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TAKE  NOTE

In March

MARCH 13
District Festival
L.C. Bird HS

3:35 pm (Concert Band)
7:40 pm (Symphonic Band)

MARCH 16
Booster Meeting
Board 6:15 pm
General Membership
7:30 pm
JRHS Library



A Message from the Director:

Greetings From the Band Room!!

I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us at our annual pre-district concert. A big thank you needs to go out to all of the members of our pit crew who helped out with our stage set up. I really appreciate everything you do to help us out. We were very fortunate to have Mr. Jim Stegner, Mr. Jim Hale, Mr. Earl Shaffer, and Mr. Gordon Rawls act as “mock” judges for us that evening. Their comments were invaluable. I have listened to their tapes and am currently working on any adjustments they have suggested.

This past Thursday, the Symphonic Band had the unique opportunity to have Mr. Vince Tornello, the arranger of our march, come down and work with them during our rehearsal. He was very complimentary of our group. He also gave us many suggestions as to how to improve our performance.

Here are a couple of last minute details as we prepare for Festival. The Concert band will have two after school rehearsals. The first will be this Thursday 3/4 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm and next Thursday 3/11 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm. District Festival is March 13th at LC Bird High School. The schedule for the day is as follows:

Concert Band

arrive at JRHS	12:30 p.m.
buses leave	1:15 p.m.
arrive at LCBHS	2:00 pm
warm up	3:00 pm
perform	3:35 pm
sightread	4:00 pm
arrive back at JRHS	TBA

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From the President

Marching Forward...

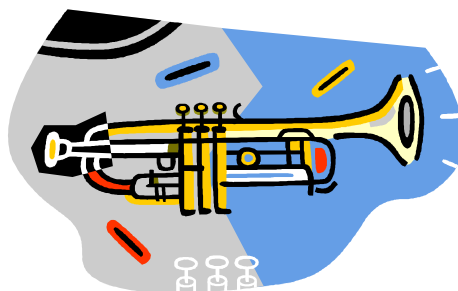


It was so nice to see those of you who came out and supported our students at the pre-festival concert on February 24th. Mr. Cottrill and the students have been busy preparing for the festival that occurs on March 13th. That performance will be the second half of our quest to be a Virginia Honor Band for the 16th consecutive year. Make sure that you mark your calendars to attend the festival at L. C. Bird High School.

I continue to be amazed at all of our wonderful parent volunteers who show up at events to help and those who work behind the scenes to support our students.

Andee Kirk has worked hard to inventory, label, clean and repair band uniforms. She has put in countless hours trying to make sure our students have fresh-looking uniforms for the upcoming marching season. Our **pit dads** don't stop working once marching season ends, but continue to come to concerts and arrange chairs and move equipment. **Katherine Weisiger** makes sure we all stay informed by monitoring our e-mail and editing the monthly newsletter. **Vicki Dullaghan** and **Peggy Eckert** arrive early before every concert to make sure that the concert attire is ready

and to assist students in getting dressed (Yes, they are in high school, but they still manage to need assistance dressing in concert attire!). **Kathy Berg** and **Pam Blackburn** make sure that there are parents to chaperone all of our events. **Sandy Bowen** continues to put in a super effort making sure all the *t*'s are crossed and the *i*'s are dotted for our spring trip, and to ensure that the band has money to finance our activities. Speaking of money, we



couldn't survive without our assistant treasurer, **Liesl Delisio**, who is constantly collecting checks and bills, sorting, tallying, and recording information, and our treasurer, **Sandy Zabel**, who makes sure bills are paid on time, money is deposited and financial reports are generated. Thanks to all of you who give of your time!

Looking toward the end of the year, please mark your calendars for May 18th which is the spring concert and May 25th which is the band banquet and awards ceremony (for all

students and family). You will be receiving information on the banquet after spring break and I ask that you pay very close attention to the R.S.V.P. date. I know that all of us are busy, but when families don't R.S.V.P. in a timely fashion, it causes great headaches for our wonderful hospitality czar, **Anne Buckley**. Anne works a full-time job and does her band booster responsibilities in her "free time." Last year, many families waited until long past the required notification date to let Anne know they were coming (including many on the day of the event). This makes it difficult for us to plan and the caterer to have enough food. We aren't going to deny anyone the opportunity to attend, but failure to R.S.V.P. on time means that everyone gets less food for their money. So, **please, please pay attention to the R.S.V.P. date** when you receive the flier. We will also send reminder e-mails.

Finally, **PARENTS OF SENIORS**, we need your help on three fronts. First, **Angela Byrnside** needs your senior information and a senior picture for the spring program. Please e-mail it to Angela Byrnside at abyrnside@comcast.net or put it in an envelope marked "Angela

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Symphonic Band

arrive at JRHS	4:45 pm
buses leave	5:30 pm
arrive at LCBHS	6:30 pm
warm up	7:05 pm
perform	7:40 pm
sightread	8:10 pm
arrive back at JRHS	between 9:45 and 10:00 pm

You are more than welcome to pick up your child from LC Bird HS after we have performed. Please make sure you let a chaperone know that you are taking your child home. I hope you will make every effort to come out and support your child and our band. There is no charge for entry to the performance.

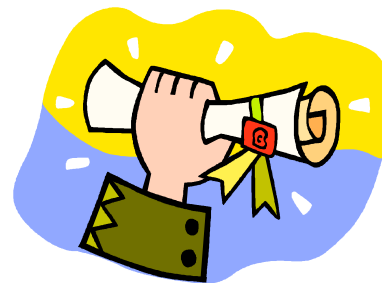
On a different note, this past weekend Connor Powell, John Weisiger, and Aaron Williams traveled to James Madison University to audition for the 2010 All Virginia Band. I am very proud to say that all three gentlemen made the Symphonic Band. Please join me in saying Congratulations to these three fine young musicians who will once again represent James River High School at the All State Band Event. The event this year will be held at Great Bridge High School April 8 – 10th.

Thank you all for everything that you do to continue to support our band program. Please make sure your child is practicing at home! We have a week and a half left!! Let's keep working hard!!! I hope that everyone is doing well!! See you all on the 13th.

With Regiment Pride,
Keith Cottrill

Attention: Seniors and Parents Important Scholarship News !!!

The Band Boosters organization awards scholarships to Band and Auxiliary Squad members who demonstrate their commitment to the James River High School band program through outstanding participation, performance and service. Application packages will be available by March 9, 2010. The application and essay will be due no later than April 20, 2010 at 2:30 P.M. Sorry, but no extensions will be granted. For more information, contact Janet Palmer at mjanetpalmer@verizon.net or (804) 646-7951.



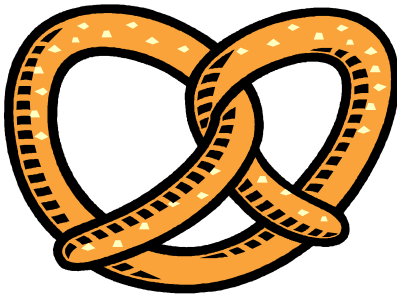
Spring Trip

All students planning on traveling for the spring trip must attend the mandatory pre-trip meeting on April 15, 2010 in the open commons. At least one parent/guardian must attend with the student. We will review trip rules and plans. You must bring your passport to this meeting. We be checking passports. We will have notaries present to notarize medical permission forms.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Cottrill.



Fundraising Zap a Snack Results



Congratulations to Sarah Moss, Britney Berg and Kyle King for selling more than 12 items each. They are entitled to receive free products of their choice.

17 students participated and sold 170 items. They will share in the profits with money going in their student accounts.

Delivery Date to be announced.

Thanks to all who participated.

Spring Banquet

Make sure you plan to participate in our Spring Banquet Raffle. Proceeds again will go to support our award winning program. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the banquet for \$5 each. Prizes include valuable gift cards to area merchants and exciting merchandise items donated by friends of the JRHS Band Boosters. Drawings will take place through out the evening. You must be present to win. If you wish to donate a prize, please contact Sandy Bowen at adbowen@msn.com or 804-370-7877.



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You can purchase your Kroger Care cards from Liesl Delisio. You can contact her at 794-9585 or by email at ldelisio@finitewisdom.com.

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