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## Reverse Raffle/Casino Night

The Reverse Raffle and Casino Night Fundraiser will be held on Saturday March 27; times are to be determined but will be in the neighborhood of 6:00 to 10:00. We need everyone's help to put this event together. A successful evening will raise the remaining funds necessary to pay for our new uniforms (see article below).

Purchase of a raffle ticket enters the buyer in a drawing for a cash prize of \$1000—the gimmick is that the *last* ticket pulled is the winner of this grand prize. Only 200 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$50 per ticket.

Each ticket holder is entitled to attend the evening's event which will include a catered dinner for two adults, casino games, and a silent auction. The person who has won the most chips from the casino games at the end of the evening will also be awarded a cash prize.

Jill Bright is chairing this event. She has already located a place big enough to house this event (we are expecting approximately 300 people to attend) and contacted a caterer. Teresa Yent is working hard lining up the casino games.

What do we need from

all of the boosters? We need each of you to contact Jill or Teresa and sign up for one of the working groups. We need 100 of our band families to buy or sell 2 tickets. We need people to contact businesses for sponsorships, either cash donations or items for the silent auction.

Tickets will be available from Mr. Scott next week to buy or to sell. They will also be available at the March 2nd Booster meeting.

Please help us make this event a success. We hope to turn it into an annual fundraising event.

## New Uniforms

Bids on the new uniforms have come back in and the contract has been awarded to Stanbury, with a total cost of \$51,298. The order is for 168 uniforms and we receive 4 free uniforms for a total of 172 band uniforms (a 10% overage). We will also get 2 new drum major uniforms. Band students will be measured soon and the company estimates 75 days for delivery of the order. Because we will finally have enough uniforms for all band stu-

dents, all students in band class will have an opportunity to march.

If you haven't already seen the prototype of the new uniform, come by the band room and check it out. All band students will be required to buy black patent leather shoes and both black and white gloves for next year's marching season. We will also be budgeting for purchase of new color guard uniforms for the 2004 marching season. We will be one classy looking band next year.

We have received \$25,000 from Wake County Schools and \$10,000 from SRHS to go toward payment on the uniforms. The Band Boosters has already raised \$9,000 from our Band Bash and \$2,500 from the fall car washes. The money raised from the Reverse Raffle/Casino Night fundraiser will go toward the balance due. Estimates of potential earnings from the Raffle indicate this would pay the bill in full.

## CALENDAR

### Event Date

Concert Band After School Rehearsals	Feb 3, 10, 17, 25, and Mar 2 3:00-4:30
Symphonic Band After School Rehearsals	Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, and Mar 4 3:00-4:30
Symphonic Band Pre-Contest Clinic at Athen's Drive HS	Feb 24 4:00
Pre Festival Rehearsals	Mar 8: TBA Mar 9: Concert 8 - 9:45AM Symph: 10 - noon
Central District Band Concert Festival at Wakefield HS	Mar 10 times TBA
Band Booster Meeting	Mar 2 6 PM
Reverse Raffle and Casino Night Fundraiser	March 27
Atlanta Trip	April 15-18

## Southeast Raleigh High School Band Newsletter

### Newsletter Suggestions?

Contact Jody Finch  
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### Next Band Booster Meeting

**Date: March 2, 2004**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Place: Band Room**

### 2004 Officers:

**President: Charles Finch**  
**Vice Pres: Betty Elliott**  
**Secretary: Linda Hoke**  
**Treasurer: Iris Robinson**

## Senior Scholarships

The SRHS Band Booster organization awards college scholarships to deserving senior band students each spring. The scholarship program is funded by the money earned at the Walnut Creek basketball and golf games operated by the Band Boosters. It is time to begin the scholarship process for the 2004 graduating class.

The Scholarship Committee will be meeting this month to draft the scholarship application. Carla Gleason is committee chair as well as the sophomore class representative. Patricia Battle is the junior class representative. They are still looking for a freshman parent to serve on the committee with them. The committee will meet again later in the spring to review applications and assign scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded to the winning seniors at Awards Night in May.

## Cici's Pizza Fundraiser

Your child may have come home with a packet of Cici's pizza coupons to sell. This is the Band Booster's latest fundraiser and offers an opportunity to earn a few last minute dollars to apply toward the spring trip, or to just bank in your student account. Each coupon card sells for \$10 with 50% going into the student's band account. Each packet contains 10 cards, with a potential earnings to the student of \$50 per packet. In addition, the student receives one free coupon for every 10 coupons sold. There are also cash prizes for the highest sellers in concert and symphonic bands. Extra packets are available from Mr. Scott.

All money and unsold coupons must be turned in by Friday February 13. Money will also be collected Monday and Thursday of next week. Checks should be made payable to "SRHS Band Boosters."

## Budget 2004 – 2005

A draft budget for the 2004-2005 school year will be presented to the band boosters at the March Booster meeting. There will also be discussion concerning some changes in band policy and the Walnut Creek contract. This will be an important booster meeting and all parents are encouraged to attend.

In addition to our normal operating budget, the board would like to put in place procedures to build escrow accounts for future uniform purchases (in seven years the band will again be faced with the purchase of new uniforms), instrument purchases (to replace old instruments and to build up the inventory of band owned instruments), and equipment repair and purchases.

There is an immediate need to replace many of the current band owned instruments. Many of these instruments were purchased seven years ago when the school opened. In general, instruments have an 8 to 10 year life span. Mr. Scott estimates that 60% of his instruments need significant repairs.

Mr. Scott has investigated two avenues for the boosters: buying in bulk using an extended lease or buying reconditioned instruments at a reduced cost. The county does not provide money for instrument purchases or repairs. The boosters will need to look at ways to budget for these expenses.

## Atlanta Trip

The annual band and chorus spring trip is less than 3 months away. Departure is set for Thursday afternoon April 15, prior to the end of the school day. Participants will attend a Friday evening Atlanta Braves baseball game, enjoy the Six Flags Amusement Park, perform in both concert and marching settings, and return late Sunday April 18. Cost is \$325. Cost for chaperones is the same, with double occupancy.

Please check your student account as all trip payments must be collected before we pay on the vendor contracts. The spring trip is self-supporting; there are no subsidizing funds available in the band booster budget.