



Southeast Raleigh High School's
Bulldog Band Banner

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Quote of the Month

“...and it rained on MY band!”
 Mr. Scott,
 after Band Bash

State of the Band Boosters

At the October 7 Booster meeting, president Charles Finch presented a “State of the Band Boosters” address.

At the present time, 81.7% of the budgeted income has been collected. This represents an improvement over the activity fee collection rate of the previous year but does not reach our goal of 90% collection of activity fees. The budget was developed based on the goal of 90% collection. As a result, without adjustment, the budget had a deficit of \$15,000. In order to balance the budget, the board, at its most recent meeting, reduced certain line items in the budget for a total budget reduction of \$15,000. As we continue to collect unpaid activity fees, it will be possible to return the money to the budget line items or possibly designate these collections for special expenses such as new uniforms.

The names of those students who still have unpaid accounts are posted in the band room next to Mr. Scott’s office door, along with the amount owed. Please check this list. If you have any questions about the amount owed, please contact Andy Cordes. Payments may be submitted to Andy, Al Godley, or Mr. Scott. Please include a payment form so your account can be properly credited.

One trend which causes some concern has been the increased number of “no-shows” for Walnut Creek events. If your account had been credited for a Walnut Creek event and you did not show up to work this event, your account has been debited for that no-show and, if applicable, has also been charged the \$50 late fee which was in effect for any past due accounts as of September 2.

Now that we are working with a balanced budget again, we will be able to assess our ability to purchase new uniforms. Mr. Scott will have a prototype uniform and more precise cost information at the November booster meeting. At that time, we will have a clear picture of what the total purchase price will be and the remaining funds the booster organization needs to supply. (Band Bash profits will go toward uniform purchases.) If the boosters decide to proceed with this purchase, students will be measured in December. The order will be placed in December with a delivery window of 90 to 100 days.

meeting, we will address new uniform purchases, select a nominating committee for new officers, and receive spring trip information. Please note that the initial deposit for all students going on the trip will be due at that November meeting.

At the November booster

CALENDAR

Event	Date
Rehearsals during Fall Break	Oct 8, 9 and 10, 8 AM - 12 noon
Band Competition, South View High School, Hope Mills	Oct 11 Arrive 12:15, Leave 1:00-1:30 Return 12:30 AM
Rehearsals after school	Oct 14 and 16, 3:30-6:00
Home Football game vs. Garner, Senior Night, Guest Band Shaw Univ.	Oct 17 Walk through 5:15, Game 7:30
Band Competition Dan River HS, VA	Oct 18 Arrive 12 noon Return 12:30 AM
Rehearsals after school	Oct 21 and 23, 4:00-5:30
Band Competition Douglas Byrd High School, Fayetteville	Oct 25, Times TBA
Symphonic/ Concert Band Auditions	Oct 27-29
Band Booster Meeting	Nov 4, 6:00 PM

Calendar Notes

Please note that this Saturday is not a double competition day as originally scheduled; the band will be performing at South View High School only. We will not be participating in the Garner competition because of scheduling

conflicts. October 18 is now a possible double competition, both in Virginia.

Please check the SRHS band website for updates on all times and events.

At the November booster

Southeast Raleigh High School Band Newsletter

Newsletter Suggestions?

Contact Jody Finch
Phone: 662-7884
Email: JHFinch@nc.rr.com



Next Band Booster Meeting

Date: November 4, 2003
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Band Room
Topic: New Uniforms

WANTED:

2 cases of fruit for the band competition on Saturday Oct. 11.
Contact Donna Keene.

Announcements

- Check the list posted in the band room (by Mr. Scott's door) to see if you owe anything on your band fees.
- We still need snacks, fruit, and drinks for the upcoming competitions.
- Check the list on the uniform door to see if you owe anything on your accessory orders.
- The Fall Fruit Sale is under way. The sale will conclude before Thanksgiving with all orders and payments due November 17 and 18. Fruit delivery will be on December 8. Contact Chair Al Godley for additional information and order forms. Each student earns 40% of their sales for their student account. This is a great way to earn money for the spring trip or to start building an account for next year.

Spirit Committee

At the present time, our unofficial "spirit committee" consists of Teresa Pearce. She has been purchasing balloons, helium, pom-poms, and noise-makers and supplying them to all SRHS band parents at the competitions and more recently at the home football games, making our support of the band even more visible and audible than ever before. She has received help from other colorguard parents. But now is the time for all of us to offer some support and help as well. Teresa passed an envelope during the band booster meeting on October 7 to collect funds to offset her expenses. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute, please contact Teresa Pearce at 876-9743. Also please let Teresa know if you are interested in serving on a Spirit Committee for the next marching season.

Thank you Teresa for your contributions to the band!

Bulldog Band Bash

The first ever Bulldog Band Bash was a huge success. Mr. Scott has received compliments from the band directors of the participating bands. He says all went away happy and want to return for the second annual bash next year. Mr. Modest was in attendance and was overwhelmed by the magnitude and the success of the event. Mr. Meeker, mayor of Raleigh, proclaimed September 27, 2003 as "Southeast Raleigh High School Band Day" and presented the band with a formal proclamation. Comments heard throughout the day indicated that both spectators and competitors were impressed with the organization and flow of the day, the quality of the concessions, and the general helpfulness and availability of SRHS band booster parents. Feedback following the event from participating bands and their parents offer further support of the success of the

day.

Many thanks are due to all who spent countless hours planning and preparing and to all who worked the day of the event. Your efforts have been recognized by Mr. Scott, Chair Charles Finch, and the booster organization.

Bills and payments are still coming in so a final profit figure is not available yet. Estimates range from \$6,000 to \$9,000. We estimate we had 2,500 to 3,000 in attendance; stands on the home side of the field were full to capacity.

Each committee has identified those changes or improvements needed to make next year's event even more successful. Preparations will begin in the very near future for the second annual Bulldog Band Bash.

If you sold ads or received donations from a business, please pick up complimentary programs from

Mr. Scott to deliver to those sponsors. Those businesses who did not purchase ads but did contribute are listed on the sponsor page in the program. Unfortunately, there were donations made after the program had already gone to press so there may be some businesses that were not so indicated in the program.

Please let all businesses who contributed ads, goods, or donations know that we appreciate their support. If you visit any of the businesses, let them know you saw their ad or their name in our program.

You may still purchase videos or DVDs of the day, as well as photos of the band, by filling out the order form in the program and returning it by October 31. SRHS band members do not need to pay the shipping and handling fee. You may purchase both the DVD and a photo at a discounted price of \$25 (normally \$30). Contact Andy or Ginger Cordes for additional information.