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TAKE  NOTE

In January

JANUARY 19
Booster Meeting
Board 6:15 PM
General Membership
7:30 PM
JRHS Library

JANUARY 29 and 30
All District Band
Matoaca High School
(**Note the new dates**)



A Message from the Director:

Greetings From the Band Room!!

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable break. As for myself, any time that I am able to spend with my family is worthwhile. We did not do any major traveling this year. Instead, we were able to stay home and spend the holidays together! As much as I enjoyed the break, I am very excited to start back up. We have many performances to prepare for from District Band Festival in March to the CRUISE in April!!!!

We had a great send off for the Holiday Season with our Winter Concert! I am very proud of all of the hard work the students put into learning the music. If you would like a copy of the DVD of the performance, you can go to DesignRecording.com and order them online. I have seen the DVD and it is worth it. They did a fantastic job recording the concert.

I would like to again thank everyone who helped with the All District Band Auditions. I continue to get compliments on how well we ran this event as well as how professional our students behaved! A big thank you needs to go out to Teresa Albertson for all of the work that she put into making this event a big success. We will be hosting this event again next year, so please mark your calendar (I will get the date out as soon as we set it at our District meeting)!

James River will be represented well at this event with 20 students earning a position in one of the ensembles and 3 students as alternates. The following students earned a position in the All District Band:

Flute

Patrick Hunnicutt
Elizabeth Peters
Marina Chavez

Symphonic Band
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Symphonic Band

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From the President

Marching Forward...



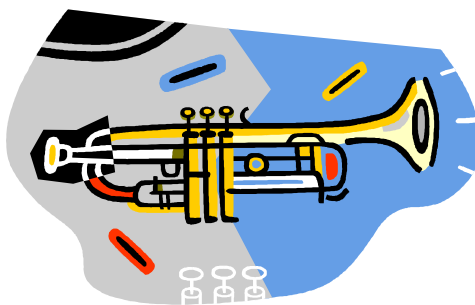
It's hard to believe that the holidays are already behind us. I hope each and every one of you had a peaceful holiday season with your friends and family. I continue to count as one of my blessings all the wonderful friends that I have made through my involvement with band. I am so lucky to get to know so many of you.

Speaking of lucky, weren't we fortunate to hear such wonderful musical performances at our winter concert on December 9 and 10? We have some extremely talented children at James River who are mentored by talented teachers. It doesn't seem to matter how many times I hear "Russian Christmas Music" performed, I still get chills.

As we start 2010 and the development of the Chesterfield County school budget, please remember the enjoyment you get from hearing our students perform and drop a note to the school board letting the members know how much you value arts education for your children. Times are tight and we must

show our support for the music and theatre programs at James River so that we can continue to have them at the same level as in past years.

Thank you to all who helped with All-District Band auditions at the school on December 12. Teresa Albertson and her com-



mittee of volunteers did an outstanding job. We hosted 1,100 middle and high school students and the day started for volunteers at 6:00 a.m. and didn't end until late afternoon. Some of these same volunteers helped set up the night before, in addition to countless preparations for the two weeks prior to event. I am amazed at all of the talent and willingness to help we have in our organization!

I also want to thank Chris and Lisa Allen for their help with the Redskins football tickets raffle. Chris, Lisa and their son, Scott, are new to the area and they have already become dedicated band booster volunteers. In addition, thanks to Sandy Bowen for spearheading the raffle and for organizing the poinsettia sale while trying to find donations for All-District Band auditions. Sandy has an amazing amount of energy and I really must find out what kind of vitamins she takes!

I also want to express my appreciation to all of the band students who stayed after school on December 2 to help unload the truckload of poinsettias. You guys are awesome!

Believe it or not, I'm already looking toward the end of the school year. I will soon begin making appointments to the nominating committee and the scholarship committee. We are also sending out information to parents of seniors to get you

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Spirit Wear

There is a limited supply of JRHS Band and Regiment Spirit Wear available NOW for purchase.

- Flannel pajama pants - purple check with JRHS screened on the waist \$22.
- Purple fleece blankets* \$20.
- Purple bags (small - 14"x18")* \$15.
- Purple and black sport duffle bag with shoe pockets (*great for cruise trip!*)* \$30.
- Knit beanies* \$12.

*embroidered with the Regiment logo in white:

To purchase any of the above, contact Celeste Alcorta at cjalcorta@verizon.net.

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Clarinet

Sarah Arnold Symphonic Band
Brittany Richardson Concert Band

Oboe

Brittney Berg Concert Band
Si Choi Alternate

Alto Saxophone

Xu-Xu Tan Concert Band

Tenor Saxophone

Aaron Williams Symphonic Band
Scott Holahan Concert Band

Trumpet

Sam Welborn Concert Band
Taylor Watts Concert Band

French Horn

Katie Giles Concert Band

Trombone

Ben Weisiger Symphonic Band
Sean Tams Concert Band

Bass Trombone

Michael Hegner Concert Band

Baritone

Josh Tolton Symphonic Band
Will Nelms Concert Band

Tuba

Sean Cook Symphonic Band

Percussion

Connor Powell Symphonic Band
John Weisiger Symphonic Band
Casey Kirk Alternate
Justin Shelton Alternate

The All District Band Event will take place at Matoaca High School **January 29 and 30** (note that these date have changed from what was previously communicated).

The Thirteenth Annual Virginia Tech Honor Band will be held January 22-24, 2010 with more than 500 students from 150 schools in seven states in attendance. Participants were nominated back in October and will spend the weekend in rehearsals, clinics and performances on campus. The final concert is at 1:00 pm on January 24th in Burruss Auditorium and is open to the public. The following students will represent James River High School this year:

Patrick Hunnicutt	Flute
Sean Tams	Trombone
Brittany Richardson	Clarinet
Brittney Berg	Oboe
Hayden Kurz	Tuba



We are all looking forward to this event. If you see any of these students that made All Districts or Virginia Tech Honor Band, please congratulate them and wish them luck.

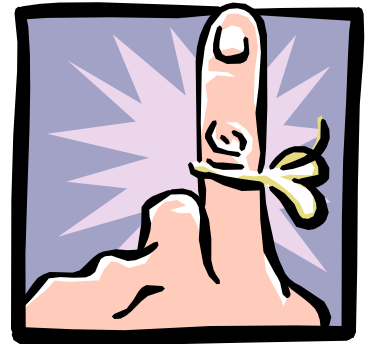
Finally, please mark your calendars now for the District Band Festival. Both the Symphonic Band and the Concert Band will be performing on Saturday March 13th. More details will come. Also please check the calendar on Edline for up to date information. I appreciate all of your support to our music program and wish you all well.

With Regiment Pride,

Keith Cottrill

Don't Forget to Apply for Your Passport!

All students and parents who are going on the spring trip are required to have a passport. The current estimate for processing applications is approximately 4-6 weeks. Anyone who does not already have a passport should apply for one as soon as possible, but **no later than February 26** based on the current processing estimate.



Passport information and the online application are available at the State Department website travel.state.gov/passport.

Please be aware that to submit an application for a child under age 16 both parents or the child's legal guardian(s) must appear. IF ONLY ONE PARENT APPEARS YOU MUST ALSO SUBMIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Second parent's notarized written statement consenting to passport issuance for the child,
- Primary evidence of sole authority to apply, **OR** a written statement (made under penalty of perjury) explaining the second parent's unavailability.

Where to Apply. A number of U.S. Post Offices accept passport applications. The Post Office on Mall Drive across from Chesterfield Towne Center accepts passport applications at the following times:

M-Th 10 am – 3 pm
F 10 am – 1 pm
S 11 am – 1 pm

Photos are available on site.

For other locations, check the travel.state.gov/passport website.

All County Band Participants

Congratulations to the following students who represented James River in the All County Band event on January 8 and 9. The performance was outstanding!

Veronica Bates	Patrick Hunnicutt	Laura Stough
Chris Buckwalter	David Matthews	Ben Weisiger
JP Delisio	Liz Peters	Tyler Welch
Kaitlin Holland	Brittany Richardson	

Congratulations to
Aaron Williams and
John Weisiger for
representing James
River in the All-Virginia
Jazz Ensemble

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started thinking about the spring program and the end of the year awards program. Please keep an eye out for those things.

Over the break I enjoyed having some time away from work and band. I spent a lot of time curled up next to my band poinsettia and Christmas tree with a cat (or two), a good book, and cup of hot chocolate. I hope you did the same – you deserve it!

Robin Hegner
Band Booster President

Auditions for Greater Richmond Youth Wind Ensemble and Greater Richmond High School Jazz Band

Auditions for VCU's premier high school bands, the Greater Richmond High School Jazz Band (GRHSJB) and the Greater Richmond Youth Wind Ensemble (GRYWE), will take place this month.

GRHSJB auditions are January 14 and 15 at the James Black Music Center at VCU. Students interested in auditioning should have already emailed Prof. Antonio Garcia (ajgarcia@vcu.edu) to schedule an audition.

GRYWE auditions will take place from 4 to 8 pm on three dates at the following locations:

January 25 - Patrick Henry High School
January 26 - L.C. Bird High School
January 27 - Pocahontas Middle School

Students are encouraged to audition for these programs. Additional information can be found at www.vcubands.org under Richmond's Bands.



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