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Rustburg Band Notes



Michael D. Straw, Band Director

Dear Parents and Students,

The 2009-2010 school year was another great year! I appreciate the opportunity to have worked with your children this past year! We congratulate our Senior Band members for a great year and wish you "Good Luck" in your future endeavors. I want to say "Thank You" to band parents for your help, interest, and hard work in support of the band program in Rustburg! Without a supportive parent organization it would be impossible to offer and to achieve the things we do for your children. Kudos to both students and parents for a fantastic team effort!

Every band member is to be congratulated on his or her accomplishments as a group this year. The band is an organization that requires teamwork of each member and because each individual made a solid contribution we had a very successful year! I would like to recognize and highlight the special achievement of band members that earned the following awards: (* denotes Senior)

Outstanding 8th Grade Band Member
Kaitlyn Somazze

Outstanding Freshman Band Member
Sarah Bryant

Outstanding Sophomore Band Member
Crystal Hall

Outstanding Junior Band Member
Tevin Herndon

Outstanding Percussion Player
Dillon Hailey

Outstanding Woodwind Player
Deanna Smith * & Stephanie Sutton*

Outstanding Brass Player
Eric Harvey *

Outstanding Senior Band Member
Jocelyn Ogden *

Most Outstanding Musician
Owen Yancey *

Marine Corps Music Award of Excellence
Scott Pickrel *

John Philip Sousa Award
Owen Yancey *

Elizabeth Smith Memorial Scholarship
Recipient for Band Seniors
**Dillon Hailey *, Jocelyn Ogden *,
and Steven Wright, ***

Emily East Memorial Scholarship
Recipient for Band Seniors
Owen Yancey *

Band seniors are: **Dillon Hailey, Eric Harvey, Michael Lenz, Jocelyn Ogden, Scott Pickrel, Deanna Smith, Stephanie Sutton, Steven Wright and Owen Yancey.**

Congratulations to these band members and the band seniors "*Class of 2010*" on your achievements and many thanks for your leadership!

Sincerely,

2010-2011 M.R.D. INFORMATION

Enclosed with this information is the MRD 2010 band summer practice calendar and the 2010 fall calendar of events for the Marching Red Devil (M.R.D.) Band. This newsletter and all newsletters throughout the school year will be available on the band website at (www.rustburgbands.org) for downloading in Adobe Acrobat format. The calendars you receive by mail will also be on the website in "HTML" or web page format and acrobat

Attendance at Band Camp is mandatory for those that are a participating member of the Marching Red Devil Band.

format. In addition the band website is becoming more interactive. Students and parents can fill in forms online and they will be sent by email to Mr. Straw.

BAND CAMP AT RHS

The dates for Band Camp are **AUGUST 2-11**. Band Camp hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Veteran marchers will notice a different camp schedule this year. I have to be in Massachusetts on Saturday, August 14 for my daughter's final performance at the Tanglewood Music Institute and to bring her home. These travel plans are the reason for an eight-day camp instead of our normal ten-day camp. The MRD Bands first home performance will be **Friday, August, 27**. There is **NO CHARGE** for Band Camp because it is held at Rustburg High School.

As a general rule, the only exception for this attendance policy is if a student is traveling out of the country or an extenuating medical circumstance. **Family vacations and student jobs must be planned around the band camp dates and times!**

There will be afternoon practices the week following band camp. **Attendance at these afternoon practices is required.** Please refer to the enclosed calendar.

SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The summer practice schedule will begin on July 13. Please refer to the enclosed calendar for practice and performance dates. While summer practices before Band Camp are not mandatory, attendance is highly suggested to get a head start on the show for the coming year. Students should come to get their music and a CD of the show.

AFTER-SCHOOL PRACTICES

When school begins the band will practice daily. Beginning August 23rd (first day of school) the band will practice from 2:45-5:00 pm. Once students have learned the drill and music to my satisfaction, practice hour will be the normal 2:45- 4:45 pm. Student's jobs must be planned around practice hours. There will be no early dismissals or excused/approved absences because of jobs. There are no practices the day of home football games. By the last weekend of October, after the last contest, the after-school practices are generally cut back to approximately two days per week. Please refer to the band calendar in this mailing. Updates will be printed for students to pick up in the bandroom AND posted on the band website.

HOME/PLAY-OFF FOOTBALL GAMES

Below is a list all of regular season and play-off football games for which the band is responsible:

OPPONENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
William Byrd	Aug. 27	7:00 pm	Home
Tunstall	Sept. 3	7:00 pm	Home
Brookville	Sept. 24	7:00 pm	Home
J. Forest (<i>HOMECOMING</i>)	Oct. 8	7:00 pm	Home
Heritage	Oct. 29	7:00 pm	Home
Play-offs Region Quarter Finals	Nov. 12	7:30 pm	T.B.A.
Play-offs Region Semi Finals	Nov. 19	7:30 pm	T.B.A.
Play-offs Region Finals	Nov. 26	7:30 pm	T.B.A.
Play-offs State Semi Finals	Dec. 04	1:00 pm	T.B.A.
Play-offs State Finals	Dec. 11	1:00 pm	T.B.A.

BAND FEE

There will be a **\$75.00** Band Fee for **ALL** band members. **This fee MAY possibly increase slightly.** The band fee covers use of band uniforms, school-owned instruments, equipment, T-shirt, pizza/drinks at home games, etc. **Our band fee is amongst the lowest in the area.** Other bands in our immediate area have fees that range from \$250-\$450. Some parents have sent in already sent in all or a portion of the Band Fee. **The band fee is to be paid in full by Friday, August 6.** Band members are responsible to provide the following parts of their uniform:

FLAGS: Leotard, Shoes, and Tunic to be announced.

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Black lace-up shoes, black socks and white gloves. **Black tennis shoes are unacceptable and therefore not allowed!**

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP?

Lunch, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, pencil, tennis shoes and socks, insect repellent and the rental fees for uniforms and equipment. Students will need to bring their own water bottle, sports bottle or cooler for the water and Gatorade that will be provided. Your child is expected to display good manners, good behavior and treat the school facilities with care and respect at all times. It is the parent's responsibility for knowing and giving your child permission to leave campus and to be a passenger with another adult or teenage driver.

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

Uniform distribution for musicians will take place on **Tuesday, August 3rd**. I need parent volunteers to distribute and fit the band members for uniforms at 8:00 am. The uniform will be left at school and your child is expected to take proper care of the uniform during the year. Uniforms are dry clean only.

MRD LEADERSHIP TEAM 2010-2011

Student leadership team includes:

DRUM MAJORS – Brittany Pennington, Jessi Schultz

BAND CAPTAIN – Steven Sensabaugh

PERCUSSION CAPTAINS – Tevin Herndon, Zach Burnette

FLAG CAPTAIN – Brianna Eisenhauer

Flag Team Members 2010-2011

Brianna Eisenhauer (Captain) , Katie Buckles, Mikayla Carlton, Darlisha Davis, Oksana Davis, Tori Eisenhauer, Rebecca Franklin, Sarah Grishaw, Jamie Hughes, Candice Kirby, Alyssa Lyons, Mickie Maxey, Ally Mayhew, Kaitlyn Plott, and Samantha Williams.

Drumline Members 2010-2010

SNARE DRUM – Tevin Herndon, Zach Burnette, Jed Gallagher, Harrison Reynolds.

TENOR DRUM – Brian Harvey, Andrew Smith.

BASS DRUM – Tabitha Severson, Jason Hendricks, Tom Wheeler, Cody Gage.

MRD STAFF MEMBERS 2010-2011

Mr. Michael Straw – Band Director

Mr. Walker Pennock – Assistant Band Director

Miss Lauren Williams – Flag Instructor

Mr. Steven Wright – Percussion Instructor

RUSTBURG BAND BOOSTERS, INC.

2010-2011 Band Incentive Account Guidelines

The student account program will enter its third year in 2009-10. The goal of the Band Member Incentive Accounts is to allow students to accumulate points to qualify for trips including the spring trip or Florida trip. For more information visit the band website for policy guidelines for these accounts.

BAND HANDBOOK

The band handbook will be distributed the first day of band camp and is to be read by all students and parents. The signature page and band registration forms are due by August 7. The band handbook will also be online in Acrobat format.

BAND BOOSTER MEETING DATES

The band parent organization, which is made up of all parents of any band student in the band program at Rustburg, will have periodic meetings throughout the school year. This parent organization is the **Rustburg Band**

Boosters, Inc. Parent involvement is vital in your child's education and in their life as they mature into adulthood. We try to keep the meetings brief and "to-the-point" so we, as parents, can provide a strong supportive role for the band under Mr. Straw's direction. All meetings will be held in the RHS Bandroom. Meeting dates will be published on the band website and notices mailed home prior to meeting dates.

FUNDRAISERS and DROP BOX

It is highly suggested that students and families take part in the many fund raising activities that will be offered throughout the coming year. We will use "individual accounts" for all trip participants. Students will earn points as they did this past school year and their account will be credited towards their trip. Their account will be used for paying down the cost of the trip. The Band Boosters have installed a drop box in my offices at RHS and RMS. Students are to put their fund raiser money in the envelopes provided with their name, date, project, and then place it into the drop box.

PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM ONLINE

The band plans another very active year for 2010-2011. The list of activities will be updated over the summer on the band website (www.rustburgbands.org) and will be mailed home. When parents receive our activity list, please check the activities that you are able to help with return this list to the drop box in Mr. Straw's office at the earliest possible date OR complete it online on the band website.

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Please visit the band website and update your mailing address and phone contact information. I plan on using email notifications and hopefully occasionally text reminders for students. If you don't have internet, forms will be available in the band room.

ATTENTION PARENTS

The major portion of the band budget is raised through the proceeds from the concession stands. Your support for the band AND your child is most important! Everyone can help in some way. Please contact Mr. Straw, return the **Parent Volunteer Form** when you receive it or fill out the Parent Volunteer Form online on the band website.

