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NOTE

This Spring

APRIL 18

Jazz Band Plays at Titan Jazz Festival

Trinity High School
1:40 - 2:10 p.m.

APRIL 21

Booster Meeting

Board 6:15 PM

General Membership

7:30 p.m.
JRHS Library

APRIL 22

Scholarship Applications Due

APRIL 23 - 25

Band Trip to Annapolis/Baltimore

MAY 20

Spring Concert

7:00 p.m.

MAY 27

Band Banquet

6:00 p.m.

JUNE 6

Graduation



A Message from the Director:

Greetings From the Band Room!!

WE DID IT!!!!!!! Congratulations to the members of the JRHS Band Program for becoming a Virginia Honor Band for the 15th consecutive year! You all should be very proud of all your hard work and dedication to this program. I would personally like to thank all of the parents who helped out this year in some capacity. We could not have done it without you. I would also like to congratulate the members of Rapid Fire and our Winter Guard on an outstanding season. We are all proud of you!! Kevin Crawford, Anthony Smith, and Karen Kettles have done an amazing job with their groups and should be commended for their efforts and dedication to our students this year!! Way to go!!!

So now what? Even though our major competitions are over, we still have several performances we need to prepare for. The first event is our Spring Trip. Rehearsals for the trip will be on the following days:

Monday	4/13	2:30-3:45
Wednesday	4/15	4:45-6:00
Friday	4/17	4:45-6:00
Monday	4/20	4:45-6:00
Tuesday	4/21	4:45-6:00
Wednesday	4/22	4:45-6:00

The second performance is our Spring Concert. The Spring Concert will take place on May 20th at 7:00pm. Please encourage your child to continue to work on their music. They will still be held accountable for knowing their parts. Spring is one of the hardest times to stay focused. Our last major performance is graduation. Graduation will take place June 6th. I will get more detail out as soon as I receive them.

Finally, it is already time to start preparing for next year. All forms for marching band have been handed out to the students. If you have not received any forms or need an extra copy, please go to the website and print them off. Please pay very close attention to the payment dates. If

From the President **Marching Forward...**



Thomas Edison said that “genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.” I’ve always liked that quote because it demonstrates that good things come from hard work. Well, on Saturday, March 14, at L. C. Byrd High School, the efforts of our students and band director were realized and a sigh of relief was had by all.

Congratulations to Mr. Cottrill and our students for achieving Honor Band status for 15 Years in a row, and every year of the school’s existence! Only two high schools in the Commonwealth can make that statement. My hope is our students will take away a sense of accomplishment and the knowledge that very little in life comes to us without hard work and effort.

But don’t make a mistake and think that band is over for the year. There’s still a lot going on! We have our band trip to Annapolis and Baltimore on April 23 – 25. I am looking forward to having a great time with the students and I know they are going to have a wonderful experience. In addition, mark your calendars for two important events in May. On May 20th, we will have our spring concert featuring the concert band, sym-

phonic band, jazz band, Rapid Fire percussion group and the Robious Middle School 8th grade band. On May 27th, we will have our annual awards night starting with a banquet in the open commons and ending with an awards program in the auditorium. This is always a fun culmination to a year of hard work. Please plan on attending.

Don’t forget that band camp forms were sent home early in March and the first deposit is due on March 31 and the second deposit is due on April 17. One final item for your calendar - the symphonic band, minus seniors, will play at graduation on Saturday, June 6.

Finally, as spring break is approaching, our nominating committee is hard at work trying to develop a slate of officers for the 2009 – 2010 band booster organization. This organization and a quality band program such as ours at James River cannot exist without the efforts of our volunteers. We need our parents to be involved. Many of the officer positions do not require a large time commitment. If someone from the nominating committee contacts you, please thoughtfully consider their request, espe-

cially if you value the experience your son or daughter has in marching band and/or our musical ensembles. With everyone contributing a little time, we can make a big difference. In addition to being essential to the program, it also sets an example for our children that hard work is necessary for good things to happen.

Thank you for your continued support of the James River High School band program. Have a safe and relaxing spring break.

Robin Hegner
President

James River High School
Band Boosters



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there is a problem meeting these deadlines, feel free to contact me at school (804) 378-4448 to discuss options. I want every student who wishes to participate in the Regiment next year to have that opportunity. We have many new and exciting things planned for next year, DON'T MISS OUT!!!!

Let's continue to work hard for the remainder of the year. A true "Honor Band" puts forth their best performance anytime they play!

With Regiment Pride,

Keith Cottrill

Director of Bands
James River High School

Congratulations Winter Guard!

On March 28, the James River Winter Guard won its preliminary Group Competition at the AIA Regional Competition at Potomac Senior High School in Dumfries, VA. The next day, they headed into the Finals Competition and came in 4th place, with just 1 point out of 3rd place.

This is highest the Guard has **EVER** scored in the AIA Regional Competition.

From our Historian:

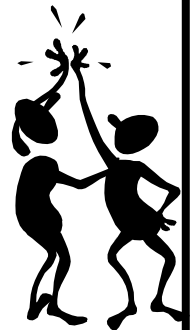
If you have extra programs, newspaper articles, etc. that you have collected at competitions and other events, please forward them to Liesl Delisio for our scrapbook.

Ldelisio@finitewisdom.com

Congratulations to our All-State Band Participants:

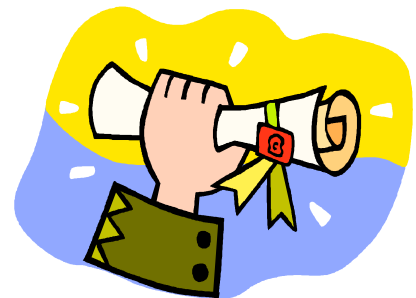
Connor Powell—percussion
John Weisiger—percussion
Aaron Williams—tenor sax

And to band student Rebecca Boelzner who made All-State Orchestra on viola.



It's Scholarship Application Time!!!

Attention Seniors: Scholarship Applications for Band and Guard Members are due NO LATER THAN 2:30 ON APRIL 22, 2009 - no exceptions. Only complete packets with the questionnaire, director's reference and essay enclosed will be accepted for review. Application packets can be picked up from Mr. Cottrill. Scholarship gifts will be awarded in May. For more information, please contact Ginger James at 647-5348



Fundraising News



Kroger Cares. The Band Boosters have a new and easy fundraising project! For those who could not attend the March 17 Band Boosters meeting, we are selling \$5.00 reloadable Kroger gift cards. Each card has \$5.00 already on it and can be reloaded and used every time you shop at any Kroger store. Every four weeks, Kroger will send the Band Boosters 5% of the money that has been reloaded on the cards.

You can put up to \$500.00 on the card at a time, and it can be loaded using a credit card/debit card, check or cash. Simply go to the Customer Service desk before you begin to shop, and they will walk you through the process of loading your card. Shop away, and when the balance of your gift card gets close to \$0, stop back at the Customer Service counter and reload it again! The hardest thing about this fundraiser is remembering to reload your gift card!

The more we all spend and shop at Kroger, the more money the band will earn. A portion of the 5% will be added to your student's account. That percentage will be determined based on the final budget numbers for the year.

We are encouraging all members of the Boosters to purchase at least one card. Several people have purchased more than one card to give to their relatives or neighbors. The more cards we have out there working for us the more income we will receive. **An important note:** You need to purchase these Kroger Care gift cards from the Band Boosters. Each card number is recorded and will be tied to your student's account. You should also record your card numbers when you receive them in case they are lost. If that happens, we can stop the lost card and re issue a new card with the balance.

Liesl Delisio has generously agreed to administer this fund raiser. She will have the cards for purchase. Her email address is: Ldelisio@finitewisdom.com. Please contact her if you have any questions.

To purchase cards, please place either cash or a check made out to JRHSBB in a sealed envelope with your student's name, your name, and your full home address on the front. These requests need to be placed in the locked box in Mr. Cottrill's office. Liesl will process your order and send you your Kroger Cares gift cards in the mail. So, buy your cards, load them up and shop away!

Sue Collins

Percussion News

Rapid Fire Success! Our popular Rapid Fire percussion group has had another successful season this year. They competed in 3 competitions, with 2 first place and 1 second place finish. They received a silver medal at the 2009 AIA Championships. We are fortunate to have such a strong and committed group of individuals who always make a great showing for James River High School. When you see them congratulate them on a job well done!



Drumline and Frontline auditions will be held soon for next year's percussion section. Interested students should check with Mr. Cottrill about the dates and the required pieces for the audition. Plans are all ready being made to have a fantastic drumline and frontline next year.

Jazz Band to Play at Titan Jazz Festival

Swing into spring and join the fun when the JRHS Jazz Band plays at the Jazz Titans of Tomorrow Festival at Trinity High School on April 18. Performances will be provided by professional and student jazz ensembles running continuously from 1:00 until 6:30 p.m. The James River Jazz Band plays from 1:40 to 2:10 p.m. Admission is free.



The concert will take place rain or shine. The performance area is under a large tent, so bring your lawn chair, and enjoy the music.

Featured bands include the professional jazz ensemble, Ombak, led by JRHS Jazz Band director, Bryan Hooten. The closing group will be the VCU Greater Richmond High School Jazz Band led by nationally acclaimed director Antonio Garcia, director of Jazz Studies at VCU, and will feature James River students Aaron Williams, Ben Weisiger and John Weisiger. Student jazz ensembles from other schools include St. Christopher's, Maggie Walker Governor's School, Collegiate, Monacan, Steward, and Trinity Episcopal.

More Fundraising News

Ukrop's is offering Golden Gift 2009. You can help the James River High School Band Boosters earn a portion of this year's \$200,000 payout! You earned 1 (one) point for every dollar you spent at Ukrop's from March 2 through March 28, 2009. No registration is required. Check with Customer Service at your Ukrop's store to make certain your mailing address is correct. In May, Ukrop's will mail you a Golden Gift Certificate. When you donate your points at the end of the program, the James River High School Band Boosters can redeem them for a portion of the payout. For more details about this program, please visit www.ukrops.com.

When you receive your Golden Gift Certificate, please give your points to Sandy Bowen or send the certificate to the band room with your student. Alternatively, Ukrop's has made this year's certificate "ready to be mailed" and you may mail it to the James River High School Band Boosters c/o James River High School, 3700 James River Road, Midlothian, Virginia 23113.

If you have any questions, please call Sandy Bowen at 370-7877 or e-mail at adbowen@msn.com. Ukrop's will be announcing a deadline for all certificates to be redeemed. Please watch the stores and our web site for more information. If you know anyone who does not have an organization to donate their points to, please suggest the Band Boosters!

Sandy Bowen



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