



Southeast Raleigh High School's

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Quote of the Month

"It's our way or Trailways!"

Mr. Scott & Mrs. Norton

Florida Trip Updates

Trip Itinerary 2 is now available from Mr. Scott and will be posted on the website, along with *Packing Helpful Hints* and *Do's and Don'ts*. These handouts also include contact phone numbers for the tour companies and the hotel in Orlando.

One important change to this new itinerary: planned departure time from SRHS is 2:00 pm. This gives a midnight arrival time in Orlando and allows a night of sleep in the hotel prior to the busy competition schedule on Friday. Because the departure day is a regular school day, students going on the trip may bring luggage to school in the morning and place in the bandroom for later check-in. Parents available to help are asked to be at the

school at 11 am. The dads will load equipment on the buses. The moms will check in luggage. Students are asked not to lock their luggage prior to the check-in process. All luggage must be dropped off at the stadium area by 11 am. Each child is allowed one moderate size suitcase to be loaded on the buses; they may have one small carry-on pack on the bus, as well as a small cooler and a pillow.

Trip chaperones met on Feb 26 to review the itinerary and duty rosters. You are encouraged to contact your child's chaperone if you have any questions or concerns, particularly about medications. We are still collecting donations of supplies for chaperone

overwhelmed enough. This year, team captains will be assigned to each event; they, not Teresa or Gwen, will handle all issues related to that event. Information concerning the sign up process and all rules and regulations pertaining to working Walnut Creek will be sent out to everyone soon. It is imperative that you take the time to carefully read this document.

use: flashlights with batteries, pens, markers, note pads, band aids, Tylenol, sandwich bags, masking tape.

Also, please remember to send in \$5 cash to go toward the purchase of snacks and drinks. Alternately, you may send in snacks and drinks that you purchase. Please, no water, soft drinks, juice boxes or pouches, or glass bottles. Drinks should be in cans or plastic bottles. And please consider how well the snacks you purchase will travel.

Also, please make note of all the uniforms your child will need to have (marching cold AND warm weather, symphonic dress attire) and check now to see that shoes, etc. still fit. Please check to see that your child has each piece to each uniform and that it is clean.

There are important changes this year regarding each worker's responsibilities both before and during the concert. Failure to follow the new rules will result in a failure to receive credit for the event.

The Executive Board will set next year's activity fee and Walnut Creek discount at a subsequent board meeting after reviewing the '03-'04 budget needs.

CALENDAR

Event	Date
Symphonic rehearsal	March 6, 3:30-4:30
Marching rehearsal (trip)	March 6 4:30-5:30
Concert band rehearsal	March 7, 3:00-3:45
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"Blast" at Memorial Auditorium	March 9, 7pm
Concert band rehearsal	Mar 10, 3:00-4:00
District Festival—Asheboro	Mar 11
Annual Educational Trip	Mar 20 - Mar 27
Scholarship Application deadline	March 31
Band Booster Meeting	April 1
Band/Chorus Awards Ceremony	May 23 6 pm
Pre-Band Camp all freshmen, percussion, Colorguard	July 18 and 19 (Fri and Sat)
Band Camp	July 21-25
SRHS Band Competition	Sept 27
See related articles for details about calendar items.	

Walnut Creek

The Walnut Creek season is upon us. We will again be renting chairs and running the plaza games. This year, sign up will be on-line and all upper class families will be expected to work 3 events. Freshmen families will only work 2 events since they join us after the season has started and are usually

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Newsletter Suggestions?

Contact Jody Finch
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Next Band Booster Meeting

Date: April 1
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: SRHS Bandroom

If you are unsure how to contact any of the booster members mentioned in this newsletter, check your directory or email Jody Finch at JHFinch@nc.rr.com Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

Announcements:

- Please pass on any photos from band events, particularly the trips, to Linda Hoke for inclusion in the scrapbook.
- Senior parents, Jill Bright needs a baby photo (of your senior) for the video montage to be shown at awards night.
- Remember, you may contribute to our bereavement fund at any time. Jill Bright is administering the fund and we would like to keep a balance on hand.
- Props are starting up—yes, already! Contact Teresa Yent to lend your painting talents. Students too!
- Scholarship applications for seniors are available in the band room and on the website.
- The band boosters will no longer be accepting credit cards for any payments.

District Festival

Both the Concert and Symphonic bands will be performing in the District Festival in Asheboro on March 11. Please note the after school rehearsal times in the calendar. Concert band will be leaving SRHS at 8:30 am, performing at 11:30, and returning at the end of the school day. Symphonic band will be leaving at noon, performing at 3:30, and returning at 6:30 All students need to be in performance attire before they board the bus. Because we will be running 2 buses with each band, we desperately need parents to volunteer to chaperone. We may also need parents with vans to drive. Please contact Gwen Sheppard if you are able to chaperone. Both groups will stop on the return trip for something to eat.

New Uniforms

We are still short of the funds needed to fully outfit our band in new uniforms for the '04-'05 marching season. Budget constraints have limited the Wake County supplement to \$25,000. Mr. Modest was able to secure an additional \$10,000 for us from his budget. That leaves us about \$50,000 to go. The band competition on Sept 27 should raise funds to put toward uniform purchase. We are also considering additional fundraising ideas, such as a yard sale, casino night, reverse raffle, silent auction, barbecue dinners, and donations from civic clubs. If you have any suggestions about these or other ideas, please contact Ways & Means (Mike Roselli or Andy Cordes). Another suggestion is to have each student purchase their own bibs (reducing the overall cost of the uniform), with the no-

tion that the bibs can be resold after senior year. A final angle which we are pursuing is to seek a more equitable distribution of the "new uniform pot" in the WCPSS budget, e.g. allocation per student as opposed to a flat rate per school which penalizes the larger bands. In pursuit of this, you will be receiving an email/ mailing with salient points relative to our case for more money and school board members to contact. We ask that you take the time to send your board member an email. The uniform committee will then attend a board meeting and plead our case.

Mr. Scott shared with us at the last booster meeting the design of the new uniforms. In another month or so, he hopes to have a sample for us to look at.

NOTE: We will be using our current uniforms for the '03 marching season. With the expected growth of the band, we will again need to make additional uniforms.

County Band Booster Council Forming

In April, we will host the first meeting of a countywide band booster council, whose purpose will be to offer support and a sharing of ideas for the mutual benefit of all band programs. Topics for brainstorming sessions at this first meeting include: fundraising, competitions, band camp, uniforms, transportation, colorguard, trips, chaperones, bookkeeping/ collections, and forming working relationships with other school groups. We would like to invite representatives from the band boosters of each high school in the county. We are asking for volunteers who can attend a booster meeting at another high school within the next month to personally extend this invitation, and perhaps pick up some ideas from their discussions. If you are able to do this, please sign up with Jill Bright.