
Spirit Notes



Summer 2009 – June 17

Want to receive spirit notes by email????
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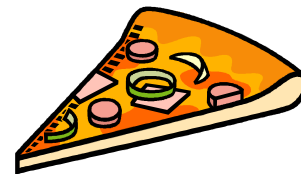
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NEW PARENT ORIENTATION:

If you're a parent of a new marcher (or even a veteran marcher) and want to learn more about the goings-on with the band, join us on June 24th for a crash course marching band orientation. You'll learn about all aspects of the band, such as the practice field, storage areas under the stadium, water, trucks, football games, storage areas in the building, etc... Let's meet at 6:45pm outside the band room. See ya then.

ATTENTION FRESHMEN!!!

On June 24th, come early to do a uniform fitting and you'll get pizza! The freshmen pizza party will be at 6 pm. Don't forget!



UNIFORMS

MARCHING UNIFORM FITTING DAY:
for Freshmen and other band members who could not make their scheduled fitting day is

Wednesday, June 24

6:30-8:30 PM

Welcome freshmen marchers! We look forward to meeting you! Come to the Uniform Room (next to the band room) during practice per Mr. Becker & Mrs. Kinworthy's instructions. Bring your band clothing order form from the forms packet—you will need to order a travel polo shirt, mud pants, marching 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** in cash or by check payable to Parkway South Band Boosters. (Clothing orders cannot be charged to student band accounts.) Please put your form & payment in the locked file drawer in the band room.

Students are responsible for providing their own khaki shorts, white socks, white fabric belt, white t-shirts and neutral solid undergarments. Please make sure you have these items on hand for our first performance in uniform in mid-August.

Seniors/Juniors/Sophomores: Many of you have already returned your concert formalwear...thank you! If you have not returned yours yet, please do so ASAP. You can return cleaned formalwear & garment bag to the Uniform Room. Thanks!

For any questions about uniforms, please contact:
Uniform Moms:

Nancy McGrath (636) 861-1531 or

mcgrathjn@charter.net

Debbie Pohle (314) 965-5940

Band Packet information:

Thank you so much for those of you who were able to get your paper work in the first practice day. Keep it coming!!! Don't Forget:

We need copies of you insurance card for your student AND for any parents who plan to chaperone (even if you don't plan to, turn it in anyway...you never know!!!)

Be sure to sign both sides of the Pink Permission/Consent to Search Form
We will have a notary at the June 17 rehearsal 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's 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 or 314-560-2516) or Sharon Manegre (monkelmom@sbcglobal.net or 314-412-7006) any time.

All for now from Off Campus!
Judy and Sharon

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OUR
OUT OF TOWN TRIPS COMING SOON!!!**

A complete list of band booster board members and their contact information is attached. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact one of the board members.



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.

News From Support Chair

It was good to see our marchers last week at practice! We need to keep them well hydrated - especially when it's hot!!

There are still several dates available to help with the water. If several of us volunteer, the same people will not have to do it each week. Remember, you will not be alone - there will always be two people to do this!

The sign-up sheet will be posted outside the band room each Wednesday night. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at cvhowes@charter.net or 636-256-0226.

Also, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING HIS WATER BOTTLE TO EVERY PRACTICE!



I look forward to seeing you Wednesday night!

Thanks, Vicki Howes

**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.

ATTENTION ALL YOU PHOTO BUFFS:

We need pictures – and lots of them. At the end of the year we like to put together a dvd of the marching season. And in order to do so... we need lots of photos to chose from. We would like shots of everything from learning to march, to loading and unloading trucks, band camp, pushing the pit onto the field, practices (of all kinds), etc... If you can help us out, please contact Mark Maurer 314-779-6790.

**** Save the Date ****

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

**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 band cannot succeed without help. WE NEED YOU!

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).

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.

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.

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).

On-Campus (co-chair)

Duties: Works with the Band Director to plan and organize on-campus activities such as Spirit Night, Band Camp Day, 8th 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.

Support (co-chair)

Duties: Manage volunteers for the following tasks:

- 1) 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;
- 2) 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 volunteers;
- 3) Recruit parents to braid hair before performances;
- 4) Recruit parents to put on and take off bleacher covers whenever the band is in the bleachers at South.

It is helpful, though not necessary, if the support chair and/or co-chair has flexible daytime hours during the week.

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.)

**Thanks to Craig Bermel who has agreed to fill the
co-Vice President position. Way to go Craig!!**