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## *From the Director...*



Greetings! We are looking forward to the upcoming performances of all four bands in the last two months of school. Although this is a very busy time of year, it is also a rewarding time of year. All of the bands are sounding their best as a result of a lot of hard work throughout the year.

Many activities and performances have occurred since we started back to school in January. In addition to the Ensemble Contest in December, where a total of 184 medals were earned by our 7th and 8th grade students, these same successful musicians were awarded 73 1st division Superior ratings in their Solo Competition on February 1st. Our sixth graders were equally successful on February 28th as they participated in an Ensemble contest. 108 1st division medals were awarded to our bright sixth graders. Results and award winners are included in this newsletter. We are very proud of our students who earned a total of 365 medals!

On April 1st, the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands will present their contest music in a Pre-UIL Concert. Parents will experience the sight-reading process at the concert after each group performs their contest music. In sight-reading, the students perform a piece of music they have never seen before after receiving seven or eight minutes of instruction from the director. It is an amazing process to watch. All three groups will participate at UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest at Pearland Junior High - South on April 10, 11, and 12th. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

I value and enjoy the process of working hard to prepare contest music. The students are to be commended for their efforts. Although it is not always easy to work hard for an extended period of time, it is absolutely rewarding to create great music together! That experience teaches them many things and will stay with them far beyond their intermediate school years. Many thanks to you amazing parents who enable this success by ensuring your child attends sectional rehearsals and by reminding them of the value of dedication and perseverance.

*Donald McBandless*

### **Band Banquet**

The 7th and 8th grade Band Banquet is May 12. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this amazing event where we celebrate our talented band students. We are in dire need of 2 lb. coffee cans, with their lids, to use for centerpieces for this event. We specifically need the ones with removable paper. If you can help by donating a can or two or three, please contact Monica Lewis at [monicalewis2@comcast.net](mailto:monicalewis2@comcast.net).

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# *President's Wonderings*

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Spring Break is here and gone and there are only a few short months of the school year to go. There are many, many band activities remaining until the end of school.

In February, the Beginner Band participated in a mini-camp at school in preparation for their ensemble contest and concert. After working hard in their clinics, the students participated in activities at the school, planned and coordinated by Connie Musler, Linda Costello and Sharon Ehmry. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the event a success.

The next week, the Beginner Band students participated in their ensemble contest, followed by their band concert the first week of March. What progress these students have made since the beginning of the school year! These students have one more concert on May 8 (with required rehearsals on May 7 and May 8 right after school).

Also in February, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands participated in a solo contest and then went to Putt Putt Fun House the next week for some fun and camaraderie. The first of the many activities planned for the remainder of the year will be on March 29 when the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students make their annual trek to San Antonio. Many chaperones are needed for this event.

On April 1, all three 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands will perform at their Pre-UIL concert. This concert will prepare them for their UIL contest on April 10-12, which will be held at Pearland Jr. High School. Times vary for each band, but if you can attend, the students really appreciate having support in the audience. Also, volunteers are needed to chaperone each of the bands. If you can help, please contact Nina Johnston.

Symphonic Band has a recording concert planned for April 24. This concert will be held at UBC.

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band families should make plans to attend the annual band banquet which will be held in the school commons on May 12. Monica Lewis is already working on this event and would appreciate donations of two pound coffee cans to be used in making decorations. Please send your empty coffee cans to the band hall as soon as possible. More details regarding the banquet will follow as the time approaches.

Honors Band will perform at the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Program scheduled for May 22 and Symphonic Band will perform at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion and Awards Program scheduled for May 28.

And finally, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands' last concert for the 2007-08 school year will be held on May 27.

As the remaining school year activities unwind, I would like to express my appreciation to the Band Booster Club board for their diligence and hard work in making all these events a success, the volunteers who help with these events and other band work at the school, and the directors whose talent and dedication make the SCIS Band program one that is recognized as one of the best in the state!

*Gwen Gates*

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mini-Camp ~ A Big Hit!

The Beginner Band had a Mini Camp on Friday, February 22nd. The event was well attended and was a great success. Students participated in group and full band practice, enjoyed pizza, and played games including chariot races and tail tag. The night ended with some friendly competition between the students and the band directors on the basketball court. Thanks to all the parent volunteers that made this event such a success.

*Connie Musler*

### **Space Center Intermediate Band**

### **Booster Club 2008-2009**

### **Executive Board Nominations**

The Space Center Intermediate Band Booster Club Nominating Committee was formed at our last executive board meeting. The members of the committee are: Michelle Brookover (chair), Nina Johnston, and Justine Powell. If you are interested in serving on the SCIS Band Booster Club executive board next year, please e-mail one of us to let us know of your interest and a potential area you may want to serve.

The nominating committee will present their slate of officers at the final concerts of the Beginner Band and the 7th and 8th Grade Bands where booster club members will vote on and elect the four officers.

In addition, the nominating committee will attempt to fill the remaining members of the board. So don't all rush at once and fill up our e-mail inboxes! You can contact us at the following addresses:

Michelle Brookover: [brookover5@earthlink.net](mailto:brookover5@earthlink.net)

Nina Johnston: [sljnsj@pol.net](mailto:sljnsj@pol.net)

Justine Powell: [justine13@comcast.net](mailto:justine13@comcast.net)

## *Mark Your Calendars*

### **March 29**

8th Grade Band Members  
Trip to San Antonio

### **April 1**

7th & 8th Grade Bands  
Pre UIL Concert  
7:30 PM, SCIS

### **April 10-12**

7th & 8th Grade Bands  
UIL & Sight-reading Contest  
Pearland South Junior High

### **April 19**

7th & 8th Grade Bands  
DC Festivals: Space City Showcase  
Times TBA

### **April 24**

Symphonic Band Recording  
University Baptist Church  
7:30 PM

### **May 7**

6th Grade Band Rehearsal  
4:15 - 5:15 PM, SCIS

### **May 8**

6th Grade Band Rehearsal  
4:15 - 5:00 PM, SCIS

6th Grade Band Concert  
7:30 PM, SCIS

### **May 12**

7th & 8th Grade Band Banquet  
6:00 PM, SCIS

### **May 22**

7th Grade Awards Program (Honors)  
7:00 PM, SCIS

### **May 27**

7th & 8th Grade Bands Final Concert  
7:30 PM

### **May 28**

8th Grade Awards Program (Symphonic)  
7:00 PM, SCIS

## SCIS Beginner Band Ensemble Contest Results

On February 28, Space Center Beginner Band students participated in an Ensemble Contest. 108 students in 8 large ensembles received 1<sup>st</sup> Division “Superior” ratings for their ensemble performance. A total of 108 medals were earned. Mr. McCandless, Mr. Patterson & Mr. Zavala are proud of the students for their hard work and accomplishments. Congratulations to all who participated!

The following students earned 1<sup>st</sup> Division “Superior” ratings on their ensemble:

Meghan Brinton	Caroline Cook	Destiny Davis
Sydney Gray	Emily Leung	Aunjalie Patel
Natasha Patel	Tessa Richard	Kathryn Richter
Ali Rifat	Samantha Shook	Hayden Starr
Graysan Timmons	Autumn Walleck	Moriah Walton
Kristen Zimpfer	Bradley Countie	Katherine Hempel
Ben Monical	Megan Fitch	Matthew Mucha
Michael Akinyeye	Asif Ali	Azim Ali
Mackenzie Clayton	Michael Enk	Faliha Gilani
Rachel Halloran	Crystal Hernandez	Cameron Mackwell
Evan Meyer	Chris Odle	Megan Scofield
Amir Shabani	Samantha Shearer	Sarah Sotsuda
Elena Todd	Dagmar van Deursen	Sunny Yam
Claire Alford	James Baker	Joshua Brog
Catherine Chapman	Holly Fitch	Sean Fortney
Eric Lowery	Jessica Musler	Megan Rassmussen
Cody Rivers	Mina Shimada	Jerry Sorto
Jordan Treece	Eric Berno	Carl Bowman
Christian Conway	Caitlyn Costello	Denton Eckhardt
Katelyn Ehmry	Shayne Herbes	Grant Holt
Kaylee Lento	Matthew Lovelace	Alex Miranda
Hoai Nguyen	Grant Parker	Myka Proctor
Clay Schroeder	Christopher Solis	Elise Steward
Jack Beetz	Gunnar Bishop	Tyler Cayton
Ian Ferguson	Anthony Gress	Michael Rupp
Chris Sickler	Monica Tice	Jacob Brown
Scott Cilento	Grant Curran	Matthew Ellis
Matthew Gray	Garret Krist	Christian Leonard
Grant Mitterlehner	Max Pfothauer	Blake Blackmar
Drew Galvin	Christopher Glisan	Josh Huntington
Bradley Haufler	Joy Campbell	John Harvison
Logan Madden	Brett Maxson	Asiman McClesky
Mohammad Abuhamra	Julianna Berry	Zach Boyle
Cade Culver	Eli Garza	Katelyn Holladay
Camille Mullery	Mason Roberts	Justin Saddler
Sydney Schroder	Alan Stepchinski	Joseph Sukkar

# SCIS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Ensemble Contest Results

On December 13, Space Center Band students participated in an Ensemble Contest. 184 medals were earned for 1<sup>st</sup> Division “Superior” ratings on students’ ensemble performances. Every ensemble received a “Superior” rating. Mr. McCandless, Mr. Patterson & Mr. Zavala are proud of the students for their hard work and accomplishments. Congratulations to all who participated!

The following students earned 1<sup>st</sup> Division “Superior” ratings on two ensembles:

Hayley Girard	Jillian Graham	Devin Lee
Paloma Rivera	Theodora Tsakalakis	Breanna Ziesemer
Alicia Dalpe	Madeline Wren	Andrew Yim
Haley Higganbotham	Lindsey Ideler	Michael Nguyen
Nate Price	Olivia Steward	Jasmine Thomas
Kim Tran	Cassie Weyland	Becky Zaguli
Lauren Conway	Jake Garan	Connor Krist
Nicole Moss	Kristen Powell	Katie Chafin
Chris Truong	Keaton Addington	Brett Alsop
Morgan Fatora	Eric Ferguson	Brian Kuczynski
Brian Malik	Brandon Roach	Kevin Roan
Alex Ambrose	Emily Brown	Kristin Donahoe
Jackson Finch	Annette Harpole	Nicole Lewis
Patrick Caldwell	Gaston Davis	Katie Engelauf
Colin Laws	Tom McMahan	Cole Wolfer
Victor Cleveland	Leon Coe	Nick Rose-Soto
John Weldon		

The following students earned 1<sup>st</sup> Division “Superior” ratings on one ensemble:

Kyle Brookover	Jill Lutz	Jason Ortolon
Ally Peterson	Scott Schroder	Tim Bowersox
Zachary Daniel	Catherine DeLauro	Lucia Hua
Jessica Hurd	Lauren Turner	Jill Gauthier
Glenn Hernandez	Jun Ha Ryu	William Kendrick
Ryan Kinn	Ryan Riggs	Kevin Shaghaghi
Jason Chen	Dylan Daughtery	DeJuan Gibbs
Sean Jackson	Jeremy Lopez	Taylor Stockton
Colton Torrance	Taylor Nelson	Zain Rifat
Sean Tighe	Chandler Nelson	David Bidy
Bryan Schnake	Forrest Howser	David Keller
Bryson McCommon	Josh Reyes	Cameron Allsep
Abhisek Magan	Heather Mays	Taylor Rodriguez
Janie Spalding	Andrea Strickland	Theresa Vu
Kali Bourbonais	Brooke Culbertson	Taylor Friday
Jennifer Barg	Kyle Duhon	Dusty Ford
Stephanie Heil	Dylan Scott	Theresa Slovacek
Kevin Cyr	Connor Gates	Jackie Haugen
Tyler Zhang	Louis Simper	Frances Carter
Jason Cochran	Dylan Harris	Austin Janak
Ryan Plath	Jack Smith	Atlee Thompson
Emily Akins	Colton Engel	Elizabeth Mays
Patrick Mills	Jacob Power	Paul Stanley
David Baptiste	Davis Blystone	Andres Ferreiro
Jon Kirchman	Phillip Lopez	Connor Morrow
Chris Wilson	Clare Burke	Tim Getty
Alexis Kramer	Austin Duenes	Travis Vail
Akilan Gopal	Matt Johnston	Audrey Nguyen
Lauren Twardowski	Erika Willis	

## SCIS Band Solo Contest Results

On February 1, Space Center Band students participated in a Solo Contest. 73 medals were earned for 1<sup>st</sup> Division “Superior” ratings for their solo performance. A total of 365 medals were earned at the Solo & Ensemble Contests. Congratulations to all of the students that made these events a success!

The following students earned 1<sup>st</sup> Division “Superior” rating on two solos:

Alan Stepchinski      Audrey Nguyen      Kyle Brookover

The following students earned a 1<sup>st</sup> Division “Superior” rating on their solo:

Julianna Berry	Cade Culver	Sydney Schroder
Catherine DeLauro	Jun Ha Ryu	Sean Jackson
Heather Mays	Andrea Strickland	Brooke Culbertson
Taylor Friday	Jennifer Barg	Theresa Slovacek
Kevin Cyr	Connor Gates	Jackie Haugen
Ryan Plath	Jack Smith	Patrick Mills
Clare Burke	Alexis Kramer	Hayley Girard
Jillian Graham	Alexandra Hunt-Riley	Devin Lee
Paloma Rivera	Theodora Tsakalakis	Breanna Zieseemer
Alicia Dalpe	Madeline Wren	Rishi Gomatam
Andrew Yim	Haley Higganbotham	Lindsey Ideler
Nate Price	Olivia Steward	Jasmine Thomas
Kim Tran	Cassie Weyland	Becky Zaguli
Julio Hernandez	Jake Garan	Conner Krist
Nicole Moss	Kristen Powell	Katie Chafin
Chris Truong	Brett Alsop	Morgan Fatora
Brian Kuczynski	Brian Malik	Danny Pacey
Alex Ambrose	Emily Brown	Kristin Donahoe
Annette Harpole	Nicole Lewis	Patrick Caldwell
Katie Engelauf	Colin Laws	Tom McMahon
Cole Wolfer	Victor Cleveland	John Weldon
Kyle Ludovice	Jill Lutz	Ally Peterson
Jacob Smitherman		