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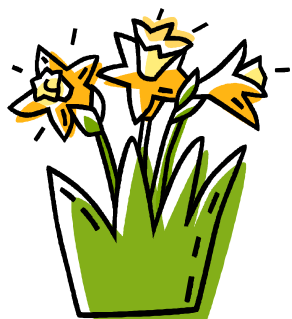
TAKE  NOTE

In May

MAY 11
Booster Meeting
Board 6:15 pm
General Membership
7:30 pm
JRHS Library

MAY 18
Spring Concert
7:00 p.m.

MAY 25
Band Banquet
6:15 p.m.



A Message from the Director:

Greetings From the Band Room!!

I hope everyone is doing well and is enjoying the great spring weather we have been having. We have had a lot happen in the James River Band Program since our last Bugle was sent out.

I would like to congratulate all of the members of our Symphonic Band and our Concert Band for earning a rating of Superior at the District 3 Concert Band Festival. I am very proud of all of the hard work that these students have put into learning this music, especially with the loss of rehearsals due to snow. The judges were very complimentary to both groups by giving us comments like "Great Performance!", "Love the March!", and "Congratulations on a very fine performance!". By earning a Superior at the District 3 Concert Festival and at the VBODA State Marching Festival, the James River Band Program has earned the distinction of Virginia Honor Band for the 16th year in a row. We should all be very proud of what these students have accomplished. Please encourage your child to continue to work hard at home and during rehearsals so that we may continue to keep the streak alive!

April was a busy month. We had two major events take place. First we had three students represent James River at the All Virginia Band and Orchestra Event April 8th – 10th. They were **Connor Powell** – Percussion, **John Weisiger** – Percussion, and **Aaron Williams** – Tenor Sax. These three students traveled to Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, Va. I am very proud of what these three fine musicians have accomplished and how well they represented our band program. In 2012, James River High School will be hosting the All Virginia Band and Orchestra Event. I would like to challenge our students to work very hard between now and then so that we will have representation at our own school!!

The other big event that took place this past month was our Spring Trip. This year, members of the Regiment went on a 4 day 3 night

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From the President

Marching Forward...



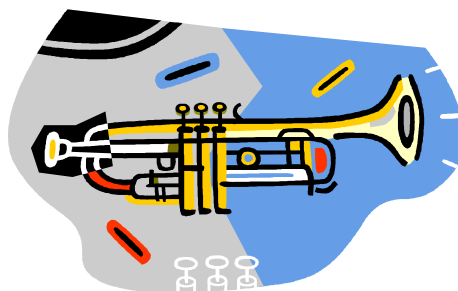
I'm writing this on the Sunday after prom, and I've spent the afternoon scanning pictures of our seniors for our program to be handed out at our spring concert and for our slideshow at our May 25th awards program.

Between seeing so many of our band students last night when I was working post-prom, and scanning these pictures, I find myself being reflective today and, yes, since one of those seniors is my son, a little weepy as well. Wow, where did the time go? It seems like just yesterday that I was dropping Michael off for his first day of band camp. I remember he was both excited and scared at the prospect of standing out on the pavement with high school seniors and having Mr. Stegner up in the crow's nest yelling down directions. And here we are today, Mr. Stegner has been enjoying his retirement for two years, we are two years into a new era under the direction of Mr. Cottrill, and band camp is a thing of the past!

My time as a James River High School band booster has been an incredible experience. I value the friendships that I have made through my involvement in boosters. There are so many wonderful memories that I will treasure about Friday night football games, riding the bus to competitions, helping get kids get dressed for concerts (who knew high schoolers still needed so much help getting dressed?), decorating for banquets, and handing out ice

packs and Tylenol at band camp. In each one of those memories, someone I met through my involvement with the boosters figures prominently.

So, my parting message to you is don't miss out on this incredible experience - GET INVOLVED! The rewards far outweigh any inconvenience it might cause you. I won't lie, sometimes it's exhausting and my house certainly isn't as neat as it would have otherwise been, but it is well-worth the effort. I have so enjoyed working to support the students in this program. They are wonderful young men and women with bright futures.



The year's not over yet, so there are still opportunities to get involved now! Our May 18th spring concert is always enjoyable and we will need our pit crew to help move stands and chairs, as well as concert attire help (i.e., the aforementioned helping high schoolers get dressed). On May 25th, we have our annual family banquet, salute to all of our seniors, and awards ceremony for all band students (concert and marching). I know I need help decorating that afternoon, and Anne

Buckley can always use some extra hands in the serving line and help cleaning up. On June 10th, the symphonic band will make its annual pilgrimage to the VCU Siegel Center to play for graduation at 7:00 p.m. Chaperones are always needed, so contact Kathy Berg if you can help.

There are so many people that I'd like to thank this month, but space is limited. So, if I don't say your name, please know that I do appreciate all that you do to make this organization run smoothly and help our band students and director. **Sandy Bowen**, thank you for making another spring trip a success. Everyone had an awesome time, and much of it is due to your organization and unbelievable amount of energy. **Liesl Delisio**, you, too, were instrumental in getting our ship to sail in April. Without your willingness to collect checks, keep records, and make calls, the trip would not have happened. **Mr. Cottrill**, thanks for all of the work you did to make the trip a memorable experience for our children. To all of you who chaperoned the spring trip, my hat's off to you. It's not everyone who would pay money to chaperone 70-some high school students on a cruise ship! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Katherine Weisiger, thank you for your patience with me in getting my newsletter articles to you. I started out so strong, but

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cruise to the Bahamas. The band left JRHS Wednesday night and traveled to Port Canaveral, FL where we boarded the "Carnival Sensation". Highlights of the trip included enjoying the benefits of a luxury cruise liner, spending an afternoon on a private beach in the Bahamas, and performing on the main stage with members of the Manchester HS band.

This was the first time I have ever taken a group of students on a trip like this. I am so proud of the way that they behaved! We received so many compliments about not only the way they performed but on how well behaved they were!! This trip would not have been a success if it had not been for all of our chaperones. I cannot thank you all enough for giving up your time so that our students could have this experience! I would especially like to thank **Sandy Bowen** for everything that she did to make this trip a success and **Les and Angela Byrnside** for driving the instruments to and from Port Canaveral. In my 12 years of teaching, this was by far one of the best band trips I have ever been on. We will definitely do this trip again in the near future!

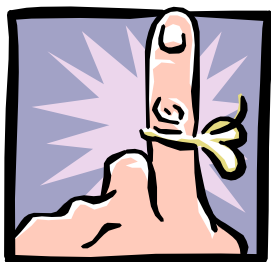
A couple of final thoughts. The marching band forms have been sent out. If your child is planning on participating in marching band in the fall, please make sure that they return their forms along with the deposit. Please pay close attention to the dates for band camp. Attendance at band camp is MANDATORY!! Our Spring Concert is scheduled for May 18th at 7:00pm. Please plan on attending. The students have been working very hard to prepare for this. You don't want to miss it! Thank you all for everything that you do to support our program!

With Regiment Pride,
Keith Cottrill

REMINDER

The second
installment for
band camp is due
May 14th.

Please don't
forget.
Thank you!



Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of the James River High School Band Boosters proposes the following slate of officers for 2010-2011 to be voted on at our May 25th banquet:

President – Maribeth Cowan
Vice President of Operations – Liesl Delisio
Vice President of Finance – Jim Webb
Vice President of Fundraising – Chris Allen
Vice President of Scholarships, Education,
and Special Programs – Teresa Albertson
Vice President of Support Services – Mike Hunnicutt
Treasurer – Katherine Weisiger
Communications Secretary – Sharon Dunkum
Recording Secretary – Angela Byrnside

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Albertson
Pam Blackburn
Anne Buckley
Liesl Delisio

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as the year progressed, I got later and later. **Sandy Zabel**, you are an awesome treasurer! Your timeliness and diligence will be missed next year! I am a lucky leader, because I have had two incredible boards and leadership teams to work with over the past two years. It has made my job so much easier and not a day goes by that I don't thank my lucky stars.

Finally, **John Titus**, you've heard me say it a million times, but I am going to say it once more. You are the best principal that I have ever come in contact with as a parent, or as a school board attorney. James River High School is fortunate to have you as its leader. Your dedication to our band and to all school organizations, and your leadership style is admirable. Thank you!

All of you should be proud of being a part of this organization. We serve as a model for other parent groups in terms of hard work, organization, and efficiency. Plus, they should all look to us as a model for having fun while working. Next year, my son will be 613 miles away (I "Mapquested" the exact mileage just so I could get even more weepy), but all of you, the good friends I have made through band, will be right around the corner. I'm looking forward to seeing you next year and keep up the good work!

Robin

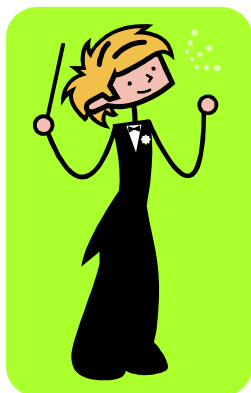
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Spring Concert

Our spring concert is May 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. As is tradition, we will have a reception after the concert for performers and their guests. Please bring the following on the 18th when you come to the concert:

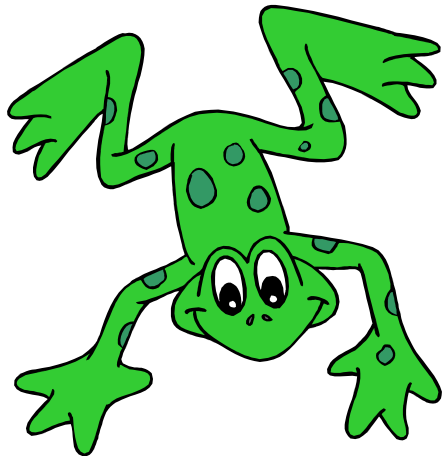
Last names A - L bring two 2-litre bottles of soda. Last names M - Z bring a dessert.

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Concert Attire

Parents, please make sure that your band members have their shoes, shirts, ties and cummerbunds ready and with them for our Spring Concert and Graduation. A special thanks to the parents who continue to help with concert attire! We will need help before the Spring Concert on May 18th and Graduation on June 10th. If anyone is available, please email vdullaghan@comcast.net or peggyeckert@verizon.net



Hop Into Summer

May 25, 2010
6:15 p.m.

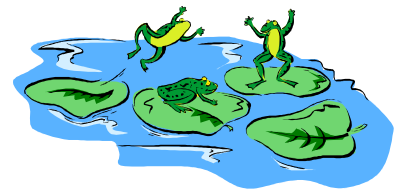
JRHS Open Commons

*Students and Family
Members:*

Come enjoy a dinner catered by **Joe's Inn** followed by our annual band (marching and concert) awards program and tribute to our seniors.

Cost is \$7.00/person

Persons who R.S.V.P. after May 19th will incur an additional charge of \$3.00 per person



Please R.S.V. P. to Anne Buckley
a.buckley@comcast.net *and* send checks
made out to JRHS Band Boosters to the Band
Room no later than **May 19, 2010.**



**Raise money for the Band by
buying groceries you need any-
way!**

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

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You can reach any member of the Board members at jrhsboosters@yahoo.com

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