



Southeast Raleigh High School's
Bulldog Band Banner

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Quote of the Month
 "We have been the best band everywhere we went."
 Mr. Scott

New Uniforms

Mr. Scott shared with the boosters at the November booster meeting a prototype of the new uniform. It is a black polyester uniform with green and blue accents. Students will need to purchase black, patent leather shoes and white spats.

Stanbury is designing the prototype. Once, we are satisfied with the prototype, bids will be accepted from other uniform companies. Projected costs are about \$300 per uniform.

We need to purchase enough uniforms to have a 10% overage. With a purchase of 170 uniforms, we are looking at a total cost of about \$51,000. Of that money, Wake County Schools supplies \$25,000 and Mr. Modest has already allocated \$10,000. Band Bash raised an additional \$8,844. The fall

car washes raised \$1,500. This gives us \$45,656 to apply toward the \$51,000, leaving an additional \$5,656 to raise.

At the November booster meeting, the boosters unanimously approved the purchase of new uniforms. In addition, they accepted the responsibility of raising the additional monies to cover the costs. This additional money is not to exceed \$7,000. If the additional cost of the new uniforms exceeds the \$7,000, then order quantity would be downsized or cheaper uniforms would be purchased.

Mr. Scott says he is hoping to begin measuring students in December.

Drop by the band room and take a look at the new look of the SRHS Bulldog Band.

Finances

Charles Finch provided the boosters with an overview of the band's finances. He said that the 84% collection of activity fees is an improvement over the 60% collection at the same time last year.

However, he shared statistics that show that 25% of the band is responsible for 94% of the unpaid fees. Further, this group tends not to take advantage of the work opportunities to offset activity fees. He asks, "How do we get improved participation from this 25% of the band?" He has asked that all band boosters consider this issue and share any ideas, procedures, solutions with him.

In addition, Teresa Yent is preparing a survey for all booster parents, soliciting your opinions about band improvements, fundraising, money collection, etc.

for December 13 at the Yents' home. An invitation with all the details will be posted on the website, distributed by email, and sent home as flyers with the students. We always have a great time and hope all of you will plan to attend.

CALENDAR

Event	Date
Home Football Playoff Game vs. Apex	Nov 7, game time 7:30
After School Rehearsals for playoff games and parades	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Possible additional playoff games	TBA
Fruit Sale orders/ payments due	Nov 17 & 18
Band Bash 2004 planning meeting	Nov 18, 6 PM Band room
Raleigh Christmas Parade	Nov 22, time TBA
Booster meeting: Election of officers for 2004	Dec 2, 6 PM
Knightdale Christmas Parade (afternoon parade)	Dec 6, time TBA
Apex Christmas Parade (evening parade)	Dec 6, time TBA
Winter Festival Concert	Dec 7
Fruit Delivery	Dec 8
Parent Holiday Party at the Yents	Dec 13, 7 pm,

Calendar Notes

The calendar this month has a lot of TBAs. Please check the website for information on each event as the time draws nearer.

SRHS is in the football playoffs. The band will play at all playoff

games, home and away, *if possible*.

Tuesday and Thursday after-school rehearsals will continue during the playoffs and parade season.

The booster parent holiday party is scheduled

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Newsletter Suggestions?

Contact Jody Finch
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Next Band Booster Meeting

Date: December 2, 2003

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Band Room

Topic: Elections for 2004

If you would like to
nominate an individual for
elected office, contact
Jill Bright, chair of the
nominating committee.

In Appreciation

Al Godley has announced his resignation as treasurer, effective November 15. The booster organization owes a tremendous amount of gratitude to Al for all that he has done while serving as treasurer. His advice and leadership have been invaluable to the band and he leaves the organization on firm financial ground. Al assures us that he will remain very active in the band, as fruit sale chair and, of course, as the "mike man" for the Bulldog Band Bash.

Thanks also to:

Robin Bailey—for all your work on props—they were awesome.

The Daddy Crew—awesome as well.

All who worked the concessions at Walnut Creek and helped the SRHS band win the "Best Group in a Pinch" award from Aramark.

Announcements

- An updated list of account balances has been posted in the band room. Contact Andy Cordes with payments or questions.
- Hospitality is seeking donations of snacks and drinks for the upcoming playoff games and parades.
- Pick up parent shirt orders from Jane Petite. Also check the list on the uniform door for any outstanding bills on accessory orders.
- All orders and payments for fruit are due November 17 and 18. Fruit delivery will be on December 8. Contact Mr. Scott for additional order forms.
- Teresa Yent will be organizing an alumni group for parents and students. We want to keep in touch with all of you graduating seniors. We also hope to involve our alumni in a spring fundraising event.

Spring Trip

The 2004 spring trip to Atlanta is planned for April 22 to April 25. Mr. Scott is working with companies and venues to firm up the schedule and the cost. He is trying to keep the total cost at \$300, in order to make the trip affordable for all students.

An initial deposit of \$100 is due **now** for all students planning to go on the trip. You may choose to use money that is in your student account for this deposit; simply inform Andy Cordes of your intention.

Although Wake County Schools has approved this trip, Mr. Scott is trying to get additional approval for the band to perform in a theme park. He is also checking the Atlanta Braves schedule to see if the

students will be able to attend a home Braves game.

The band will leave SRHS on Thursday afternoon, April 22, and return Sunday April 25. Students will miss one instructional day (Friday April 23).

Band Photos

In addition to our own band photo taken at the Band Bash, orders may be placed for a photo of the band taken at the Southview competition. See Mr. Scott if you are interested.

There is not a date yet for individual student pictures although they will probably be taken sometime in December. Information will be sent home at that time concerning package orders.

Nominations

In accordance with the By-Laws, annual election of officers will be held at the December 2 booster meeting. You may read the description of each elected office (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) in the by-laws posted on the band website.

A nominating committee has been appointed. Members of this committee are: Jill Bright, Gwen Sheppard, Teresa Yent, Iris Robinson, and TJ Fetch. The nominating committee is charged with presenting to the membership at the December meeting a slate of officers. At that time, additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

If you would like to nominate someone for an office, please contact one of the nominating committee members.