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Dear Southgate Band Parents and Students:



I hope everybody is gearing up for spring. We have loads of stuff going on in the music program. I just recently got back from a terrific weekend at M.C.G.C championships. I was very impressed with the quality performances that were put on by our guard and percussion students. Way to go Stacy Schwartz, Joe Kuerzi and their staff! Way to go students and parent volunteers. What a terrific winter season for our program.

While at finals, I had the opportunity to read an editorial column from a newspaper that discussed a winter drumline program from another school in our division. After reflecting on it a bit, I realized how far we have come as instrumental music supporters here in Southgate. This article discussed how their winter drumline was terrific, and how the students in it were very dedicated. It talked about the long time success of the program and gave some information about the championship contest.

Unfortunately the article also had a bunch of lines saying how the drumline works harder than all of the athletic programs. It had complaints that they were not given the recognition that they deserved. It went on in a very negative fashion about other programs in the school and how much harder that this drumline worked than everybody else. The intent to give positive, complimentary information about a great program was overshadowed by "whining" and negative comments about other programs.

After reading the article I thought to myself.....this is exactly the type of things that harm a music program instead of building it up. This drumline supporter may have had the good intention of getting the drumline more recognition but was wrong in his or her approach. This person should have built up the music program *without comparing it to or bashing* other school programs. *Athletic programs and other school organizations are also good things for kids to be doing.* The approach this person took will only create more tension and negative feelings about the drumline in that community and school. Instead of administrators and community members reading an article and saying "wow those kids really do work hard and this is a terrific program for kids", they only see the negative stuff written about the other groups. The drumline supporter is now just seen as whiney and rude.

So the moral of the story is this. *All* programs that help kids learn, grow, and enjoy their time in school are a good thing. This includes music programs, clubs, and athletics. We should be thankful when any school program gets positive recognition, not jealous when it isn't ours or isn't equitably distributed. We need to sing our praises to the media, and talk positively about our music programs whenever possible! But we should never include bad statements about other school programs.

Not so long ago the Band Booster Program here in Southgate was infected with the same attitude that this supporter from another school had. I am happy to say that we have grown and taken a much higher road. We have gained community support and school support by flooding people with positive information about what we do. It is however helpful to remember what the right approach is. I hope I never have to read an editorial like that about one of our programs. We always want to be winners, not whiners!

Sincerely,
 Toby Kmet
 Director of Bands
 Anderson High School and Davidson Middle School



Davidson News

On March 17th the Eighth grade band participated in the MSBOA district band festival. It was the first time participating for this group. We received a II rating from the judges, which is considered a good rating. We also received comments and suggestions as to how to improve as a band. The students seemed to enjoy the event and came away from it with a positive impression. We should be proud of their performance and the way they conducted themselves. Thanks to Mr. McGrath, Mr. & Mrs. Green for your help at the festival.

This spring finds us preparing for many performances to close out the school year. The Eighth grade band will be traveling to two elementary schools to perform for the students at Chormann and Fordline Schools on Friday April 20th.. Not only is this a great performing opportunity for the band members, we are hoping to encourage more students to join band. The administration has addressed the scheduling problem at Gerisch and it is possible for sixth graders to select band and have other elective classes. Spread the word!

The Davidson Spring concert is on Monday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Davidson Auditorium. Students need to wear black and white concert attire. At the end of that week is the Heritage Parade. Eighth and ninth grade band members are invited to participate. More information to follow.

We will continue to work in class to improve our musical skills, even with the warmer weather approaching. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at Davidson or through email.

Trish Beson
besonp@sgate.k12.mi.us

GUARD NEWS

Hello everyone!

We have one more Ford Field event for the guard. It is this Saturday (April 21st) for Supercross. The report time is 3:00 pm at the field and as always you will get \$10 towards student credit.

Please email Theresa Green (TGreen@rkelaw.com) tonight with who will be working and shirt size.



Thanks!--~Stacy



GERISCH BAND NEWS

The 6th and 7th grade band students are busy preparing for the upcoming Spring concert which will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 7PM in the Davidson auditorium.

The 6th graders will perform first at 7PM followed by the 7th grade band at 7:30PM. All band students are required to wear their white performance shirts, black slacks or a skirt and dark shoes if at all possible.

The 7th grade percussion students have already been attending after school sectionals taught by former Anderson drummer, Mike Cooper. We are very fortunate to have Mike helping us once again and he is working the students hard in preparation for the Heritage Parade.

As soon as the weather warms up a little the 7th graders will be out learning to march for the Heritage Parade. The parade will be held on Friday, May 25th.

All 7th grade band students are required to purchase book 2 of the Essential Elements series. The books are available at school for \$7.00 and \$14.00 for the percussion book. Students must have this book no later than April 23rd.

7th grade band students are also required to have a lyre and a flip folio to march in the Heritage Parade. These items are available at A&R Music in Lincoln Park or Marshall Music in Allen Park.

The 7th grade band will be performing at North Pointe elementary school on Monday, April 23rd and at Grogan and Shelters on Friday, April 27th. Hopefully, their performances will educate and inspire incoming 5th graders to enroll in the Gerisch band program next fall. These performances will be followed by Marshall Music Co. going to all the elementary schools to administer a music aptitude test to every 5th grader. This test will give us an idea of a students' sense of pitch and rhythm so they may be better fitted to a particular instrument.

The Gerisch band website is currently undergoing a major change in format and site location. Please continue referring to the old website until sometime this summer.

All band students have music that requires practicing and they should be doing this on a regular basis. Your support in this area is always greatly appreciated.

Musically yours, Christine Zeld Director of Gerisch Bands


THE CLASS OF 08 AND 09 SEE THIS???

We also need to encourage our students to take the ACT on Sept 15th. The only other test time is Oct. 27th the day of the Huron Valley Competition.

Frankenmuth Spring Sale

The Frankenmuth Fundraiser Sale has been completed and was a big success! Congratulations to all of the Students who earned Student Credit. The top sellers in each school are Natalya Warwin at Southgate Anderson with \$346.50 in sales, Erich Beregszazy at Davidson Middle School with \$230.50 in sales, and Rebecca Woodruff at Gerisch Middle School with \$296.50 in sales! Great Job to all the Sellers. Look for the Frankenmuth Fundraiser again next year.

Bottle Drive

Once again the Southgate Music and Guard Programs  hosted their Annual Bottle Drive. Thank you to all of the Students, Parents, and Volunteers (friends, neighbors) that passed out fliers the week before the drive and to everyone who picked-up the bottles/cans on the day of the Drive. This is an important part of the music program and all of the help is greatly appreciated. Without all of the volunteer help, the program would not be such a huge success.

THANK YOU!!

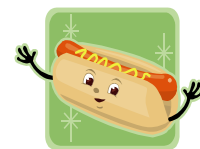
TREASURER REPORT



Hi All! Things are starting to smooth out here on my end! I am starting to settle in quite nicely, with the help of our former Treasurer, Juli Kerr. Just can't thank her enough!!! Remember, you can now make most major payments (Band Camp, New York, Band Fees) thru Pay Pal, with your Master Card or Visa. if you have any questions, please call me. 734-771-6720 or ninasolis@hotmail.com

Thanks, Nina Solis

American Coney Island Kit Fundraiser



American Coney Sale - HUGE SUCCESS!

We brought back the American Coney Island Kit sale again for 2007. It is a great program and was a huge success. Anyone who ordered the kits are now enjoying them and know what a great deal and convenience they are!

The Kits Contained:

12 Buns, 12 Dearborn Brand Hotdogs, Famous Chili Sauce, Onion, and an American Coney Island Hat.

Throw in a side dish or some chips and a drink and you have a quick and easy, yummy family meal!

After a long day at work or playing taxi to the kids, that alone earns points in my book!

Top that off with Students earning \$3.00 in Student Credit per kit and marching students (and students paying fees) doubling *their* amount of student credit and you have an all around winning program!

Unfortunately at press time, the orders were still being collected and tabulated, so top sellers were not able to be listed. However, we had several students who sold 20, 30, or more Kits each! Great Job Sellers! We'll be bringing back the America Coney Kits again next year. If you missed out this year, look for them in the Spring.

Candy Bar Sale

The Candy Bar Fundraiser is currently going on.

Candy bars can be picked up from:

Toni Wood (734) 558-2935

tonimarie3171@comcast.net 13380 Edison or from

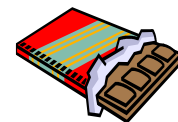
Beckie Smith (734) 282-7543

nomad2790@wideopenwest.com 12396 Kent Ct.

Please make checks payable to Southgate Band Boosters.

\$52.00 per case that you wish to pick up.

There are two different variety packs.



For some students, this is their number one student credit earner. This fundraiser is a great way to earn student credit to offset the Band Camp and Trip payments.

The Candy Bar Sale is hands-down one of the easiest ways to earn that student credit! Candy Bars are sold for \$1.00 each. There are 52 candy bars per case. Students earn \$12.50 per case that they sell (marching students and students who pay fee fees can double the amount earned). ***A marching student who sells just four cases earns \$100.00!***

Let's face it! We all know our kids are eating candy after we send them off to school. We might as well earn some of that money they are spending back in student credit to pay for their expenses this year! Better than that, we can earn Student Credit off their schoolmates, teammates, friends, family and neighbors!

Good Luck Selling!

BAND CAMP FOR FAMILIES

Urgent: Message for all members of the Southgate Anderson Marching Band program. Time is quickly running out to sign up for the annual Southgate band camping trip. The trip is scheduled for May 11,12,13, at the Port Huron KOA. Yes, this is mothers day weekend. However since it is close you still have time to get home and say hi to Mom. Camping cabins and camp sites are still available but in limited selections. Everyone who has gone in the past has had a great time, just ask them. So if you miss out because you didn't sign up it's your fault. We are planning a community breakfast and supper on Saturday. You do not have to participate but if you don't, a great meal will be missed. We do not go hungry. If you're interested, visit their web site <http://www.koa.com/where/MI/22220/index.htm> or give them a call at 1-810-987-4070, tell them you're with the Southgate Band when making your reservation. If you have never camped or don't think you have all the necessary supplies don't let that stop you. Give me a call, we'll work as one big family and can help out with a lot of the details. If you can't stay overnight or all weekend and want to come up for the day, give us a call we can work out the details. If you can't plan ahead and decide at the last minute, you want to go, give us a call, @**(734-658-7011)**. Give us call about anything.

BONUS!!!!!! It's buy one night get one free. Always read the fine print. **Disclaimer!!!!** Everyone will be held accountable for everything they say and do and pictures will be taken as evidence and used against you. What happens at the KOA does not stay at the KOA. It spreads rapidly through the band hot line and web site. However all evidence taken of (out of the norm behavior) may be purchased for a price. Aw, alright, I'm just kidding you have to have a little fun.

Directions

I-94 Exit 262 (Wadhams Road), then north 8 miles to Lapeer Road, east 0.25 mile.



It takes me about an hour to get there hauling the 5th wheel, Wife (Beckie), assorted kids and dogs. .

Any further question call one of the wagon master's Me (Mark Smith 1-734-282-7543) or my hero Mister Euchor Ed Belchunis at 1-285-6443.

Mark Smith

Guard Show Concession Stand

thanks!!

A heart felt "Thank You" to everyone who showed up to help out, shopped, donated or otherwise contributed to the concession stand at the guard show this year. It was your generosity, hard work and patience that made the stand so successful! Great job, everyone!

Stitches & Ink

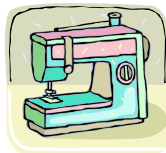
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Student Credit Update

Hi, everyone –



Well, Shirley and I have got everything up-to-date through March. This includes suckers, the Spring fundraiser, winterguard clothing and fees, and drumline dues and hotels. Scrip continues to be posted in on a monthly basis and includes Meijer account dollars.

If you need to find out your account balance, please either drop me a line at sherry_edmunds@yahoo.com (that is sherry underscore edmunds –not a space), or leave me a message at the student credit line (734) 282-0519. You can also catch me on-line with AOL instant messenger at SherBear480.

I know there are a lot of dues and fees coming up, between band camp, the New York trip, candy fundraiser and the Coney Dog kits, so please, please get in touch with me if you have questions about your student credit account. If you don't hear back from me right away, feel free to call, write or ping me again. This is a very busy time for me (and everyone else I'm sure), and I do want to get your questions answered as quickly as I can.

Take care and think spring!

Sherry

GUARD SHOW

Ford Field/Comerica Park:

Well we are coming to the end of the school year quickly. But this does not mean that our obligations to Ford Field and Comerica Park are done. There will be events that will be taking place though out the summer at Comerica Park and in August at Ford Field; before school and marching season starts again.

For all members, new and old remember you must take the online alcohol training before you can work at Ford Field (even our kids that are 16 or older). To take the online test, please go to the bands website to find the link. Please remember at the end of the test when asked to enter your supervisors email address in the yellow box to please put in Nina Hyder's email- rnhyder@wideopenwest.com. By doing this we can keep a record and when Nina forwards it to Ford Field it will get matched to our group and not lost in the shuffle.

Now for Comerica Park! We are looking forward to this new adventure. We had a mandatory training session on March 26th. We were disappointed that there were so few in attendance. We are trying to add Comerica Park (Tiger games) as an added alternative to working Ford Field. Doing this will give us weekdays and some Saturdays to choose from to work our two events. We have asked for more training locations so that we can attempt to have more of us trained. We are trying this to help accommodate requests from you. Please contact Toni Wood 734-284-982, ToniMarie3171@comcast.net or Nina Hyder 734-284-4940 rnhyder@wideopenwest.com to set up training or sign up to work an event at either Comerica or Ford Field. Please remember that working concessions at Ford Field and Comerica keep our band fees down. Working these venues brings in between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Toni and I look forward to hearing from you soon. As always keep an eye on the bands website for dates of events at both Ford Field and Comerica Park.

I would also like to add that we have had a few questions and requests regarding the application of the Student Credit earned at these events. So, just to clarify, this is how it works: When you go down to an event you *earn* your Student Credit for that event. However, the Student Credit takes about 30 days to post to your Student Credit account. We pay student credit when we are paid for the event. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of us.

We would like to give a personal Thanks to everyone that worked the 2007 Southgate Guard Show. Everyone did an excellent job. "Thank You" Drum line, Guard and Marching Band. We also would like to thank everyone who donated to the concession stand.

Just a little reminder that summer is coming. But so is the Marching season. So if you have not done your two Ford Field/Comerica Parks. You can start getting your volunteer commitment and collect student credit for them now. Remember that your 1st thru 4th visit is \$10.00, 5th thru 9th is \$15.00, 10th thru 14th is \$20.00, and so forth. So if you would like to earn student credit for Marching Band Fees or even New York you can start doing that know.

And please remember that your final payment for Band Camp is due May 1st, 2007. If you are missing any paper work or payments, please turn them in as soon as possible.

Special Thanks
The Volunteer Committee

UNIFORM INFORMATION-PLEASE READ

All uniforms need to be dry cleaned immediately after Heritage Days Parade.

Please mark your calendars that these are the **ONLY 2 Days** for all Marching Students to turn in their Cleaned Uniform along with Garment Bag, Shako and plume at the High School on:

June 11 and June 12 from 3:30 - 6:00pm. These collection dates apply for anyone having a Southgate Anderson marching band uniform. The uniforms will be stored in the student's garment bag and returned sometime in July or August.

If for any reason you or your student cannot drop off their uniform on these dates, please call me to set up an appointment before the scheduled dates. This will help us get everything collected before the end of the school year. We appreciate your cooperation. Nina Solis will be heading up Uniform Committee next year and I will assist her with fittings and repairs.

Uniform Committee Shirlee Crum 734 552-7082



Band Camp!

Please make sure to get all of your paperwork turned in. If you are unsure if you have everything turned in please call and we can double check for you. Final Payments are due by May 1st 2007. For a total of \$325.00 If you have any questions please contact Beckie 282-7543 or Nomad2790@wideopenwest.com
Don't forget you can make payments online with paypal...



New York!

Our first bus is full and we have a waiting list for the second bus if you would like to go on this trip please call and let us know.. Beckie @ 282-7543 or Nomad2790@wideopenwest.com
Remember your 2nd payment is due June 1st in the amount of 205.00

Farewell to the Class of 2007 Parents

Wow what a group of parents you are.
Always there helping out when ever it was needed.
To some of you it was spending a week in the middle of no where
With 150 teenagers.
Some of you can work that concession stand.
And some of you know the phrase
3 for 1.00 9 for 2.00 or 27 for 5.00
So well we are sure you say it in your sleep.
For those of you who make the phone calls
We would be lost without you.
Pit moms and dads you are the muscle behind getting our
band on the field.
Set up and take down guys you are the greatest.
Everyone of you gave the most important thing
Your time and support to help our kids be the best they can be.
Just remember one last thing if you feel lost
We can always use alumni to help.
Thank you for everything
We will miss you all.



MS Walk May 12th

Do you like to walk?
If so why not join us at the first ever MS walk downriver.
Southgate Anderson is hosting the walk and we would love to have
All of you join us.
This is a great way to help those in our community that suffer from MS
All money raised at this walk will be used in our community.
If you are interested please feel free to contact
Patti Schmitz 734 283 8312

Garbage Bags

The Music and Guard Programs will be hosting their popular Garbage Bag Fundraiser again this Fall. The Information will be available during Band Camp and the first couple of weeks in the Fall.

This garbage bags are very good quality and can be used for your fall clean up or every day garbage. They are available in a variety of colors.

Great Student Credit can be earned to help to pay Marching Fees and Final Trip Payments.

Look for more information to be posted to the band website at:
<http://southgateschools.com/band/bandnews>

If you have any questions or would like to see a sample, please contact
Toni @ 734-284-9828 ToniMarie3171@comcast.net.

Tigers Game Day Game #1 - April 29th Fundraiser

The 1st Tiger Game Day Sunday, April 29th was a big success. The Detroit Tigers played the Minnesota Twins. 80 Members of the Southgate Band Booster Family were signed up to attend this event. Students earned great student credit! The Top Ticket Sellers were: Dustin Wood @ Southgate Anderson with 17 Tickets sold, Jeffery Moore, Jr. @ Davidson Middle School with 15 Tickets sold, and Rebecca Woodruff at Gerisch Middle School with 10 Tickets sold. Congratulations to all of our participants for a great job!

Tigers Game Day Game #2 - Monday, August 13th Fundraiser

Take me out to the Ball Game! Take me out to the fair! Buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks! I don't know if I'll ever come back. Let's root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win it's a shame! It's one, two, three strikes your out at the old ball game!

The Southgate Music and Guard Programs are hosting their SECOND Tigers Game Day! Come out to the park, have a great time, and earn student credit while doing it! Comerica Park and the Detroit Tigers will donate a portion of the ticket sales back to the Southgate Band Boosters. Students will earn \$2.00 for each ticket that is purchased by their family, friends and neighbors. (Marching Students and Students who pay fees can double the amount earned) Remember, you can sell these tickets to ANYONE. Maybe your office would like to host an outing, maybe your church group, sports club...ANYONE and your student earns Student Credit for every ticket purchased.

This Tiger Game Day is scheduled for Monday, August 13th. The game starts at 7:05 PM. The Detroit Tigers will be playing The Oakland A's.

Tickets may be reserved NOW and there are only 50 Tickets left! Tickets are available on a first come first serve basis. The LAST day to order tickets will be July 15th. However, I do not expect the tickets to last that long! You can pay for your tickets by placing a check in one of the Band Boxes with your Student's Name, Graduating Class, Telephone number and # of tickets, by giving the same information to a band instructor, or you may visit the band website to pay for your tickets with a credit card at:

http://southgateschools.com/band/fundraising/STA_PayPalo.htm

Please contact Toni by phone @ 734-284-9828 or by email at

May

☺ REHEARSALS are very IMPORTANT -- ATTENDANCE is MANDATORY. ☺
****PARENTS if your child will be absent Contact Mr. Kmet
 (tkmet2002@yahoo.com) (applies to all sections)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Summer Lessons: It is recommended and encouraged that students attend private lessons over the Summer. (Mr. Kmet can get you in touch with private tutors) e-mail him: tkmet2002@yahoo.com	UNIFORM CONTACT: Nina Solis; 771-6720 Shirlee Crum: 281-7806	1 Final Band Camp Payment \$100.00 Comerica Park Contact Nina Hyder 284-4940/ rnhyder@wideopenwest.com if you can work this event Executive Board Meeting Color Guard Tryouts All Members 6pm-9pm @ Anderson	2 <i>Candy Bar Fundraiser</i> <i>contact Toni 284-9828</i>	3 Color Guard Auditions By Appointment @ Anderson Band Room	4	5
6	7 ** Earn Student Credit – Buy SCRIP for groceries and all your needs – call Gary Carlin 374-9417	8 <i>Comerica Park</i> <i>Contact Nina Hyder 284-4940</i> rnhyder@wideopenwest.com <i>m</i> <i>if you can work this event</i>	9 Band Booster Meeting 7pm @ in the Media Center AH	10	11 Port Huron Camping Trip	12 Multiple Sclerosis Walk @ AHS Port Huron Camping Trip
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