

**Fontainebleau High School Crimson Band
Band Monthly Meeting**

Held: Tuesday August 10, 2010

Place: FHS Auditorium

Purpose: Provide information to band parents about upcoming activities

Meeting called to order: 7:10pm

Christy Klipsch, Crimson Band Booster Club President from 2009-2010 began by welcoming all band parents. Introductions were made of those members of the 2010-11 Crimson Band Booster Club Board who were present.

A goal of the CBBC is to keep parents well-informed about upcoming activities and events. Standing monthly meetings will be held throughout the school year on the **second Tuesday** of each month, with the exception of December and March. Please check the CHARMS or band website for times and dates of the December and March meetings.

Band Camp went very well and the students really seemed to enjoy the week spent away. The goal is continue this arrangement. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Concession Stand:

Volunteer sign-up sheets are out front in the lobby area for band parents to sign up for any of the 6 home games, as well as the kickoff Jamboree, which will be held at FHS on August 27. Five volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and twenty volunteers are needed to man the concession stand during each game. Please choose a date and information will be sent to you via e-mail.

Miranda Marino, concession stand chairperson, will coordinate volunteers. A separate crew to water the students during the game is in place for each game.

***Each family is reminded to send in their donation of 1 case of Dasani water. This donation provides 100% profit and the band will earn an extra \$6,940.00. The case of water must be Dasani, as only Coke products are allowed to be sold in the concession stand.

CHARMS

Mr. Hicks would like to eliminate paperwork as much as possible by putting everything on CHARMS. The goal is for every family to consistently use CHARMS. Everyone must log on and fill out the student information section completely, including information on both parents, including addresses and e-mails, especially if separated/divorced. Website is: www.charmsoffice.com. Very soon all e-mail notifications will come directly from this site, so you must be signed up in order to receive important messages. Hopefully this week a letter will be sent home regarding sign-in to CHARMS. This should be completed, signed and turned back in. **Students will receive a grade for this.** Becky Magner will be available after the meeting to answer any questions related to CHARMS.

Website

Treasurer Kim Brown has been diligently keeping the band website up to date with current activities. Mr. Hicks would like everyone to familiarize themselves with the band

website, www.fhscrimsonband.com. Save it in your internet favorites and check it every day.

Chairperson opportunities

Volunteers are needed for chairperson positions for the following events:

- March-A-Thon. This event falls on October 1. This is also the same day as the parish fair holiday. This is a mandatory event scheduled for the evening hours and will come to an end the following morning. The location of this event is yet to be determined.
- Fundraising
- Uniforms
- Hospitality
- Parade Float Cleaning Coordinator

Booster Club shirts

Red CBBC shirt orders will now be taken. The basic cost is \$22.00 per shirt. Personalization is available for an additional charge. Black shirts for men are also available. Please contact Lisa Bowers to place an order if you were unable to attend the meeting.

Scrip

A fundraising project that allows purchase of reloadable or specific denomination gift cards at 250 retailers with a percentage of the purchase price contributed back; half to the band and half into the individual account of the band member. The website is <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/>. Lisa Bowers is the band scrip coordinator and will place orders every other week beginning the week of 8/16. Set up a family account, make an order, then send your check in or pay thru Presto Pay.

Dad's Club

Paul Sabathe, a band parent dad, has requested help from all men. The dads cook burgers, fries, and chicken during home games for the concession stand. Those who have experience in driving ¾-1 ton trucks are needed to help to pull the trailers used for band equipment and Showcase props. Anyone interested in helping to build props should contact Dave Lopez. On August 21, they plan to organize the concession stand and begin prop building.

Mr. Ralph Hicks then addressed the parents about upcoming band activities.

August 27-Jamboree @ FHS- Kickoff to the football season with 4 teams playing games on our field. The band will be playing for this event.

October 1- March-a-Thon- a sponsor backed event that not only helps raise money for the band but also for individual students. The students get sponsors to donate money for each hour they participate. The students then practice their marching routine from 7pm until 2am. \$27,000 was raised the first year and \$14,000 was raised last year in just one

night. Half of the money collected goes to the band, but the other half goes directly into the student's bank account on CHARMS for any band trip or fees. The venue has not been finalized but could possibly be scheduled back at Lakeshore High.

October 16- Houston Marching Band Festival- This is a possible day trip Mr. Hicks would like the band to participate in, and will have the opportunity to see other bands in the competition. The event will be held at the Woodlands High School outside of Houston. Transportation would be by charter bus.

Late October- Possibility of FHS starting their own sponsored marching festival in a joint venture with Lakeshore since their turf field is an ideal location. This endeavor would assist our program in raising money while at the same time helping the new band program at Lakeshore. This event could generate almost 100% profit from entry fees, gate admission fees, programs, T-shirts/patches, and concession stand revenues. The only expenses would be judge's fees and cost of food. Lots of parent help and participation would be needed to organize this event.

Showcase- Saturday November 6th in Lafayette, La. 34 bands are invited to participate in this competition. The format has changed this year with the open-class being eliminated. and the open class has been eliminated. Each band must perform in their respective class- 1A, 2A, 3A...etc. FHS may have dropped in classification due to enrollment falling below 1800 students for the first time. Following the class competition the Top 10 performers will be chosen and then will perform again thru a random choice drawing for position.

Band member outfits this year will include vests which need to be sewn, so anyone who is a seamstress or can sew is urged to contact Lisa or Christy to volunteer to help make the costumes.

Mr. Hicks also spoke about other topics of concern or interest:

Band Sponsors needed- Commercial/Business Ads can be purchased for \$500.00 and will be placed on the trailers used to transport band equipment and supplies. The two trailers are being stripped and painted and should be ready for the first away football game on 9/30. In addition to the trailers, ads will also be in band programs throughout the year.

Rumors/Information- Mr. Hicks has heard of rumors that the drum line is not marching in the show—this is not true. As with every program and show that gets developed, things can change or be modified during the course of development. Mr. Hicks asked that all questions or concerns of any kind be brought to him for clarification before misinformation spreads. E-mail is the quickest way to communicate with parents about any concerns they have. Parents can reach Mr. Hicks by email at ralph.hicks@stpsb.org.

Band Fees- All checks should be made out to: CBBC-Crimson Band Booster Club and Mr. Hicks would like to see all fees paid by October 1st. The fee pays for band t-shirt, uniform cleaning, meals provided before football games, transportation to away games,

instrument repair & upkeep, drill, music and guard equipment and more. Speak to Mr. Hicks directly if there is a problem so an appropriate payment plan can be worked out. Once band fees are paid then focus can be placed on deposits and payments in anticipation of the band trip.

Band Trip

Mr. Hicks is planning a band trip for 2011 with three time periods in consideration: Mardi Gras, the end of spring break, or the end of school. Places being considered are: Chicago or Orlando (everything there but Disneyworld). The cost of the trip is dependent upon the actual destination but can usually run about \$450-\$600/ per student. Parents may want to consider allocating a specific amount of money each month in anticipation of this event.

In closing Mr. Hicks reiterated that he hopes to make each students band experience a positive one. Recently he has read books written by Sean Payton & Drew Brees and has experienced a paradigm shift. He and Craig Beyers are doing everything they can to make this marching season as positive as possible. Every aspect and group within the band- Drum line, Front ensemble, Jazz band and Wind ensembles are all very important. This year more than ever his focus is to develop the program into a cohesive and fun experience, concentrating on the positive and banning the negativity which is not healthy for any group.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Susan Mumphrey
Secretary
CBBC 2010-2011