

HALLS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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Director's Message

Where does the time go? October is nearly over and so will the marching season. We have three more weeks after fall break. It is very important that everyone schedule doctor's appointments on days that are not marching related. We need every member to be at performances for the band to compete at the very highest level. We have had rain and sickness this year and yet the band has done an outstanding job!

So far, after the first two contests, the band has received superiors (1) and have placed 2nd at both events. The competition has improved with each event and will continue to do so. To place 2nd at Vanderbilt was a great accomplishment...but even greater was it was our best performance to date. Each performance, our goal is to compete against ourselves and the show. I push for our students to compete against ourselves, not others. We can never control what other think or judges may like or dislike, but we can control how we perform. The goal will always be: Can we perform the show better today? The answer on Saturday at VMI was a resounding YES! I was so proud of their effort at VMI, but now we must put that away and grow again as an ensemble.

Make sure your child has the proper clothing for colder weather. I would encourage them to check the weather on their phone or computer. Some days it will be hot, some days cold. The band will always rehearse outside unless we are unable to do so due to rain.

The Spring Band trip will be in Orlando, Florida this year. Details will be at the Band Booster meeting on October 20th at 6pm.

Take Care,
Eric Baumgardner
Halls Band Director

President's Message

We are in the height of marching season, and I hope everyone is having a good time so far. I always admire our students as I watch them balance band, school work, extra curricular activities, and some of them even have jobs - they truly love what they do and know what it means to be a part of a "team".

It has been a very rough season with all of the rain we have had, it seems every time we are suppose to be in uniform it rains. It is disappointing that we have not been able to be in uniform as much as initially planned, and I appreciate everyone's understanding in this matter. It is very costly to the boosters to have the uniforms cleaned outside of their usual cleaning schedule. Therefore, we do our best to keep them in tip top shape for competitions.

Our "Big" band trip has been determined. This year we will go to Orlando, FL during spring break. This was not the ideal time but between the Indoor Drumline/Colorguard schedule and the Knox County School schedule, spring break was the only time the trip could be planned. For any of you who are not aware, the Big band trip is taken every two years - typically we go somewhere where the students would march in a parade, however since this years trip is falling in spring break we have decided to make it a "fun only" trip. If you decide that your

student will be going on this trip please keep in mind that Thomas Tours is in charge of making all arrangements and payments should be made to Halls Band Boosters. It will be highly important to make your payments on time in order for them to hold your child's reservation. I expect it is going to be a wonderful time and I hope the students are excited.

Our Fruit Sale Fundraiser which is our second and last student fundraiser of the year will start November 2nd. Again, we will allocate a portion of what your child sells to their student band account and this can be used toward the "Big" band trip or any other band fee's you wish to use it for. Last year our fruit sale was very successful and we expect that it will continue to grow this year, the product basically sells itself. We will end the sale on November 14th with our Fruit Blitz - students will be assigned to parent drivers and go throughout area neighborhoods in shifts to get any last sales we can get. Students who participate this day will get extra money added to their account. The Fruit Blitz will be advertized in the Shopper so that our neighbors will hopefully be expecting us. Your participation in this fundraiser will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to remind everyone to use Goodsearch as their internet search engine. Each time you search through this engine with Halls Band Boosters as your "who do you search for" organization - .01 is added to our account. I know that does not sound like much but it really adds up, you can check our account anytime on the Goodsearch site. Also, with the holidays coming up, you can also internet shop through Goodsearch and a portion of your purchase will go into our account. This is such a simple way for everyone to be able to help our organization. If you have any questions about how to use Goodsearch please let me know.

Thank you for your support of the Halls High School Band,
Cara Kennedy
Halls Band Booster President

Treasurer's Message

Thank you so much for all your help in making sure that everything is noted with your child's name on it when it is turned in.

I want to personally thank everyone for their hard work in selling the coupon books. Remember fruit fundraiser starts November 2nd.

Our bank is starting to charge us for NSF checks that have been written to our organization, therefore we will have to start passing this \$9.00 charge along to parents or anyone that we get returned checks on. We regret this decision but these fees are getting too expensive for a non-profit organization such as ours to have to eat this cost.

Remember freshman parents, \$50.00 uniform fee needs to be paid if you have not done so already. Also, the Charlotte trip fee is due now in the amount of \$45.00 made payable to the Halls Band Boosters.

Thank you so much for everything you do for the band booster's organization.

Mary Daugherty
Halls Band Booster Treasurer