, etc.). Fund raisers may be delegated out to other band parents who report back to the committee chair; work with executive and student accounts treasurers to make sure fund raising credits are applied; coordinate silent auction(s) for Dinner with the Band, including one in the fall that features themed baskets for each section of the band.