

James Island Charter High School "Pride of the Island" Band



SCBDA Award Recipient
2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008!

News from the Pride . . . about the Pride! September 30, 2009

From the Director

Recent activities within the Band have made it necessary to revisit the policy of cell phone usage by students. In essence, we will follow the school's policy during all band functions.

Cell phones are allowed on the band buses only in order to contact parents with information about arrival and return times. Otherwise, any phone seen or heard during a band class, rehearsal, performance, warm-up, football game, parade, concert, lecture, sectional, workshop, clinic, awards ceremony, or at any other event designated by Mr. Curtis will be confiscated, and a referral to the Administration will be issued. Students will serve a Saturday School. Confiscated phones will be returned to the student's parent or guardian the first school day following the student's successful completion of a Saturday school.

Please review this policy carefully and discuss it with your student or parent. I am grateful for your understanding and cooperation with this policy.

October Band Backer Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Band Backers was held on Tuesday, October 13, at the high school. The contents of this newsletter will serve as the minutes of this meeting. Please review this information in its entirety for a full synopsis of important news and activities.

Treasurer's Report

Our current bank account balance is approximately \$2200. We have paid out approximately \$5000 in expenses that consist of the final portion of instructor housing from band camp, supplies, uniform payments, and other miscellaneous expenses. We are pending an additional deposit which will increase our checking account to a small degree. The Board announced that we will open a savings account to begin depositing funds that will be necessary to award summer camp scholarships to those students who have exceeded their fair share goals.

SCBDA Lower State Championship

Plans are quickly finalizing for the Band's performance at the Lower State Championship to be held at West Ashley High School on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Plan to attend a pre-competition celebration at the school. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with the picnic celebration (burgers and dogs), clean up after the picnic, decorations for the event, etc. Contact any Board member if you can help. For parents and students who

are new to the band this year, this is a high-spirited event that is supported by the presence of the James Island Fire Department. Each year, our local firefighters join us for the picnic, encourage the students individually, and then provide the band with a resounding send-off as they leave the high school for the competition at West Ashley.

The cost for the picnic and band refreshments is \$8 per student. Parents and siblings who wish to participate in the picnic (and all parents and siblings are encouraged to attend) is \$5 per person.

Here is a link to the competition schedule.
[http://www.bandlink.org/PDF%20FILES/2009%20Draw%20Results%20w-times%20\(9-12-09\)%201A-4A.pdf](http://www.bandlink.org/PDF%20FILES/2009%20Draw%20Results%20w-times%20(9-12-09)%201A-4A.pdf)

As with the competition at Wando, we need every available pair of hands to help with props, pit and other setup for the performance in order to make this happen for the band. Please keep in mind that we have a total of **3 minutes** to get everything in place. If that time frame is exceeded, the band receives penalty points, hurting their overall score. Please join us in making this a fabulous evening for the Pride of the Island Band!

Homecoming & Senior Night

Friday, October 30, is Homecoming and Senior Night. Please be aware that the Seniors presentation will take place **before the start of the football game.** Please make sure parents are on time to be presented with the seniors at this time.

SCBDA State Championship

If all goes well (meaning the band places in the top six at the Lower State Competition), the Pride of the Island Band will travel to Batesburg-Leesville High School on Saturday, October 31, for the State Championship. Students and chaperones will travel by charter bus. As with all other competitions, your volunteer service is heartily encouraged and needed. The same 3 minute time limit is in place for set up prior to the competition performance. Please contact any Board member to let them know if you can help once again.

The day will begin very early! Students will be provided a healthy breakfast in the parking lot of Batesburg-Leesville stadium prior to competition preparations. After their performance, students will be permitted to purchase snacks at the concession stand and purchase souvenirs as they observe the remaining bands in competition. After the Awards Ceremony, the band will travel to Shealy's Barbecue, a local buffet restaurant offering some of the finest barbecue in South Carolina. The cost per person for breakfast and dinner is \$15. Concessions and souvenirs are "on your own."

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Our first Chick-fil-A spirit night was a great success! With very little notice to encourage masses to attend, we still managed to raise a little cash for the band. In a short two-hour evening, \$480 in purchases was made. Through the generosity of Chick-fil-A, we receive \$48 just for doing what we do on a regular basis – eat at our local Chick-Fil-A!

Our next Spirit Night will be Thursday, November 5. Encourage your neighbors, family, friends, school buddies, etc. to drop in and drive through the James Island Chick-Fil-A.

Jim Booth Fundraiser Now In Progress

Keep selling your Jim Booth raffle tickets! The drawing for the print will be held at the end of halftime at the Homecoming game.

Please keep in mind that for new band students, the monies raised through this raffle are applied to the cost of purchasing formal wear. The cost of that formal wear is an estimated \$100. Do not spend your hard-earned money for formal wear! These tickets are very, very easy to sell.

If your child does not need to purchase formal wear, this raffle is a fabulous way to boost your Fair Share account and begin earning camp scholarship funds!

Note: The beautifully framed print will be on display at each home football game. The drawing will be held at the Homecoming game, October 30, during half-time.

Annual Fruit Sale

Our annual fruit sale is now under way. Pick up your fruit sale order forms from Crystal Blue at the school after band practice, or by calling her at 478-5715.

REMEMBER: Half of the student's fruit sale profits will be applied to a trip account for a trip that is anticipated in the spring.

Fruit sales have historically been our highest income producer. Let's make this year a banner year, despite "the economy." As an added incentive, the Board is offering a grand prize to the top selling student - **\$100 CASH!** The fruit sale will end on Monday, November 16. All order forms and payments must be submitted by this date (earlier orders and payments are always welcome). Delivery of fruit will be on Friday, December 11. Students will be expected to assist with sorting and distribution of the fruit that afternoon.

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