

**Fontainebleau High School Crimson Band
Monthly Meeting**

Held: Tuesday October 12, 2010

Place: FHS Cafeteria

Purpose: Provide information to band parents about upcoming activities

Meeting called to order: 7:07pm

Lisa Bowers, Crimson Band Booster Club Co-President began by welcoming all band parents.

Concession Stand: The game between Mandeville & FHS will be played on our field this Friday and we will be in charge of the concession stand, even though it is a home game for Mandeville. It will give us a chance to keep the profits which we need. **Please consider volunteering**, especially if you have not worked a home game yet. The band will perform their show after the game this Friday so if you volunteer you will be able to step out of the concession stand and watch them perform!

Fundraising Questionnaire: After signing in tonight each person was asked to fill out a simple questionnaire regarding fundraising. We all know fundraisers are needed to raise money for the band program and the board would like parent feedback on the activities that have been done thus far and what other types of activities the majority might like to participate in. For instance- with our Krispy Kreme activity, which was begun to help pay down band fees, only 40 kids out of 144 participated and of that 33 band members had completely paid up band fees before we started. Ideas for future fundraisers- FHS may consider hosting a Marching Festival next year.

Fundraising: So far the band has earned approximately \$269.00 profit from Papa Murphy's spirit nights. We will continue to do this on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Our next big fundraising activity will be selling boxed citrus for Christmas delivery. Product comes in 10#, 20# and 40# boxes. Pricing is approximately \$13 for 10# box with 14 pieces fruit. Think of family and friends who might want to give a healthy gift. Talk this idea up to sales people you might know who will be buying client gifts.

First Competition this weekend

Dutchtown Marching Festival in Geismar Saturday Oct 16—Geismar exit off I-10

Call time is 12 Noon. Students should eat lunch before coming to school. Students should also pack a bag lunch & snack along with a few drinks/water to eat later.

Required dress is: white long sleeve shirt, black shoes, black socks and black shorts.

Students will leave FHS at 1:30pm. Performance is 5pm. Arrive back at school approx 8-8:30pm

Admission to the festival is \$5.00 for adults, students \$3.00, under 5 or over 65- free. Parents and family are encouraged to come and show support for the band and WEAR RED.

Sewing Club is in full swing—anyone with a sewing machine is encouraged to meet in the temporary room behind the band room to assist in sewing the vests that band members will wear. Sewing sessions will be held Wednesday and Thursday. See the website or talk to Rob for details.

Future Marching Band Festival Competition dates:

Saturday Oct 30 Camellia Fest in Slidell

Wednesday Nov 3 District VI Festival at East Jefferson High School, Metairie

Keep an eye on the website for current festival information as schedules do change.

Important Date: Tuesday Nov 2- no school. Practice will be held 9am-2pm.

Showcase: As of this meeting Showcase officials have not yet contacted Mr. Hicks about pre-ordering Showcase t-shirts, therefore he may get very short notice that money needs to be collected and turned in. For those parents not familiar with Showcase there will be a video available for order and Jolesch Photography will be on hand taking professional pictures of the performers.

Christy suggested that parents put their heads together to try and come up with noisemakers that we can bring in order to cheer our band on during competition. One idea was to put cut up Mardi Gras beads into an empty plastic soft drink bottle.

A design for the Show Shirt is being worked on but has not been finalized yet. If we do not have a show shirt ready, all parents and band supporters are encouraged to WEAR RED.

Suggestion Box: This new idea was brought to the meeting and has also been added to the website in an effort to provide parents with a means of asking questions and getting answers and to share ideas for ways in which we can improve on what we do.

Scholarship Program: Christy introduced this topic and informed parents that the fund will be setup to help students who have experienced hardship with paying their band fees so that they can remain in the band. The board is looking for someone to step up and oversee this endeavor and possibly talk this up with local businesses who might want to make contributions. Mr. Hicks said his goal would be that 5% of the band's cut of profits would specifically be set aside to fund the scholarship fund. The idea is to help those students who are less fortunate.

October 22nd-----Last home game and SENIOR Recognition night

The plan right now is to honor each Senior student along with their parent just before the game, possibly around 6:30. Parents should plan on coming early to the game. The band has 40 seniors this year. This night will also be 8th grade night when the eighth grade band members are invited to come and experience what the band is all about. This is also Alumni night so any band alumni are invited to sit in the stands with the band.

Outreach: Mr. Hicks would like to begin reaching out to those parents of 7th and 8th grade band members from the junior high in an effort to help them become involved and informed of the band program here at FHS before their student arrives. He would like to offer them the opportunity to participate in fundraising activities so that they could start putting away money thru Charms for band fees and trips. He also would like to see each current band family adopt a freshman or new family in an effort to help them transition easier by having someone "show them the ropes".

He would also like to see more band parent social events, such as an adult dance, which could have both a social and monetary benefit for all involved.

Suggestions were made by parents in attendance to have all parents sit within your “section” at meetings in an effort to get to know each other. Other suggestions for outreach had to do with possible participation in Jr. High events such as Hurricane Highlights.

Band Fees:

Outstanding band fees are still owed in the amount of approximately \$12,000.

March-a-Thon

Pledges totaled \$9311.70 from 70 students. All pledge money needs to be turned in by this Friday Oct15th.

Band Trip

There will definitely be a band trip this school year. Universal Studios, Island of Adventure, Busch Gardens, Wet-n-Wild and SeaWorld. Band trip payments will start in November but parents are reminded that no money will be put down toward the trip fee until all band fees are first paid. At this time cost estimated to be \$500+. Chaperones for the trip will be selected by Mr. Hicks from parents who have spent time volunteering so if you want to be considered- volunteer.

Future Calendar:

Christmas concert Friday Dec 10

Spring concert Friday April 8

Band Banquet- date is up in the air since we have been bumped from the Castine Center. Will need to find a venue large enough for 500+ people.

Mr. Hicks sincerely thanked all the parents for all they do.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Mumphrey

Secretary

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