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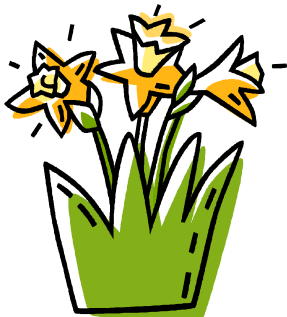
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in May and June

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!!

WHAT AN AMAZING TRIP!!! This past weekend (April 23-25), I had one of the best experiences I have had since I arrived here at James River. Thirty one members of the JRHS Band Program traveled to Baltimore/Annapolis for our Spring Trip. We had a fantastic time! Highlights of our trip include the Baltimore Aquarium, the Baltimore Inner Harbor, a Duck Tour, a Baseball Game Orioles vs the White Sox, touring the Goddard Space Center, walking tour of Annapolis, Annapolis Navy Band Concert, and Six Flags America.

Friday afternoon, we performed at Annapolis High School for 3 judges (two of whom were conductors of the Annapolis Navy Band). The students did an amazing job considering the limited number of rehearsals we had. We received a gold rating (which is the equivalent of a Superior rating) as well as the Adjudicators award for receiving a score of 95 or higher. The students were told by the judge who came on stage to do the clinic that we were the best group of the day. As a result of receiving a Gold Award at the 2009 Annapolis Music Heritage Festival, we have been invited to participate in the National Invitational Band and Orchestra Festival of Gold at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. This will take place next year. More details to come.

Even more important than any of the awards we received, I would like to thank all of the students for their outstanding behavior. We received so many compliments on how well behaved and polite our students were! This proves the true character of our students. I am so proud of them!! Thank you so much to Sandy for helping plan this great trip and to Robin, Mike, and Mel for their help with chaperoning! We could not have done this without you all!!! This was not only a great trip experience, it was a great time for the students and me to get to know each other outside of the band room.

It's SPRING and you know what that means, WE'RE ALMOST DONE... but hang in there, we still have a few more performances left. Our

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



Would someone please tell me how it got to be May already? In one month, our seniors will be marching down the aisle at the Siegel Center to the sounds of the Symphonic Band. How is that possible? Things move so fast. In fact, I'm pretty sure I just wrote my April newsletter article. Nevertheless, I'm writing again and there is news to report.

Our spring trip was a success thanks to the incredible planning and organizational skills of Sandy Bowen. I grew up in a family of railroad employees and, as everyone knows, the railroad is supposed to run on time. Sandy needs to work for Amtrak. Everything went off without a hitch, there was absolutely no down time and we were on schedule for every one of our many activities. Thank you Sandy!

The trip also would not have been possible without the pit crew/chaperone duo of Mike Hunnicutt and the Hunnicutt's family friend, Mel. Things were loaded and unloaded with ease, and the two of them took everything in stride.

Of course, things can run smoothly, but if the students are not well-behaved, no one has a good time. This group of students was outstanding. They were enjoyable to be with, and they received many compliments from the hotel staff and guests. Two students, Ashley Oldani and Patrick Hunnicutt,

were selected to play on stage with the U. S. Naval Academy Band. It was an exciting opportunity for them, and I think all of us, adults and students, were very proud to see them on stage.

Finally, congratulations to Mr. Cottrill and the students for their excellent performance at the Heritage Festival. They received the Gold Award which qualifies them to attend the Heritage Gold Festival at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and they won the Adjudicator's Award for scoring 95 or above out of 100. Mr. Cottrill's ability to select the right music for a small group and the student's willingness to practice seven times after school paid off with a very clean and strong performance.

Don't forget that we still have three big events coming up. On May 20, we will have our spring concert. On May 27, we will have our banquet and awards program which is always a heartwarming experience. Finally, on Saturday, June 6, the Symphonic Band will be playing at graduation. More information will be forthcoming on all of these events. Please don't forget to continue to check the website on a regular basis.

The Executive Board has adopted a new organizational plan and bylaws and the Nominating Committee has been hard at work and announced their nominations for the 2009 –

2010 Board of Directors which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we draw to the end of the year, I want to say "thank you" to all of the awesome volunteers who have made everything run so efficiently. You have made my job a lot easier.

One thing that is very important to me is that everyone know that they are welcome and feel that they are part of the band family. If you have not felt a part of our family, by all means e-mail me and let me know. My intent is to be all-inclusive and, if I or any other board member has made you feel otherwise, I need to know about it. You can contact me at my personal e-mail at robinh@comcast.net.

I look forward to seeing you at the May 20 and May 27 events, and in August at band camp!

Robin Hegner
Band Booster President

REMINDER - the second installment for band camp was due April 18th. If you have not paid your second installment, please do so. Thank you!

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Spring Concert is scheduled for May 20th at 7:00pm. I hope that everyone will be able to come out and enjoy an evening of music! Graduation is scheduled for June 6th. This will be the student's final exam. I will provide more details concerning times as soon as I get them.

We recently finished auditions for the 2009-2010 Symphonic Band. I told the students how impressed I was at how prepared many of them were for the audition. I believe the future is looking very good for the James River Band Program. I know there has been some concern expressed by individuals about the size of our program for next year. Not to worry!! As I said when I interviewed for this position, I am more concerned about quality than quantity. Quality will breed quantity over time.

I wish you all the best and hope that everyone is doing well. Thank you for all that you do for our band program!!

With Regiment Pride,

Keith Cottrill
Director of Bands

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
Ashley Oldani
and
Patrick Hunnicutt
for their performance with the
U. S. Naval Academy Band**

Congratulations on Another Successful Year

For the fifteenth consecutive year, the James River High School Band has upheld its Superior Honor Band status by working hard and earning straight ones at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association District Band Festival. Pictures and audio tracks from the festival are posted on the band website for anyone who missed out on the fun. Congratulations to the 31 students and Mr. Cottrill who attended the band trip in Baltimore for earning the Heritage Gold Award and the Adjudicator's Trophy at the 2009 Annapolis Music Heritage Festival. One last congratulation goes out to the James River Winter Guard for not only winning in their group competition, but also earning fourth place at the AIA Regional Competition Finals at Potomac Senior High School!!!

Ashley Carpenter
Regiment Public Relations

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all the families who have supported the Band Boosters fundraising efforts this past year.

Please be on the look out for your **Ukrop's** Golden Gift Certificates. Yours should be arriving in May. The Band Boosters are collecting those certificates with the hope of having at least 1,000 points so that we can participate in the monetary donations that Ukrops makes to the community each year. Please ask your friends, neighbors and family to donate their Golden Gift certificates to the Band Boosters.

We ask that our families and students collect these certificates and, with their own certificates send them to the band room. Please mark your student's name on the back of the certificates or on the envelope you use to send in the certificates. You can ask your student to take the envelope to the box in Mr. Cottrill's office or mail in your certificates to the school: 3700 James River Road, Midlothian, Virginia 23113. Please mark your envelope "Band Room" to make sure that your certificates get to the band. You can call me, Sandy Bowen at 370-7877 to make other arrangements to ensure timely delivery of your certificates.

Kroger also supports our band program through their Kroger Cares program. This program offers an easy way to contribute to the band and eventually to your student's student account. The cards can be purchased from Liesl Delisio for \$5.00 already "loaded" with \$5 of value. Each card purchased will be linked to the Band Boosters and registered to your student. The card can be "loaded" with cash from your checking account or credit card each time you visit Kroger to shop. Five percent of the value of the purchases that are made at any Kroger anywhere using the Kroger Cares card will be credited to the Band Boosters and your student. Cards will be available for purchase at the Spring Concert on May 20 and the Band Banquet May 27. The good news is that you still can receive your Kroger points and discounts as this is treated as a reloadable gift card for payment purposes. Also if you usually use a credit card to get points you can use that credit card to load the gift card so we all win!



Make sure you come prepared to the Spring Band Banquet on May 27. Local businesses have agreed to make donations to support a small raffle for the benefit of the Band. There will be something for everyone including some cool door prizes. We will be selling the raffle tickets only at the banquet.

The Band Boosters operates largely from the revenue generated by fund raising. The fees that you pay for your student to participate in this program support less than one third of the budget. Profits from the concession stand and Tag Day do not cover the rest of the budget. The various fundraisers offered during the year have to make up the rest. It is very important that every family with a student in the band program make a commitment to support the fundraising efforts that take place during the year.

The first fundraiser for 2009-2010 will be **Tag Day**. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of this program. We will have a sign up sheet at the Spring Banquet and ask that any one interested in helping contact the Band through the web site, calling Mr. Cottrill in the band room or letting Sandy Bowen know. You can count on seeing the **Poinsettia sale** in November. These plants are especially hardy and beautiful. This program offers an excellent opportunity for your student to earn money for their student account. Other fundraising activities will be announced. We will be looking at products to sell as well as taking advantage of popular home sales programs that offer a percentage of sales to the sponsoring organization. Watch the Newsletter for further announcements.

Sandy Bowen
Vice President of Fundraising

**Your Family is Invited to the
End of the Year Band Banquet**

May 27, 2008

6:00pm JRHS Commons

Dinner Buffet:

Baked Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce/Marinara Sauce

Garden Salad

Rolls

Last Names A-H (bring drinks) M-Z (bring dessert)

Cost: \$10/per person

Reservations required by May 15th

R.S.V.P to Mr. Cottrill's office via the band box.

Include the number of people attending and a check made out to JRHS Band Boosters in an envelope.

End of the Year Band Banquet Reservation:

Students Name _____

Number of people attending* _____

*includes student(s).

Paid by Cash _____ or by Check # _____



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of officers to be elected on May 27, 2009 and to take office on July 1, 2009:

President
Vice President of Operations
Vice President of Finance
Vice President of Fundraising
Vice President of Scholarships,
Educational and Special Programs
Vice President of Support Services
Treasurer
Communications Secretary
Recording Secretary

Robin Hegner
Liesl Delisio
Jim Webb
Sandy Bowen

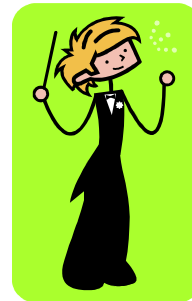
Teresa Albertson
Mike Hunnicutt
Sandy Zabel
Sharon Dunkum
Angela Byrnside

Respectfully submitted

Dianna Gettas
Liesl Delisio
Caryn Herman

Concert Attire

Don't forget! The band concert is on May 20th and all the guys need to bring their cleaned and pressed tux shirts for the concert.



After the concert, Seniors will need to return their tux shirts. There will be a band parent there after the concert to check off the Senior's names as they return their shirts so there is no impediment to graduation.

All other band members will need to keep their shirts so they are ready for Graduation.

Contact/E-mail Updates:

Send changes to your mailing address/e-mail to:
jrhsboosters@yahoo.com

Bugle Articles:

Articles are due the 24th of each month. E-mail them to our mailbox at:
jrhsboosters@yahoo.com

JRHS Band Boosters Board of Directors

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