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Band Notes

Newsletter of the Herndon Middle School Band Parents Association

Mark Your Calendar:

- September 28 – Ice Cream Social, 3-4pm (All band students who have tuned in their forms.)
- October 11-27 – Music Department Fundraiser – Thank you for supporting the band!
- October 22 – Homecoming Parade, 8am – 5pm, Marching Band Students Only
- December 7 – Winter Band Concert, HMS Auditorium (All band students)
- December 8 – SNOW DATE Winter Band Concert, HMS Auditorium (All band students)
- December 9-10 – Barnes & Noble Fundraiser, Reston Town Center location

Message from the Director...

Welcome to the "Spirit of Herndon Band"! I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Annual Band Parents Meeting and the Back To School Night. As you know, all band students received a band department handbook and a packet of handouts. Thank you for returning these forms in a timely manner. I realize that parents are bombarded with MANY forms during the first week of school and that it takes a great deal of time and energy to complete all of them. For those of you who have not yet turned them in, *it's not too late!* We are still in need of the information included in the handouts. I am just beginning the process of inviting you to join THREE band Yahoo groups: All, Student Grade, Band, so please be on the lookout for the invitations. If at any time you have a question, feel free to e-mail me at: SJBonneau@fcps.edu.

Welcome to a new school year filled with **SUPERIOR** music and lots of fun!

Ms. Bonneau



Message from the HMS BPA President...

Welcome to another exciting year for the Herndon Middle School Band! I want to take a moment to thank all the parent volunteers on our Band Board, both the returning 8th grade parents, and all the new parents that have volunteered for this year. We, along with our children, have the opportunity to work with one of the best band directors around! Ms. Bonneau is an enthusiastic and dynamic individual who brings out the best, both personally and musically, in each of our children. The Band Board supports Ms. Bonneau by coordinating volunteers for band events, helping to purchase new instruments, and providing clinicians to work with our children. It is a truly rewarding experience to know that we are helping Ms. Bonneau so that she can do what she does best . . . teach!

We are also excited about our upcoming fundraising events! This is the first year that the band is going to sell Attractions, an entertainment coupon book that has many restaurant and store coupons that are valid until December 2012. We hope that every family will take a moment to look through the book and encourage all of our student band members to participate and sell the books! We will also have our annual Barnes and Noble fundraiser the weekend of December 9th-10th.

I am looking forward to a great year and know that each of your children will experience the joy of music that comes from playing with such a fabulous band program!



Remember to Visit our Website!

The Spirit of Herndon band website provides a wealth of information.

You'll find the band calendar, blank assessment charts, reminders and up-to-the-minute news and information.

Pictures are also posted after concerts and events so be sure to check back often!!

Check out the website at www.herndonband.org/hms



🎵 Concert and Performance Dress 🎵

PLAN NOW FOR YOUR CONCERT UNIFORM! The Winter Concert is approaching (December 7 at 7:00 p.m. / Dec. 8 snow date). Here is what the students are expected to wear. This information is taken directly from the Band Department Handbook that all students received on the first day of school and that is posted at our website.

Cadet Band, Training Band and Percussion Ensemble

Members are to wear:

♫ **Boys:** black dress shoes, black socks, black dress pants, white long-sleeved ironed shirt with a collar

♫ **Girls:** black dress shoes, black socks or hose, black dress pants, white long-sleeved ironed shirt (please avoid off-whites, creams and beiges)

Symphonic and Concert Bands

Members will be given a tux shirt, 4 black studs, bow tie, and cummerbund to use for the year. They are to wear:

♫ **Boys:** black dress shoes, black socks, black dress pants, ironed white tux shirt & **plain** white t-shirt / 4 black studs / bow tie / cummerbund

♫ **Girls:** black dress shoes, black hose, long black skirt (to be purchased through the band program), ironed white tux shirt & **plain** white camisole / 4 black studs / bow tie / cummerbund

PLEASE CONTACT MS. BONNEAU *IMMEDIATELY* IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE FINDING OR BUYING ANY OF THESE ITEMS.



About the HMS Band Program

The HMS Band Program is comprised of 5 band classes – 7 counting the Jazz Band and Marching Band! We have Training/Beginning Band, Percussion Ensemble, Cadet Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band. The HMS Marching Band – Fairfax County's ONLY official middle school marching band – is comprised of Symphonic and Concert Band members who volunteer to participate in the Herndon Homecoming Parade and Football Game. The Jazz Band is an extracurricular activity and practices Thursday afternoons after school. Auditions for Jazz Band will be held in late fall and students will be advised of audition requirements.

Not all instruments are included in Jazz Band.



Stay Informed This Year! Here's How...

YAHOO BAND GROUPS Reminders!

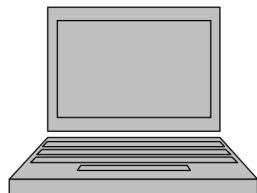
The best way for Ms. Bonneau to keep you informed about your child's band is through Yahoo Band Groups.

You do NOT need to belong to Yahoo to receive these emails. Once Ms. Bonneau has your *Student Information Sheet* with your email address listed, she will invite you to join 3 BAND GROUPS – “All”, “Grade”, and “Band”.

When you receive the Invitations (through a confirmation e-mail for each group):

1. CLICK the **JOIN the GROUP** box in the confirmation email.
2. When the next page comes up, CLICK **JOIN THE MAILING LIST INSTEAD** (do NOT click “join the group” again).
3. When it prompts you for a comment, type in your child's name (it won't allow blanks).
4. Repeat steps #1, #2 & #3 until you have joined ALL THREE band groups.

Please notify Ms. Bonneau promptly if you do not receive group emails. She can be reached at SJBonneau@fcps.edu



Remember – if your e-mail address changes, notify Ms. Bonneau immediately.

Visit the Band's Web Site...Often!

The calendar of events, flyers and up-to-date information will be posted at our website www.herndonband.org/hms. Please check this site frequently.

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