



# JRHS BUGLE

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NOTE

## In November

NOVEMBER 6  
**Poinsettia Sales Begin**

NOVEMBER 7  
**Senior Night  
Home vs. Midlothian**

NOVEMBER 18  
**BOOSTER MEETING**  
Board 6:15 PM  
General Membership  
7:30 PM  
JRHS Library

NOVEMBER 20  
**Poinsettia Orders and  
Money Due**



**A Message from the Director:**

## **Greetings From the Band Room!!**

**We** did it!!

On October 18<sup>th</sup> the JRHS Regiment traveled to Liberty HS in Bealeton, Va. to compete in the VBODA State Marching Competition. The band received a rating of SUPERIOR! Not only that, they received superior ratings from all five judges!! Out of the 19 bands that attended the competition that weekend, only five received a rating of superior. This fulfills half of the requirement to becoming an honor band. We will next compete at the VBODA District Concert Band Festival in March. I am very proud of all the hard work the kids put into the show this year. They have had to overcome many different obstacles from getting used to a new director to filling in many holes in the drill (which is not easy to do).

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for all of your help with our 2008 marching season. This band would not be a Superior band without Superior parents! For the short time that I have been here, I have been really impressed with the amount of parental support this band has and how welcomed you all have made my family and me feel! Thank you to everyone who helped out

Thanks again to everyone!! On to concert season!!

With Regiment Pride,

*Keith Cottrill*

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



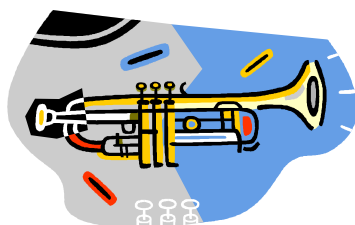
**Superior** – [suh-peer'-ee-er] – adj. meaning above the average in excellence, merit, intelligence; of higher grade or quality. [1350 – 1400 Middle English < Latin *super* meaning situated above + *ior* a comparative suffix]. The word has been around for centuries and says a great deal.

For band students, their parents, and instructors, it is a word that they strive to hear at that pivotal moment at competitions when ratings are announced. It is the goal they have worked tirelessly for since August. Superior. One word that means so much to so many. It is a word that our Regiment heard at every competition this season. Most importantly, it is the rating that they received on October 18 at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association Festival at Bealton, Virginia.

Congratulations Regiment members, Mr. Cottrill and staff! Your hard work has paid off. Your band booster organization is extremely proud of you! Thanks to all of our parent volunteers who helped make it happen, including our newly formed VBODA Spirit Week committee.

Today, as I write this, I am looking to the future to another exciting opportunity for the band – the 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade. The parade consists of approximately 55 elements chosen from more than 300 applicants. As part of the application process, we must submit a nar-

rative that includes answers to several questions, one of them being “What makes the group distinct from other groups?” I've been giving that a great deal of thought today as I tackle the application and one thing that automatically comes to mind is the fact that we are one of only two schools in the Commonwealth that have been a Virginia Honor Band every year of the school's existence. With our “superior” rating last weekend, we are just one step away from being declared a Virginia Honor Band for the 15<sup>th</sup> straight year (to become a Virginia Honor Band, you have to receive a superior rating for both your marching band and your symphonic band).



Many other things come to mind that may not be appropriate for inclusion in our Inaugural Parade application, but they are things that make our Regiment distinct from other groups. I mentioned quite a few in my article last month regarding volunteers needed at a football game. This month, I'd like to mention one group in particular – our concession stand volunteers. In my opinion, this is one of the most difficult volunteer opportunities in the band. It takes countless hours of planning and setting up each week to prepare

not only for the home varsity games, but also the junior varsity and freshman games.

Our concession stand coordinators, **Barbara Bly** and **Chris Scholz**, do a remarkable job of keeping an inventory of supplies and purchasing needed items. **Gwen Schmidt** makes sure that there are plenty of volunteers to be in the stand to start cooking in the afternoon, long before the game begins and the crowds arrive. She also has a great group of volunteers to staff the concession stand during the games. It is a frenzy of activity in the concession stand during the games and everyone does it with a smile on their face. Thank you to all of our concessions volunteers, including **Sue Collins** and **Jill Schildkamp** who stay after the game to count the concession stand proceeds. You get a “superior” in my book!

One more superior rating must be given to our official band photographer, **Jeff Saxman**. If you have not taken the time to look at the hundreds of pictures that Jeff has taken at our games and competitions, I urge you to go to [www.jamesriverband.org](http://www.jamesriverband.org) and follow the link to the pictures. Thanks also to **Bob Daffron** who has also taken a great number of pictures as well. Of course, without our outstanding web-master, **Jane**



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## Final Tag Day Results

Tag Day is the Band Boosters' main fundraiser, and it is finally over! Our Tag Day efforts raised over \$20,000 for the band!

Normally, Tag Day is a one day event, but this year, the drum line had the idea of playing at the grocery stores where we usually solicit donations. Having the drumline play was much more effective than just sitting at a table in uniform. However, once we had to reschedule Tag Day, it was hard to find a spot on the Kroger calendar to reschedule the drumline. November 1 was open, and being the day after Halloween, we know why - no one wanted to solicit so early after such a late night. But, the drum line played and raised the final amount for Tag Day.



Thank you to all the drumline parents and students who helped us wrap up Tag Day, Saturday, November 1. While the drumline played, parents solicited funds and although the day started out sleepy (for the kids, volunteer adults and Kroger customers, too) by the time we left we had people donating and even asking if they could write checks as we were closing up shop. The final tally for the day was \$514.

We would especially like to thank **Cassie Price**, **Sandy Bowen**, and **Ann Powell** who did a great job with solicitations. Thank you to **Ron Powell** who provided the transport for the trailer and to **Kevin Cook** who got up early to meet Ron to help hitch the trailer.

There were little kids there who were looking forward to seeing the band at Robious in the coming week, and the drumline let them play the bass and snare during a song. It was quite sweet to see this community outreach. We also had a grandma dancing with her walker - we may have that on video.

We could not have done this without the drivers: **Peggy Cerreto** and **Cheryl Ireland** - who also supplied food for the kids.

Thank you all. With this event and the Chesterfield Towne Center Grand Opening, we exceeded any past Kroger Tag Day!

And, now, Tag Day Season is officially complete!

Lisa Germano and Laura Duke

### Student Band Pictures

Mr. Cottrill still has a number of student band pictures in his office. If you paid for pictures and haven't received them, please have your student pick them up from Mr. Cottrill.



### Looking for a Golf Cart

The golf cart that the Band Boosters used for several years had to be returned to its owners. The golf cart was extremely helpful to the band, particularly during band camp, and we would love to find another one to replace it. If you know of anyone who has a golf cart that they would be willing to donate, please contact Robin Hegner at [robinh@comcast.net](mailto:robinh@comcast.net).

## 2008 POINSETTIA SALE

For at least the past 10 years the Band Boosters have sold Poinsettia plants as a fund raiser. This program began in 1997 when the poinsettia plants that the Band Boosters had bought to decorate the stage at the Winter concert were sold to the parents and families who had attended the concert. It has been one of our most successful and important fund raising projects ever since. This year we need to sell at least 1300 plants to make our stated goal.



The programs sponsored by the Band Boosters this school year will cost approximately \$115,000.00. Of that amount about \$50,000.00 comes from the participation fees you pay for your student, \$20,000.00 comes from Tag Day and \$15,000.00 comes from Concession profits. The rest of what is needed comes from fund raising programs such as this and others we run during the year.

It is very important to have support for this sale from every regiment member and their families. The plants are beautiful and hardy. The price is just a bit better than what a person could buy the plant for from a store. Most importantly, the profits go to support our students' participation in the band program. In the past cash incentives/prizes have encouraged participation by the students.

We do recognize that circumstances in some families prevent them from being able to actively support this particular effort. Therefore, we have established an "opt-out" option. If you wish to have your student opt out of this fundraising opportunity, then you may make a tax deductible donation to the Band Boosters in the amount of \$60.00. This represents some of the profit the Band Boosters would receive if your student sold 5 plants. The Opt Out form is on the band web site for your use. ([www.jamesriverband.org](http://www.jamesriverband.org))

The sale starts November 6. The entire package of information, including a description of the incentives and order forms, was sent home with your student and will also be available on our web site under the forms tab in PDF format.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Bowen at 370-7877 or by email at [adbowen@msn.com](mailto:adbowen@msn.com). Robin Hegner, President of the Boosters ([robinh@comcast.net](mailto:robinh@comcast.net)) and Keith Cottrill ([keith\\_cottrill@ccpsnet.net](mailto:keith_cottrill@ccpsnet.net)) 804-378-4448 can also answer any questions you may have.

Sandy Bowen  
Vice President of Fundraising



### Band Work Day a Success

Thank you to all of the students and parents who volunteered to help clean up the band room. As a result of everyone's efforts, the band room is much neater now, all the instruments have been engraved and logged into the computer, the closets are organized, and files have been purged and organized. The hard work paid off!

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**Daffron**, Bob and Jeff's work could not be seen. Thanks, Jane!

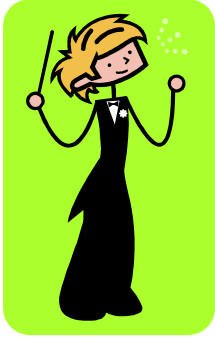
Marching band season may be drawing to a close, but there is still much work to be done during concert season. I encourage you

to continue your support of the band boosters by participating in upcoming fundraising projects, attending concerts and joining us at our monthly band booster meetings. There are still a lot of superior activities in store!

*Robin Hegner*  
JRHS Band Booster President



## Concert Attire Update



After several class periods, we have almost all band members fitted in concert attire. If your band member was absent on the day their class was fitted, please contact me to arrange a fitting. A special thanks to all who have helped with the fittings! By the time the Bugle went to press we had completed the fittings for Concert Band, and I would like to specially thank **Sue Collins, Jill Schildkamp, Mary Blanton, Peggy Eckert and Connie James** for their wonderful help. Thank you also to all those who came out for the marathon fitting for Symphonic Band.

I am seeking volunteers to help "dress" our bands before and after the Christmas concerts on December 10th and 11th, and especially on the 10th as it will be the first time the band members are all dressed in their concert finery. Please let me know if you are available to assist. Again, thank you to everyone for their help!

Vicki Dullaghan  
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