



Bulldog Band Banner

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2005 Officers Elected

New Executive Officers were elected at the annual meeting held on December 7, 2004. They are:

- President: Carl Pigford
- Vice Pres: Jackie Peebles
- Treasurer: Iris Robinson
- Secretary: Denise Hurwitz

They will appoint the standing committee chairs who also serve on the board as voting members. These committee chairs include: Social-Hospitality, Ways and Means, Transportation, Publicity, Uniforms, Band Camp & Special Events, and Band Improvement Funding. The Chaperone chair is also a voting member of the board but is appointed by the Band Director. The new executive board will be actively looking for volunteers to

fill these appointed positions within the next month.

The new officers are enthusiastic about the job ahead of them. Please give them your support and your volunteerism.

Special thanks is due to the outgoing executive board members who have served ably over the past several years. They leave the organization in sound financial shape and have each made their mark with their own unique talents. Thanks are also due the graduating senior parents who have served as committee chairs on the board, members of the Daddy Crew, committee chairs for Band Bash, Walnut Creek volunteers and coordinators, and in the myriad of other functions necessary to keep

the band running. There are many open volunteer positions. Please refer to last month's newsletter to see where your talents might best be put to work.

Newsletter Editor

Retiring

In a related note, the editor of this newsletter will be retiring and is seeking a replacement. The newsletter is published monthly following the band booster meetings and is distributed by email as well as by US Mail. The newsletter is one aspect of a system of communication which also includes the website, e-mailings, and the handbook, all of which are aimed at improving communication among the membership. Interested parties should reply to the current editor.

CALENDAR

Event	Date
Midterm Exam for 2B	Dec 13 during class
Midterm Exam for 2A	Regular exam schedule
Band Booster Meeting	Jan 4 6PM
Central District Band Auditions SW Guilford HS Greensboro	Jan 8
Central District Band Clinic	Jan 21 & 22

Account Balances

All activity fees and accessory payments are due. Any past due accounts will be turned into the school for collection as of February 1. A mailing will be made to all outstanding accounts prior to February.

Trip Payments

All trip payments are due in full this month, including chaperones. The cost of the trip remains \$630. Payments should be sent in to Mr. Scott before break. All individuals going on the trip must have a signed contract turned in to Mr. Scott.

Spring Trip Approved

The spring cruise to the Bahamas has received WCPSS school board approval. We must now move quickly to get deposits and payments in to guarantee our spots. Therefore, all trip money is due immediately. This includes chaperones going on the trip.

We will be sailing out of Port Canaveral with one island stop in Nassau. To keep costs at \$630, the band will not be competing but will be performing in exhibition on the boat.

An itinerary should be available soon. All chaperones should give Mr. Scott

their rooming preference. All students should already have signed up for a room. In addition, all individuals must have a signed contract on file with Mr. Scott.

To enter the Bahamas and reenter the United States, each person must have either a passport **or** a visual ID and a birth certificate. A driver's license, permit, or walker's ID all qualify for the visual ID and are all available through the DMV. The birth certificate must have a raised seal. The chaperones will be collecting the documentation from the students for safekeeping following its use at each entry point.

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Newsletter Suggestions?

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Next Band Booster Meeting

Date: January 4, 2005
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Band Room

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Announcements

- We need more trumpet and trombone players for the pep band. The pep band plays at home basketball games.
- All students must complete the playing audition. This is part of each student's grade. In addition, audition scores will be used for selection to the wind ensemble which will be competing at District Festival this spring.
- Please remind your student to take home his instrument over the break.
- Based on consultation with our accountant, there are no significant changes that need to be made in the band financial organization in order to maintain our 501 (C) (3) status.
- Pre-ordered parent theme shirts will be distributed after Christmas. Additional orders will be accepted at that time.
- Individual accounts will be updated after Christmas to reflect additional accessory orders, particularly gloves, made by students before a competition, game, or parade this marching season.
- Individual band pictures were taken this week. Please consider placing an order for an individual packet when you receive your proofs. Your orders reduce the cost to the band of the composite which will be displayed in the band room.

Parades and Concerts

The parade season is past but we hope everyone was able to attend at least one of our parades. Our band continues to be a real crowd favorite. They were cheered at each parade and really did the program proud.

The winter concert was superb as well. With so little time to prepare the holiday music, this concert is a testament to the musicianship of our students and the directorship of our band director. It was truly an enjoyable afternoon.

Thanks to Donna and her "committee" for supplying the punch and goodies.

Mr. Scott's Christmas Gift

For those of you who missed the presentation, Mr. Scott was again surprised with both the generosity and the sneakiness of the boosters. With a little bit of subterfuge involving his wife, we were able to get some dates and arrange a visit for two to Biltmore. The visit includes a candlelight tour of the mansion, day passes the following day, reservations for dinner at one of the restaurants on the grounds, and money for an additional dinner and lunch. Thank you to all who donated and made it possible for us to give the Scotts a well-deserved vacation. Of course, the fork-lift incident on Monday may be jeopardizing Mr. Scott's membership in the Rental Equipment Abuse Program....

Fruit Sales

Thanks to all who helped with the fruit sales. We increased sales over last year and sold a high quality product despite all the storm damage to the crops. There may still be a few boxes left for purchase; contact Rick Roberson if interested. Thanks to all the students and parents who sold fruit, all the volunteers who helped collect orders and count money, all the parents and students who helped unload and sort orders on Monday. Thanks to Donna Keene for sharing the goodies and drinks from her snack room. And a special thanks to the chorus boosters for providing a pizza lunch for all the volunteers.

Happy Holidays to All !