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From the Director...



*G*reetings! The SCIS Bands are off to another amazing start!

Mark your calendars for all of the variety of band activities throughout the year. Our first concert is on Thursday, October 11, as our 7th and 8th grade bands entertain family and friends at the 2007 Fall Concert right here at SCIS. Just the weekend before, the students will be preparing for Region Band Auditions with clinics and fun at our first mini-camp. The Beginners are working hard also in preparation for their debut concert on December 6.

Space Center Bands have a tradition of excellence and this year promises to be another successful year. I am very proud of our students and I am looking forward to another tremendous year with all four of our bands. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share in their musical education.

Donald McEandless

Fall Mini Camp

7th & 8th grade Fall Mini Camp for
Concert, Honors & Symphonic Band Members

Pizza and Clinic: Friday, October 5 from
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Fun at Main Event: Saturday, October 6 from
8:15 am - 11:30 am

Fee for Main Event: \$15.00

Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 5-6: 7th/8th Mini-camp
- Oct. 11: 7th/8th Fall Concert,
7:30 pm
- Oct. 20: Region Auditions
- Oct. 24: Symphonic at
Football Game
- Oct. 26: Begin Fundraiser

President's Wonderings

Welcome to the Space Center Intermediate School Band! If you are a new band parent, you are in for an exciting year. As you listen to your student learn to play his instrument, you will be amazed at his progress when the Beginner Band plays at its first concert. If you're a returning band parent, you'll again hear your student progress in his musical ability so that when combined with the other students, the band performs so that it has earned the reputation for being one of the top bands in the state. The Space Center bands perform so well because the combined efforts of dedicated students, supportive parents, and the talented and hard-working directors. The directors, Mr. McCandless, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Zavala, spend many hours helping students to improve their musical skills as well as enhance their social skills. They accomplish this through daily classes, weekly sectionals, special practices, clinics with outside clinicians, and periodic fun activities.

The Band Booster Club works to support the band directors and the band students. Recently, you should have received a Band Information Packet (via e-mail) with various forms and schedules. If you have not already returned these please return them to the Band Hall with your student. You should have also received information about becoming a member of the Space Center Band Booster Club. Your membership donation is tax deductible and helps provide some of the funding for the many activities in which the students participate.

As well as joining the booster club, you can support the bands by participating in the magazine fundraiser that begins on October 26. The magazine fundraiser contributes a significant portion of the booster club budget. You can support the band by choosing new magazine subscriptions, renewing current subscriptions, or giving gift subscriptions to friends and family.

Another fundraiser is the sale of car decals with your student's name and instrument, and CD's and DVD's pre-orders of the concerts performed throughout the year.

Other fundraising efforts include Pizza Nights where you can order pizza from Double Dave's and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the booster club, and using the band's Kroger Share Card that will be distributed soon.

The funds derived from the above mentioned fundraising efforts go directly to the booster club and are used to fund outside clinicians' fees, pay concert hall rental fees, pay bus rental fees to contests, create the band directory, purchase the more expensive, school-owned band instruments, supplement mini-camp activities, and many more events to enhance the students' band activities.

Volunteers are needed for many activities throughout the year. First, every concert requires the moving of both musical instruments and equipment. The directors need assistance in moving instruments, band stands and other equipment from the Band Hall to the Commons or Gym and back for the concerts held at Space Center. For off-site band concerts, the directors need help loading and unloading the equipment truck. Volunteers are much appreciated and will greatly diminish the possibility of our directors ending up with sore, aching backs!

Other volunteers are needed to help in the band office. This requires only one hour a week. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the band or other office duties, please contact Nina Johnston.

Volunteers are also needed to assist at many band activities, including mini-camps and band contests. If you did not sign up on one of the forms in the Band Information Packet, contact Randa McCartney to volunteer as a chaperone or the mini-camp chairs to help at mini-camps.

I am looking forward to working with you this year. Parental support, dedicated students and our talented directors combine to make the Space Center bands the best! If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Gwen Gates, President
Space Center Intermediate Band Booster Club

Fabulous Fundraising!

SCIS Band Booster Club



Magazine Fundraiser Coming Soon!!!

The Band Booster Club has conducted a magazine sale fundraiser for the past 10 years or so. This fundraiser is very important to the Booster Club budget, and thus, to the overall success of the SCIS bands. The best thing about this fundraiser is that you can add new subscriptions, or you can RENEW existing subscriptions! So, please be thinking about what you'd like to order for yourself, and also keep these things in mind for great holiday gifts. This fundraiser kicks-off October 26th.

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If you need to change your email address on the Space Center Band email lists, please follow these simple and easy instructions. This is excellent if you have just recently changed your email address or if you want your band emails to go to a different address.

To leave an email list, send an email to NAMEOFBANDHERE-unsubscribe@scisband.com (replacing NAMEOFBANDHERE with beginner, concert, honors or symphonic). You will receive a confirmation email asking if you truly want to unsubscribe, click on the link in the email if you are sure that you really want to unsubscribe.

To register to an email list, just send an email to NAMEOFBANDHERE-subscribe@scisband.com (again replacing NAMEOFBANDHERE with beginner, concert, honors or symphonic). You will receive a confirmation email with a link to continue. Click on it to verify your subscription to the email list.

For both automated emails for unsubscribing and subscribing, it need not matter what you type into the subject of body of the message.

Thank you for your patience as we try to streamline our band communications!
Any questions? Contact Nina Johnston sljnsj@pol.net

Attention 6th Grade Parents!

The 6th grade band will have a field trip to Putt Putt on Saturday, November 10th. Permission slips will be sent home the week of October 22nd. We will need parent volunteers to help with registration and to chaperone on the trip. We hope all the beginner band members will be able to attend this fun activity!

