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TAKE  NOTE

In November

NOVEMBER 4
Poinsettia Sales Begin

NOVEMBER 13
Home vs. Monacan
Senior Night

NOVEMBER 17
Booster Meeting
Board 6:15 PM
General Membership
7:30 PM
JRHS Library



A Message from the Director:

Greetings From the Band Room!!

WE DID IT!!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS to all of the members of the Regiment on an outstanding...SUPERIOR... performance at the VBODA State Marching Festival.

Had I know how the weather would have been this season, I would have played highlights from "Singing In The Rain"! I am very proud of our students! How they maintained a positive attitude after a rough start at our first competition to maintaining their composure when performing in bad weather. This marching season was anything but dull. By receiving a Superior rating at the VBODA State Marching Festival, we have completed half of the requirement for becoming a Virginia Honor Band. The next half will take place in March at the District 3 Concert Festival.

I would also like to say a BIG thank you to all of the parents who helped us out this weekend. We really appreciate everything that you all do and the amount of personal time that you give up to keep this band program running. THANK YOU!!!!

What's next? We will have two more rehearsals. They will be November 5th and 12th. This is to get us ready for the football game November 13th (Senior Night). Our Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 9th and 10th. All District Band Auditions will be December 12th at JRHS. Please encourage your child to audition! Since we are hosting the auditions, all students will be required to help. For the spring trip, please make sure you have taken care of your passport. You must have a valid passport in order to go on the trip. More information on the trip will be coming.

Thank you again for all of your continued support of the James River HS Band Program!! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please email me or call me at school.

With Regiment Pride,

Keith Cottrill

From the President

Marching Forward...

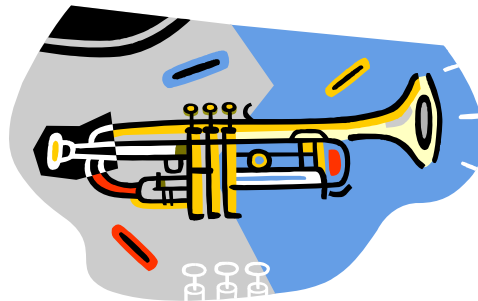


Did you hear it - the screams of elation, the whoops of joy, the exclamations of excitement, and the sighs of relief? I did on Saturday, October 24th at the VBODA State Marching Band Festival, and it was thrilling.

Congratulations to all of our Regiment members and to Mr. Cottrill for a job well-done. You are SUPERIOR! The Boosters are proud of all of you. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped along the way. You all are awesome!

But don't let the fact that our last competition has come and gone lead you to believing the Boosters' job is done. It's not. We are a year-round organization and we still have a lot of "boosting" to do! Senior Night is Friday, November 13th, so parents of seniors should plan to be at the football game and be prepared to be introduced. Your senior should be providing more information to you, as well as our e-mail updates.

In addition, we are hosting All-District Band try-outs at James River High School on Saturday, December 12th and our coordinator for this event, Teresa Albertson, is going to need your help. This is a time for us to show off our school and our ability to pull off an event that will set a new standard for ex-



cellence. Please give generously of your time when Teresa sends out requests for assistance. All of the schools in our district, which includes several cities and counties, will be looking at us to see how we do. Let's show them that, when we have a job to do, we work as hard as our kids have worked this fall.

Pay close attention to fundraising information included within this newsletter. We are trying to provide several ways for your sons and daughters to earn some money to off-set the cost of the spring trip. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

Do you hear it -the buzzing of busy JRHS Band Booster bees working to support this wonderful program, the laughter of friends enjoying themselves while volunteering for a common cause? Those are the sounds of a successful program and I hope you hear my huge shout of "thank you" to all who make it possible!

Robin Hegner
Band Booster President

Drumline and Guard Lead JDRF Walk

Thank you to the **Guard** and **Drumline** for leading off the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk again this year!



You got the walk off to a great start and made us feel so proud!

Concert Attire Update

The shirt and accessories orders have been placed and the items will be given to your band members near Thanksgiving. A special thanks goes to the parents who helped fit our band members for concert attire!

We will also need assistance in "suing up" our band members before the December concerts on December 9th and 10th. Please contact Vicki Dullaghan at vdullaghan@comcast.net if you are available to help on those nights!





Jazz Band News

The James River High School Jazz Band has begun rehearsals for the 2009-2010 season on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00. This year promises to be a meaningful learning experience for the band members under the direction of VCU's Bryan Hooten. In the past three years, participating students have learned a great deal about jazz music and improvisation; have performed at the winter and spring concerts, Titan Jazz Festival at Trinity School, and Chesterfield Towne Center; and have had a great time.

We are very happy to welcome back Bryan Hooten (www.vcu.edu/arts/music/dept/faculty/hooten.html) as the Jazz Band Director. Bryan is an adjunct professor of jazz and music theory at VCU where he teaches Small Jazz Ensembles, Jazz Trombone and Jazz Composition. He also serves on the music faculty of the Governor's School for the Humanities and Visual and Performing Arts. He plays trombone as a member of Ombak (www.ombakmusic.com), NO BS! Brass Band (www.myspace.com/nobsbrass), Fight the Big Bull (www.myspace.com/fightthebigbull), and Verbatim (on Facebook), ensembles that have recorded with world-renowned solo artists to critical acclaim. This year, his fourth with James River, Bryan will be working on new arrangements, including popular tunes, and will be spending time with students on improvisation.

To offset costs for this activity, a fee of \$150.00 will be charged for students participating in Jazz Band. This fee is similar to the fees charged for Rapid Fire or Winter Guard. Fees need to be turned in to the Band Boosters' box in Mr. Cottrill's office by November 19. (Checks should be made out to JRHS Band Boosters.) Please speak with Mr. Cottrill about any financial considerations.

If you have any questions about the Jazz Band, please contact Bryan Hooten bryan.hooten@gmail.com or Peg Williams peg.williams@gmail.com. Thank you for your support -- we look forward to an exciting year!

Peg and Larry Williams
JRHS Band Boosters' Jazz Band Representatives

Redskin Raffle

There are 85 raffle ticket books out among you but only 67 ticket stubs and money have been turned in to date. For all of you who have sold tickets, please please, turn in your stubs and the money you have collected. Put the stubs and money in the brown envelope the tickets were in and put it in the box in Mr. Cottrill's office. If you do not want to use the box in the band room and want to turn in the stubs and money contact Chris Allen at cgallen9@verizon.net or Sandy Bowen at adbowen@msn.com and we will arrange to get your stubs and money from you. Raffle rules require that we account for all sold and unsold tickets. If you do not think you can sell any tickets, please turn in your ticket book and we will reissue it to someone else. If you want more tickets to sell, let us know that too. This is a great way to earn money for your student account.

The winner's name will be drawn at the Winter Concert on December 10 at 8:00p.m.
Sandy Bowen



POINSETTIAS ARE COMING !!!!!!!

It is almost time..... You can start reminding friends, family and co-workers that your student will be selling poinsettias again this year. Order forms and instructions will be on the band web site Wednesday, November 4 and available in the Band Room. The small plants will sell for \$15 for the large plants will sell for \$20. The colors are red and white. All the plants come with a pot cover and attractive wrapping paper.



Everyone is expected to participate. Like Tag Day, this fund raiser is mandatory for every member of the Regiment. However, there is an opportunity to earn money for student accounts with this sale. For every plant sold over 10 a student will receive an \$8.00 credit to their student account.

There will be a drawing for CA\$H prizes once all orders are in. The more plants the Regiment sells the bigger the cash prizes will be. To be eligible for the drawing for a cash prize, a student has to sell 5 plants or more. The cash prize can be deposited into the student's account or taken in cash. There will also be cash prizes for the three students who sell the most plants.

These are beautiful hardy plants and we are very fortunate to have the support of Strange's Florist and Taylor Made For You to make this sale a success.

Delivery will be December 2, 2009 between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Open Commons. Volunteers are needed to help that afternoon. If you can help that day please let Sandy Bowen know at adbowen@msn.com or at 370-7877.

Watch the web site for more details, order forms and dates for the drawing and other important announcements.

Spirit Wear

Most of the Spirit Wear that was ordered in September has been delivered. Unfortunately, the flannel pajama pants were delayed but are expected this week. There are a few items in stock that can be purchased at any time (*great Christmas gifts!*).

Everything is embroidered with the Regiment logo in white:

- Purple fleece blankets \$20.
- Purple "dinkle" bags (small - 14"x18") \$15.
- Purple and black sport duffle bag with shoe pockets (*great for cruise trip!*) \$30.
- Knit beanies \$12.

Once the pajama pants come in, there should be extras of those as well for \$22. They are purple plaid with JRHS Band screened on the waist.

To purchase any of the above, simply e-mail Celeste Alcorta at cjalcorta@verizon.net.

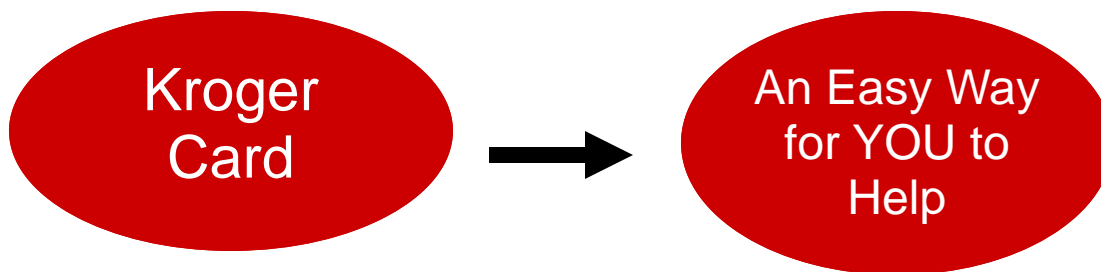


KROGER CARES

How can shopping at Kroger help the Band?

Do you know that our band needs over \$110,000 this year to operate?

Do you also know that even with all our fund raisers and events, we are not projecting to bring in that much money?



- Number of band families = 98
- Average family spend at the grocery store = \$100/week (food/etc.)
- Average family spend for gas = \$25/week
- Total family spend = \$125/50 weeks = \$6,250
- Kroger rebate to Band = 5% = \$312 per year per family

If every band family used the card, \$30,625 would go to the band!!!!

THIS PROGRAM COSTS YOU NOTHING EXTRA. Only Kroger Care cards purchased from the Boosters are linked by Kroger to the Boosters. The cards can be used at any Kroger anywhere in the United States. Family members, neighbors, friends can shop at Kroger just as they usually do but by paying with the Kroger Cares card every dollar they spend benefits the Boosters.

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

December 12th, 2009 SAVE THIS DATE

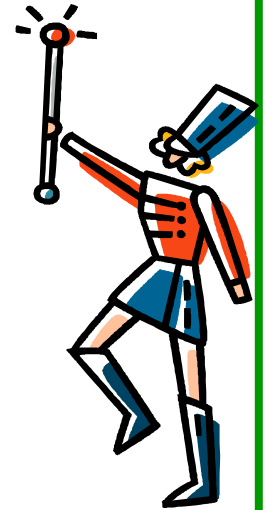
Save the date for All District Auditions at JRHS. We are expecting 1,000 middle school and high school students that day. We need A LOT of volunteers and will be working in shifts. More information to follow.

If you are available to help, please contact Teresa Albertson at Nut4Manilow@aol.com

Thank You from the Uniform Moms

The uniform moms have greatly appreciated the outpouring of help from parents on keeping the uniforms properly cared for and cleaned. We extend a heartfelt "Thank you!" to the following parents: **Teresa Albertson, Celeste Alcorta, Lisa Allen, Tricia Ayers, Cindy Childress, Teresa Collins, Brehonda Cuff, Maribeth Cowan, Vicki Dullaghan, Laura Griggs, Sandi Holahan, Donna Huang, Sally Hunnicutt, Tina Kendall, Andee Kirk, Anne Kurz, Cassie Price, Candy Rowe, Tami Sanchez, Susie Stough, Yaoying Tan, Lisa Thayer, Mary Torrente, Katherine Weisiger.** We continue to thank **Andee Kirk** for the countless hours she has given to mending collars, snaps, and zippers, as well as categorizing the uniforms, to keep them in the best possible shape for future years. We also thank those who have stayed after games and competitions to help us lay out gauntlets and plumes and fold uniform bags---whew!

Mary Blanton and Sharon Pastore



Contact/E-mail Updates:

Send changes to your mailing address/e-mail to:
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Articles are due the 24th of each month. E-mail them to our mailbox at
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