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From the Director...



The Space Center Intermediate Bands have been very busy. Our 7th and 8th grade bands have entertained families at the Fall Concert. Symphonic Band traveled to District Stadium to play for our triumphant Cardinals 8th grade football game. Region Band auditions found our students competing against band members from across the district, and we are once again very proud of their accomplishments. To balance all of this hard work, we have some fun activities planned for all bands. Our beginners will be treated to their first fun day at Putt Putt on November 10. Later on this month, we will host another mini-camp for our 7th and 8th grade bands in preparation for Ensemble Contest and have a fun activity planned for them as well.

In the meantime, the holidays are fast approaching! Enjoy your Thanksgiving break because upon return the Space Center Intermediate Bands will be very busy. Our beginners will have an opportunity to demonstrate what they have musically accomplished in such a short amount of time at their concert on December 6th at Space Center Intermediate. You will be amazed! In addition, the Symphonic Band will perform at the conclusion of the concert. Why? To give 6th grade parents and students a glimpse of the future and what is possible. Some of these beginners will have progressed so much by the end of the year, they will be a member of the group they are listening to! In addition to the Symphonic band, Concert and Honors will also host a wonderful medley of carols on December 20th. We know you will walk away with a sense of wonder at the talents of your children.

As this is the time we count our blessings, I just wanted to say again, how grateful I am to be associated with such fine students and parents. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Donald McEandless

7th & 8th grade Mini-Camp

The 7th & 8th grade mini-camp was a great success! Students were fortified with pizza before beginning the hard work with the clinicians. Saturday we took a bus ride to the Main Event where students played laser tag, glow-in-the-dark mini golf, and loads of arcade games. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you! Mark your calendars for November 30 for our winter mini-camp!

6th grade Fun Day

Join us for a morning of fun at Beginner Band Fun Day on November 10th. We will meet at SCIS at 9:30 and take buses to Putt Putt. Permission slips can be downloaded from the band website and are due October 31st. Cost is \$15 and attractions, pizza, a drink and tokens are included. Students should wear their band t-shirts. Chaperones are needed. Call Sharon Ehmry at 281-488-8612 if you can help. See you there!



*Mark Your
Calendars*

November 3
Region Band Clinic & Concert

November 10
Beginner Band Fun Day

November 17-25
Thanksgiving Holidays

November 30 & December 1
7th & 8th grade Bands
Winter Mini-camp & Fun Day

December 3
7th & 8th grade Bands
Ensemble Recital

December 5
Beginner Band Rehearsal
4:15 - 5:15 PM

December 6
Beginner Band Rehearsal
4:15-5:00
Winter Concert
7:30 PM
(Symphonic Band Plays at
Conclusion of Concert)

December 13
7th & 8th grade Bands
Ensemble Contest

December 19
5th grade Holiday Concert

December 20
7th & 8th grade Bands
Winter Concert
7:30 pm

December 22 - January 6
Winter Holidays
No School

Magazine Fundraiser

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of SCIS Band,

The Space Center Intermediate Band Booster organization is asking for your help. We are undertaking a special fundraiser to help with the many expenses that we will have to pay. Many of you have asked why we need another fundraiser when we already participated in the Fine Arts fundraiser. The answer is that the Fine Art fundraiser is a school fundraiser that raises money for all of the arts. It takes much more than that to enable our band program to maintain it's excellence. This magazine fundraiser supports the Band Booster club directly, and allows us to hire clinicians, to rent venues for concerts, to pay for the upkeep of our school instruments, to buy new equipment, and to fund many other things that support the success of our students in band.

The program that we have chosen is called "Reading At Home" and is for magazine subscriptions that allows you to shop for over 800 different magazines ONLINE! You may: 1) sign up for a new subscription, 2) give a subscription as a gift to a friend or, 3) just renew an existing subscription. Any of these options will give profit to the Space Center Intermediate Band while enabling you to enjoy a magazine that you quite possibly were going to purchase or renew anyway. The online prices for the magazines are the same discounted rates that you normally see via mail solicitations.

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SCIS Band Booster Club greatly appreciates your help with this project. Thank you in advance for making our activities possible.

Sincerely,
Space Center Intermediate Band Boosters

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President's Ponderings

The band activities are off to fast start with a few already completed and many more planned. First, students sold gift wrap and food items for the Fine Arts Fundraiser. Thanks to students for their efforts and to **Allyson Jackson** for coordinating this activity.

Elizabeth Clemente-Nelson has been busy collecting membership dues. It's not too late to join the booster club if you have not already done so! Booster club funds support many of the activities scheduled this year.

While the fundraiser and membership enrollment were in progress, **Nina Johnston** was busy soliciting sponsors for the band t-shirts and the band directory. Thank you sponsors for supporting the band! **Yvette Lowry** placed the orders for the band t-shirts which arrived just in time for the first 7th and 8th grade mini camp which was coordinated by **Justine Powell and Monica Pacey**. That evening, clinicians helped students prepare for their first concert and the Regional Band auditions.

For the first 7th and 8th grade concert, **Sandy Ferguson** measured the students and ordered tuxedo shirts and distributed these along with the cummerbunds and bowties. The concert was held on October 11 in the SCIS Commons where all three bands played magnificently! Thank you to **Sonya Donahoe** for preparing the program.

Also, about 80 students auditioned for region band on October 20th at Victory Lakes Intermediate. Congratulations to those students achieving a seat in the region band and to all the students for participating and well representing Space Center bands.

Thank you to the parents who helped to sort and distribute the Fine Arts Fundraiser orders, sort and distribute t-shirts, sort and distribute band uniforms, chaperone the mini camp and chaperone the auditions. With lots of helping hands, it makes the workload light!

The booster club fundraiser began October 26. In addition to the magazine selections that may be ordered, you can also select items from the jewelry and chocolate inserts. This is the Booster Club's primary fundraiser for which proceeds are used for all the band activities. **Lisa Malik** will process the orders and keep you apprised of the deadline to turn in the orders for this fundraiser.

On November 10, the Beginner Band will participate in a fun day at Putt Putt. **Connie Musler, Linda Costello and Sharon Ehmry** will be looking for chaperones for that event. So if you want to participate in the fun, please help chaperone that activity.

On December 6, the Beginner Band will perform its first concert where they will show us how much they have accomplished since beginning the year! When you hear them, you will realize how fortunate we are to have such wonderful directors who share their gifts and talents with our children! And, the 7th and 8th grade bands will also perform at their winter concert on December 20.

If you haven't already visited the booster club website, please visit it at www.scisband.com. There, you will find announcements, forms, financial statements and links to other sites. You can even notify us of e-mail address changes by going to the site. Thank you to **Sheryl Dalpe and her son, Brendan**, for maintaining the site.

Finally, don't forget to check your e-mail for the "Bandminders" for upcoming events and rehearsals. **Nina Johnston** not only prepares these reminders, but she also helps the directors by coordinating some of the administrative duties with the assistance of parent volunteers. Thank you, Nina, and those parents who help in the office.

Gwen Gates

2007 National Wind Band Honors & Mark of Excellence Contest

The 2006-2007 Space Center Intermediate Symphonic Band submitted recordings of their contest music in two national competitions. There were many outstanding bands who submitted recordings. All recordings were evaluated by nationally acclaimed adjudicators during the summer and the results were recently announced.

In the 2007 Mark of Excellence Contest, the Space Center Band received recognition for Superior Musical Performance and was named a National Finalist. The Executive Director of Choice Music Events stated, "We were very pleased with the great response and the quality of the applicants for the Mark of Excellence. The evaluators that listened to the recordings were very complimentary of the performances. One university evaluator played the performances anonymously for their university methods classes to point out the high musical caliber of performances. He wanted to demonstrate to his music education students what is possible when you have great inspirational teaching and dedicated young students. Congratulations to all participants!"

In the 2007 National Wind Band Honors, the Space Center Band received Commended Honors. In addition, Briana Dowling on English horn, Virginia McDowell on oboe and Jesse Berger on trumpet were named Outstanding Soloists. More than eighty bands from seventeen different states submitted recordings. The adjudicator made these comments about the Space Center Band: "Your performance of *Amazing Grace* was beautiful. I am good friends with Frank Ticheli [the composer], and I will definitely tell him about the performance. I am sure he would appreciate the beauty, lushness, and emotion in this performance. I was exceptionally impressed by your performance of *Candide*. It's really extraordinary what this band does. It's amazing they're as young as they are. They have a great sense of time, fantastic intonation, and they play with musical maturity far beyond their age. Your band is quite exceptional. One reason Texas high school bands are so renowned is because they have junior high bands like this feeding into them. Yours is a great program, and this ensemble is definitely doing a service to the students in preparing them to play at the next level. Congratulations – and bravo!"

*Congratulations to all the members of the
2006-2007 Space Center Intermediate School Symphonic Band!*

DVD ORDERS

The Space Center Intermediate Band Booster Club is pleased to announce that we are again recording the Concert, Honors, and Symphonic Band Concerts on a professionally produced DVD of their Fall and Winter Concerts!

First Choice Video is a Houston based company that provides professionally made DVDs for these special moments. This is a treasured keepsake for each family represented in our outstanding organization. For \$35.00, you will have a lasting memento of these special events. Most importantly, the students really enjoy viewing not only themselves in action, but all their friends as well. This price includes the cost of shipping & handling, which means your order will be mailed directly to your home.

Please complete the order form and return with your payment to the band hall with your son or daughter by November 2, 2007. Order forms were emailed to parents and are also available in the band hall.

Thank you for your commitment to Space Center Intermediate Band!

2007 Region Band Results

On Saturday, October 20, the Space Center Intermediate Bands participated in the Region Band Auditions that were held at Victory Lakes Intermediate. When all of the results came in, Space Center had 19 students earn chairs in the Region Band, and 31 total students make the District Band. Also, 1 student made 1st chair, which is a very high honor. Congratulations to all who auditioned! The band directors are very proud of your hard work and dedication.

The following student earned overall 1st chair honors:
Victor Cleveland (Euphonium)

The following students earned overall 2nd chair honors:
Kristen Powell (Alto Saxophone)
Katie Chafin (Tenor Saxophone)
Chris Truong (Bari Saxophone)

The following students made the Region Symphonic Band:

Devin Lee	Hayley Girard
Nate Price	Kristen Powell
Annette Harpole	Victor Cleveland
John Weldon	

The following students made the Region Concert Band:

Paloma Rivera	JoAnn Pan
Jillian Graham	Lauren Conway
Connor Krist	Nicole Moss
Katie Chafin	Chris Truong
Eric Ferguson	Brandon Roach
Kristin Donahoe	Katie Engelauf

The following students made the District Band:

Breanna Ziesemer	Madeline Wren
Andrew Yim	Kim Tran
Jake Garan	Brett Alsop
Morgan Fatora	Alex Ambrose
Cole Wolfer	Gaston Davis
Nick Rose-Soto	Jacob Smitherman

All of the students that earned chairs in the Region Band will perform in a special concert on Saturday, November 3 at Westbrook Intermediate. Congratulations to all!

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