



# JRHS BUGLE

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TAKE  NOTE

## In September

SEPTEMBER 11  
**Home vs. Freeman HS**

SEPTEMBER 12  
**Tag Day**

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

SEPTEMBER 18  
**Away Game  
vs. Midlothian  
Performance at 7:00**

SEPTEMBER 19  
**Band Competition  
CD Hylton HS**

SEPTEMBER 24  
**Back to School Night  
Performance**

SEPTEMBER 25  
**Home vs. Cosby HS**

SEPTEMBER 26  
**Band Competition  
Hermitage HS**



### A Message from the Director:

## Greetings From the Band Room!!

WELCOME BACK to all of the returning students and parents, and WELCOME to all of our new band members and their parents!!!! I hope everyone had a very restful summer. What a difference a year makes!! Band camp is over and we are off to a great start! I am very impressed with the attitude of our students this year. They have worked very hard over these past several weeks and it is starting to pay off. We have a fantastic leadership core in our band program this year! I would like to personally thank our drum majors and section leaders for their hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work!! I would also like to thank all of the parents who helped out with band camp this year! We could not have done it without you.

Our first competition will be September 19<sup>th</sup> at CD Hylton. I know that many of you have been asking for times. I will let you know as soon as I know. As of 9/10/09, I have not heard anything from them concerning a schedule. As soon as I get it, I will pass it on. Our next competition will be September 26<sup>th</sup> at Hermitage HS. We are scheduled to perform at 8:30pm. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 10:05pm. The University of Virginia Cavalier Marching Band will be performing at 9:45pm. I will get more information out as to the times students need to arrive at JRHS and what time we should return. The other competitions are October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Midlothian HS, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Stafford HS, and October 24<sup>th</sup>, the VBODA State Marching Festival, at Liberty HS in Bealton, Va. More details to come as I get them.

As I announced at the band camp banquet, our Spring Trip for 2010 will be a 4 day 3 night CRUISE TO THE BAHAMAS!! I know that many of you have questions concerning the trip. I have invited Earl Shaffer (band director at Cosby HS) to come and speak at our next booster meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Cosby HS went on the same trip last year. He will be available to answer any questions you may have concerning the trip based on his experience last year. Please make every effort to attend.

There will be fundraisers available to help offset the cost of the trip. Please be on the lookout for further announcements.

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*From the President*

## Marching Forward...



In the mid-to-late 1920s, most of Chicago's top musicians moved to New York City. Ever since then, New York City has been the jazz capital of the world. Many would say that nearly every major jazz style of the past seventy years has been initiated in the Big Apple. This year, we start our band year off with a tribute to the New York jazz scene with our marching band show performed by the Regiment entitled "A New York State of Mind."

Like the population of New York, our band family is composed of a diverse student and parent population, filled with talent. I invite you to get involved and share your talent and time with us. While the hardest work is done on the field and in the band room, it takes many dedicated volunteers to run this band program. Everyone has something to offer. Not every job is a year-long commitment. If you're not sure where you can get involved, feel free to call me. My telephone number and e-mail are in the Parent-Student Handbook and on the website at [www.jamesriverband.org](http://www.jamesriverband.org).

Speaking of the website, that is your first stop for information. Our webmaster, **Jane Daffron**, and her able assistant, **Bob Daffron**, do an out-

standing job of keeping us all informed. If you haven't had a chance to look at the band camp pictures they have posted, take a moment and get a glimpse at how hard our kids have been working these last few weeks to get ready to take the field.



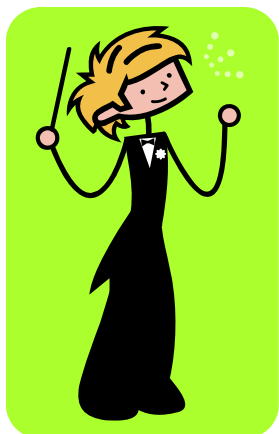
I want to thank all of the volunteers who have been busy this summer to make this a great year for the James River High School band programs. **Carol Giles** and **Mary Beth Cowan** and their team of chaperones have done an excellent job of making sure band camp goes off without a hitch. **Mary Blanton** and **Sharon Pastore** have worked tirelessly measuring students and getting uniforms ready for picture day on August 31 and Tag Day on September 12. Thanks to all who have been helping them the last few weeks by measuring and sewing.

**Ann Powell, Mary Torrente** and **Stephanie Burton** are hard at work organizing our most important fundraiser of the year – Tag Day. **Chris Scholz, Debbie Welch** and **Paula Webb** are preparing to feed the masses at the concession stand at home football games. **Ann Buckley** and her team are organizing our summer dinner celebration on September 2. Our Pit Crew Coordinators, **Mike Hunnicutt** and **Sam Burns**, have lined the practice lot, prepared the trailers and are working to get volunteers for our "World Famous Pit Crew."

The Board has met several times over the summer to budget and plan and I want to thank all of them for giving of their time. It is a privilege to work with you, **Liesl Delisio, Jim Webb, Sandy Bowen, Teresa Albertson, Mike Hunnicutt, Sandy Zabel, Sharon Dunkum, Angela Byrnside** and **Mr. Cottrill**. Finally, I want to say a special thank you to **Pam** and **Mike Blackburn, Susan** and **Dave Brown**, and **Tera** and **Gary Holland** for making the time and financial commitment to accompany our kids to Busch Gardens on August 29. The kids had a tremendous time and they would not have been able to go without these chaperones.

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## Concert Attire Update



It is hard to believe that we are thinking about life after marching band season, but work on concert attire has already begun! By now, your student should have been fitted for their tux or dress. We would like to send a huge thank you to the band moms who helped with the fittings. If your student has not been fitted, please contact Peggy Eckert or Vicki Dullaghan to have your student ready for the winter concerts.

We have varied our procedure from last year and gone back to our previous practice of having the students purchase their own shirts, ties and cummerbunds. **A form to order the items has already been sent home and needs to be returned to the band room with the correct sizes for the shirts and a check for \$27.00 by September 18, 2009.** There may be a limited number of shirts, ties, etc. from

last year available at a reduced price and we will have the information and forms available on the website. We will distribute the items to the students before the winter concert and the students will be responsible for bringing them to and from the concerts and other activities as needed.

Again, thank you for your help and cooperation with concert attire. We can be reached @ [vdullaghan@comcast.net](mailto:vdullaghan@comcast.net) and [peggyeckert@verizon.net](mailto:peggyeckert@verizon.net).

## KROGER CARES

Everyone Needs Groceries.



Why not let a percentage of what you spend for groceries benefit the Band Boosters? You can by purchasing a Kroger Cares Gift Card from the Boosters.

You pay \$5.00 for a card that is linked by Kroger to the JRHS Band Boosters. The card comes with \$5.00 loaded on it that you can spend at Kroger on your next visit. Every time you shop at Kroger, stop by the Customer Service desk and load your card using cash, your debit card or credit card. When you are ready to check out, swipe your Kroger Plus card to get the benefit of Kroger specials and then pay with your Kroger Cares Card. Every month, Kroger sends the Band Boosters a check for 5% of the money that has been spent on those Kroger Care Cards that are linked to the Band Boosters. Last month the Boosters received a check from Kroger for almost \$280.00.

**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.

In these times when money is tight for so many people and traditional fundraising is challenging, this program asks you to spend nothing extra, but will make a big difference in funding our budget for the year. The success of this program, Tag Day and Poinsettia sales will determine whether or not additional fundraisers are needed. 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](mailto:ldelisio@finitewisdom.com). If you have any questions contact Liesl or Sandy Bowen at 370-7877 or by [adbowen@msn.com](mailto:adbowen@msn.com).

## Fundraising News

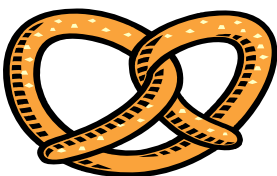
Where does the money come from to support the award winning marching band program that has been a tradition for 15 years at James River High School? Band Camp fees cover only a portion of what is needed each year. In terms of money raised, “**Tag Day**” is the most important fundraising event of the year. Our goal this year is to generate \$20,000.00 in donations. Your student has been asked to send out letters to friends and families asking for donations. On September 12 the ENTIRE Regiment will go the neighborhoods and knock on doors hoping to get donations. Participation by every student is required.

For the past 12 years **Poinsettia sales** have been a very successful fundraiser. This year the sale will run from November 4 with delivery tentatively set for December 2 in the afternoon. Each student is asked to sell at least 5 plants. As in years past, there will be cash prizes for the top three sellers and a drawing for cash prizes for everyone who sells more than 10 plants. The more plants that are sold, the bigger the cash prizes are. In addition, for every plant over 10 that a student sells, an amount to be determined by the Boosters will go into Student Accounts. This program is a winner for the band and for the students. Our goal is have 100 per cent participation and to sell 800 plants. We expect to raise \$7,000. Participation is required.



Who wouldn't want to attend the **Redskin-Dallas game** at FedEx Field December 27? The Band Boosters has acquired two tickets to that game to raffle off as a fund raiser for student accounts. Students who wish to participate will sell raffle tickets between September 21 and December 11. The lucky winner will be drawn at the concert on December 11. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The seats are in Section 442, row 9 and parking is included. Whether you are a fan of either team, this game is an “event” and is always exciting. The profits after expenses are paid will be divided among the students who participate based upon the number of tickets sold. The money will be paid into student accounts and can be used to pay for the Spring Trip! With this incentive, we hope for 100 per cent participation however, participation is voluntary.

Thanks to **Pepsi**, we will participate in the Pepsi Truckload Sale starting October 12. Students will be taking orders for six packs of 24 oz bottles of Pepsi products by the case. The case price is \$16.00. This is time for families to stock up on Pepsi products for the holidays ahead and at the same time support the Band! Delivery is scheduled for Saturday, November 14. Volunteers are needed to help with pick up and delivery. All profits will go to student accounts.



In January, students will have the opportunity to sell frozen food and snack items. In past years these products which include the ever popular “**Zap a Snack**” and frozen **Auntie Anne's pretzels** have sold easily. All profits will

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One of the songs that the Regiment will perform on the field is "Birdland" in honor of the famous New York club where musicians like Count Basie, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk performed. Birdland has always been a barometer of trends in jazz and, like the famed club, my hope is that the James River Band Boosters can continue to be the barometer of what a well-run volunteer organization can do. But we need you to do it! I look forward to working with you this year.

*Robin Hegner*

JRHS Band Boosters  
President

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Listed below is the payment schedule for the Spring Trip:

Payment 1	\$100 due by September 25 <sup>th</sup>
Payment 2	\$100 due by October 30 <sup>th</sup>
Payment 3	\$100 due by November 24 <sup>th</sup>
Payment 4	\$200 due by December 17 <sup>th</sup>
Payment 5	\$225 (or remainder of the balance) due by January 22 <sup>nd</sup>

On a final note, at the beginning of school, each band student received a calendar for the 2009-2010 school year with all of the band events listed. Please mark all of these dates in your calendar. If you any questions, please contact me.

I am looking forward to another successful year. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school with questions or just to introduce yourself either via email [keith\\_cottrill@ccpsnet.net](mailto:keith_cottrill@ccpsnet.net) or by phone (804) 378-4448.

With Regiment Pride,  
*Keith Cottrill*

Thank you to  
Emilee Albertson and  
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artwork in the development  
of the band camp shirt..



**Contact/E-mail Updates:**

Send changes to your mailing address/e-mail to:  
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**Bugle Articles:**

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

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