

Booster Beat



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IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED

Marching season has officially begun. The next three months are jam packed with after school rehearsals, Friday night half-time shows, Saturday competitions, holiday parades, and various day-camps.

With 160+ band members, it takes a lot of hard work and commitment to make sure that the upcoming season events go as smoothly as possible. We NEED everyone's help. If you have not already volunteered to help in some capacity, please contact one of your Band Booster Officers. Throughout the season, plenty of opportunities to volunteer will be presented.

After a long hard day of volunteering, the best moments come when the kids say "thank you band moms" or "thank you band dads."

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Announcements

SEPTEMBER BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The September Band Booster Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4 at 7pm in the band room. This is another very important meeting. We will have representatives from the Southern Lights Candle Company and from Rewired Roasters to talk about the upcoming fund raisers.

FINLEY PARKING

We have established a Waiting List for the following Parking Dates: Aug 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 31, Sep 15, 29, Oct 13, 20, Nov 10, and Dec 14. These dates fill up quickly, because they do not conflict with other band events. If you would like to have your name added to the Waiting List, contact Mitzi Freeman (webmaster@sdhsband.org) with your name, student's name, number of spots, phone number where you may be reached and a list of dates for which you are interested. If someone on the active list cancels, we will select the first person on the Waiting List to take his place. On the night of a Parking Event, if Robin is short workers, she will begin calling volunteers from the waiting list.

If you are currently on the Active Parking list and are unable to work your night, please let Robin Harvey (robin@sdhsband.org, cell phone 322-0497) or Mitzi Freeman know ASAP. We can then assign your night to someone else.

2007-2008 STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2007-2008 Student Handbook was handed out at the August Band Booster Meeting. If you did not get one, you can download a copy from the website or pick one up in the band room.

Although we tried to be diligent in our proofreading, errors did slip through:

Trombone Section Leader—Stacey Bunch

Alto Sax Section Leader—Amanda Pioth

Bass Clarinet Section Leader—Nathan Green

Page 7—Uniforms—The color of the socks to be worn with the uniforms should be WHITE not black.

Page 24—Appendix E—The date for Parking at Finley at the Tri-State Championships should be Oct 27 and NOT Oct 21.

We'd also like to recognize and thank TVA Partners in Education for printing our hand books.

USSBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NOVEMBER

The Band will be competing in the USSBA National Championship in Annapolis, MD on November 17. Unlike last year, this will be a quick trip Maryland. Plans are currently to leave SDHS Thursday night on November 15, travel through the night, arrive Friday morning, stay the night in Baltimore Friday night, compete on Saturday, and return home.

The cost of the trip for students will be approximately \$200 and for chaperones \$250.

Fund Raising Details

CHATTANOOGA MARKET

- Band Boosters set up for market each Sunday in the months of August, September and November.
- One person arrives at 5am to unlock doors and prepare for the morning shift.
- Morning Shift works from 7am—10am setting up tables, chairs, and staging
- Evening Shift works from 4:30pm– 7:30 putting away tables, chairs, and staging.
- Each shift consists of a minimum of four people and a maximum number dependent on the event of the day.
- Each worker is paid \$11/hour which goes into student accounts.
- Due to the limited number of available positions, potential workers must sign up either on the website or sending an email to Michele Bowman (michele@sdhsband.org) with the following information: name, student's name, phone number where you can be reached, number of males and females available to work, and a list of shifts that you are UNAVAILABLE.
- Those assigned to work will be drawn from the pool of volunteers.

CANDLE SALES

- The band will be selling Southern Lights Candles which sell for \$9—\$22.
- 45% of a student's sales goes into his/her student account.
- Southern Lights provides a Candle Kit which consists of 10 pre-selected Fall/Winter scents. Each kit requires a \$10 deposit which will be returned at the end of the sale when the kit is returned.
- The sale will kick off in September. Orders need to be turned in October. Delivery will be in November.
- Money must be collected and turned in with the orders. Make checks out to SDHS Band.

REWIRED ROASTERS COFFEE SALE

- The band will be selling Rewired Roasters Coffee by the pound.
- Each pound of coffee sells for \$12/lb (ground or whole).
- For each pound sold, \$3 goes into your student's account.
- The sale will kick off in September. Orders need to be turned in October. Delivery will be in November.
- Money must be collected and turned in with the orders. Make checks out to SDHS Band.
- Rewired Roasters maintains a database of its customers and contacts them via email on a monthly basis to see if they would like to make additional orders of coffee. The band earns a commission from each additional order. This money goes into operating expense fund.

ROCK-A-THON

The Rock-A-Thon will be held later in the year. The date will be announced later.

Concession Stand Workers

The first football game is just weeks away. We kick off the season with three home games, two of which are Red Bank and Rhea County. The Band Boosters are responsible for running Concession Stand during all home games. Revenue from the CStand is one of the primary sources of income for the band program, and operating it requires many, many people. Band Parents will be expected to work at least one of the home varsity games. Work assignments are made by instrument section. It is the parents responsibility to find a substitute if you cannot work your designated night or to switch with another parent on another night.

The gates open at 9am, and setup begins immediate after. Food Preparation (chopping veggies, wrapping burgers, etc) begins at around 3:00-4:00pm. If you arrive before ticket sales begin, you get in free. However, if you arrive after ticket sales begin, you still have to pay to get into the stadium. The football team supports our band program by purchasing food, and we support them by purchasing tickets.

It will be HOT and HUMID in the Concession Stand. Please plan to wear cool and comfortable clothing for the evening. If you don't know any of the other parents in your section, you WILL know them by the end of the evening.

After the game concludes, it is the responsibility of the Band Boosters to clean the stadium. All band parents are expected to come to the Concession Stand to obtain a trash bag and gloves and to help to clean up the stands. If everyone pitches in, we ALL get to go home sooner.

If it is not your night to work, stop by and see if someone in the Concession Stand needs a 10 minute break. They will return the favor on your night.

Updating Student Accounts

When you make a payment to the Band, Student Accounts are not updated as quickly and as efficiently as when you deposit a check at your local bank. Even though the process has improved significantly over the years, it is still a very MANUAL process. Once your payment is deposited in the band box, it takes about two weeks before the payment is posted to the student's account. The process which your check goes through can be described as follows:

- The Treasurer picks up the checks from the band box. She often retrieves as many 100 checks from the box, especially during the beginning of the season.
- She takes them home, opens each envelope, and organizes them alphabetically. Simply opening all those envelopes is time consuming.
- She enters each check into the Band Accounting software program.
- She endorses each check and prepares a deposit for the bank.
- Once the deposit is ready, the Treasurer prepares a Deposit Report to be sent to the Accounts Manager. The Deposit Report specifies which (continued Page 5)

Schedules

Varsity Football Game Schedule

Aug 30	Red Bank (Home)
Sep 7	William Blount (Home)
Sep 14	Rhea County (Home)
Sep 21	Bradley Central (Away)
Sep 28	Hixson (Away)
Oct 5	Heritage (Away)
Oct 12	McMinn (Away)
Oct 19	Oak Ridge (Home)
Oct 26	Farragut (Away)
Nov 2	Ooltewah (Home)

Concession Stand Schedule Varsity Games

Aug 30	Trumpet, Trombone & Drum Majors
Sep 7	Percussion (Battery & Pitt) & Tuba
Sep 14	Guard & Baritone
Oct 19	Clarinet (including Bass) & Saxophone (all sections)
Nov 2	Flute, Mellophone, & Make-Up Workers

Concession Stand Schedule Freshman & Junior Varsity Home Games

TBA

Please note: The Band Boosters staff the Concession Stand for all Freshman, Junior Varsity and Middle School Games held at SDHS.

Concession Stand Schedule Middle School Games held at SDHS

TBA

Games usually begin at 5:30pm and are over by 8:30pm.

Competition Schedule

October 6 —	USSBA Silver Level Competition at SDHS (Band Boosters Host the Show)
October 27—	USSBA Tri-State Competition at Finley Stadium (Band Boosters staff the event)
November 3—	USSBA Southern State Championship at Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, TN
November 17 —	USSBA National Championship at Naval Academy, Baltimore, MD

account each check is to be posted and how the check is to be allocated (eg. \$300 to Fair Share, \$30 to shoes, etc).

- Once the deposit has been made to the bank, the Treasurer sends the Deposit Report to the Accounts Manager to be posted to student accounts.

Upon receiving the Deposit Report from the Treasurer, the Accounts Manager runs a series of programs on them to create a set of instructions for updating the database which holds the student account information. After all the accounts are updated, she then emails an update to the email address of each account affected.

Special Recognition

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Stacy Bunch, Brady Arendale and Caleb Hall
for making Chattanooga Youth Symphony Orchestra.

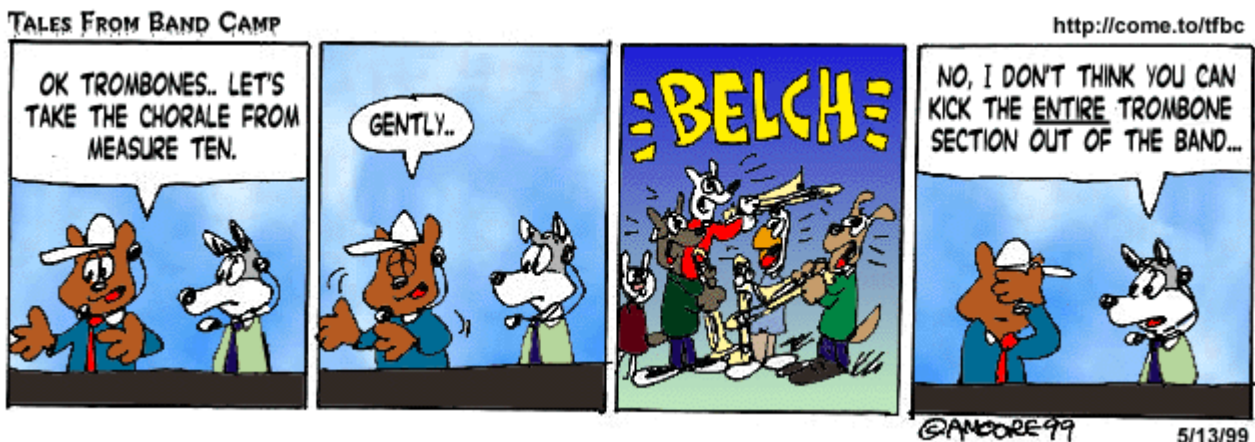
Miscellaneous

Band Captains, Drum Majors and Section Leaders: Please send a copy of your favorite photo of yourself and your bio to Mitzi Freeman (webmaster@sdhsband.org) to put on the band website. I'll be working on the leadership pages throughout the Fall Season.

The Marching Season is the busiest time of the school year. The predominant form of band communication is by email. If you are not receiving weekly (if not daily) messages from the Band Boosters Officers, then we either do not have an email for you or the email address that we have is incorrect. If you want to stay informed, please send your email address to Mitzi.

TALES FROM BAND CAMP

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Mark Your Calendar

Aug 4	Saturday	2pm	Senior Band Members Program Photos	Seniors
Aug 6	Monday	7pm	Band Booster Meeting	Band Boosters
Aug 6—7	Mon-Tues	5pm-8pm	Modified Summer Band	Band
Aug 8	Wednesday		Student Registration	Hamilton County Students
Aug 9	Thursday	5pm-8pm	Modified Summer Band	Band
Aug 11	Saturday	10am-4pm	Percussion Car Wash at DQ Hwy 153	Percussion
Aug 12	Sunday	7-10 & 4:30-7:30	Chattanooga Market	Band Boosters
Aug 13	Monday		School Begins	Hamilton County Students
Aug 14 & 16	Tues & Thurs	3-6pm	After School Band Practice	Band
			Begins & Continues until after USSBA Championships	
Aug 17-18	Fri-Sat	TBA	Parking at Finley (Jamboree)	Band Boosters
Aug 19	Sunday	7-10 & 4:30-7:30	Chattanooga Market	Band Boosters
Aug 23-25	Thurs-Sat	TBA	Parking at Finley (HS & MS Ball Games)	Band Boosters
Aug 26	Sunday	7-10 & 4:30-7:30	Chattanooga Market	Band Boosters
Aug 30	Thursday	7:30pm	SDHS vs Red Bank (Home)	Band
Aug 30	Thursday	7:30pm	Trumpet, Trombone, and Drum Majors work CStand	
Aug 30	Thursday	TBA	Parking at Finley (UTC)	Band Boosters
Aug 31	Friday	TBA	Parking at Finley (HS Ball Game)	Band Boosters
Sept 2	Sunday	7-10 & 4:30-7:30	Chattanooga Market	Band Boosters
Sept 3	Monday		NO SCHOOL	Hamilton County Students
Sept 7	Friday	TBA	Parking at Finley (McCallie Game)	Band Boosters
Sept 7	Friday	7:30pm	SDHS vs William Blount (Home)	Band
Sept 7	Friday	7:30pm	Percussion (Battery & Pit) and Tuba work CStand	
Sept 9	Sunday	7-10 & 4:30-7:30	Chattanooga Market	Band Boosters
Sept 10	Monday	7:00pm	Band Booster Meeting	Band Boosters
Sept 14	Friday	7:30pm	SDHS vs Rhea County (Home)	Band
Sept 14	Friday	7:30pm	Colorguard & Baritone work CStand	
Sept 15	Saturday	TBA	Parking at Finley Stadium (Football)	Band Boosters
Sept 16	Sunday	7-10 & 4:30-7:30	Chattanooga Market	Band Boosters
Sept 21	Friday	7:30pm	SDHS vs Bradley County (Away)	Band
Sept 22	Saturday	TBA	Parking at Finley Stadium (Temple)	Band Boosters
Sept 23	Sunday	7-10 & 4:30-7:30	Chattanooga Market	Band Boosters
Sept 28	Friday	7:30pm	SDHS vs Hixson (Away)	Band
Sept 29	Saturday	TBA	Parking at Finley Stadium (UTC)	Band Boosters
Sept 30	Sunday	7-10 & 4:30-7:30	Chattanooga Market	Band Boosters
Oct 1	Monday	7:00pm	Band Booster Meeting	Band Boosters
Oct 5	Friday		Half Day School	Hamilton County Students
Oct 5	Friday	7:30pm	SDHS vs Heritage (Away)	Band
Oct 6	Saturday	All Day	SDHS Silver Level USSBA Competition	Band
Oct 8-12	Mon-Fri		Fall Break	Hamilton County Students
Oct 12	Friday	7:30pm	SDHS vs McMinn (Away)	Band
Oct 12-13	Fri-Sat	TBA	Parking at Finley Stadium	Band Boosters
Oct 19	Friday	7:30pm	SDHS vs Oak Ridge	Band
Oct 19	Friday	7:30pm	Clarinets & Saxophones work CStand	
Oct 19	Friday	7:30pm	Homecoming	SDHS Students
Oct 20	Saturday	TBA	Parking at Finley Stadium	Band Boosters
Oct 26	Friday		Half Day School	Hamilton County Students
Oct 26	Friday	7:30pm	SDHS vs Farragut (Away)	Band
Oct 27	Saturday	All Day	USSBA Tri-State Championship at Finley	Band