

Southgate "TITAN" Band Boosters



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Dear Southgate Band Parents and Students:

Hello. I hope everybody has managed to find some peace in the hectic holiday season. We live in the information and technology era. We have tons of information at our fingertips. We can send e-mails off in seconds. We can talk to people miles away in moments and learn obscure facts with little effort. What a wonderful world! This utopia-like view is how cyberspace is often seen. I however, think that we need to be careful of some of the harmful side effects of this information blitz. In all of the hustle and bustle of e-mail and internet we tend to lose our humanity. I have noticed recently that people are much more impolite when e-mailing. At least that is the way I perceive their intent. I think people type things in e-mail that they would never say to someone in person. I can't count the number of times I have dealt with misunderstandings related to "e-mail tone of voice". I have written things to people that have been totally mundane, but those people thought I was somehow upset or angry. I have read e-mails, and thought "wow that person must really be angry" when in fact they weren't upset at all. Before e-mail became the preferred method of communication, people spoke to each other on the phone or in person. We didn't have to guess at tone of voice. People were able to develop closer personal relationships by speaking with each other in person. I think people were much more careful with how they spoke to each other.

Please understand that I love e-mail as much as the next person. I can get information and documents to a bunch of people in moments. In fact, I plan on e-mailing this newsletter in just a few moments. So here is some advice for safe e-mailing.

- 1) Never send e-mails when you are upset or angry. You can apologize to someone if you use a harsh tone of voice in person, but a harsh written document takes a bit longer to go away. Once you send that document, it can't be taken back. It is better to wait until you are calm and have had time to think before you reply to e-mails that upset you.
- 2) Refrain from gossip of any kind. I think this is great advice in general but especially when e-mailing. You never know who will read e-mails or whom they will be forwarded to. If you don't have polite things to say about people just keep them to yourself.
- 3) If you are trying to solve a conflict you should do it in person or on the phone. I think it is much easier to solve problems when you are dealing face to face with the people involved.

As with all advice you can take it or leave it, but just remember that e-mail can be a dangerous thing if used inappropriately. Use it to spread good thoughts, communicate with friends and colleagues, and to send documents. Don't forget to take some time once in a while to call somebody and speak with them in person. Tone of voice and body language can help a conversation be taken the "right" way.

Toby Kmet, Director of Bands A.H.S and D.M.S.

Davidson Middle School Bands—for December Newsletter—Trish Beson

The bands at Davidson are progressing nicely. Band-a-rama went well and the bands performed wonderfully! We were all very proud. A special thanks to all the parents who lent a hand setting up on Wednesday night and helped monitor the 8th grade band during the performances. We just couldn't do what we do without such helpful and supportive parents!

Many students are busily preparing for the solo and ensemble festivals, which will be held in February at Livonia Franklin High School. Solo and Ensemble is great opportunity for band students to improve and grow musically and individually. We will be sending the schedule home when it arrives from the state office with directions. You should plan to arrive at the school an hour before your scheduled performance time. We will also be scheduling two afternoon/evening rehearsals for students playing solos and using the school accompanist for some time in January. If you are not using the school accompanist, you should be meeting regularly with your accompanist. The junior high festival is on Saturday, February 2nd and the high school festival is on Saturday, February 9th.

Following the Winter Concerts, we will begin preparing for the MSBOA district band festival to be held in March. After last year's experience the students generally agreed it was a fun and worthwhile activity. The band will travel to another school and perform for judges who rate the band on their performance and give them suggestions on how to improve as a group. We also get the opportunity to hear other bands in the area. More information will be coming.

All students are expected to have all necessary materials for class each day. This includes: their instrument, book, sheet music, and a pencil. Most students have done a good job being prepared for class, but there is room for improvement.

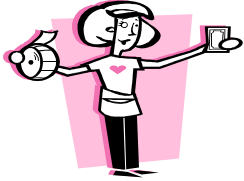
We will be starting beginning band recruitment in January this year. If you know parents of fifth grade students, please encourage them to consider enrolling their child in band. Information will be sent home with students and mailed to all parents of fifth graders. You are our best promoters.

With the cold and flu season well under way, we are gladly accepting donations of tissues!

xhanks!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Intermission Raffle at Band A Rama. If you donated a wonderful item thank you for your generous donation and for your support of our music program. If you purchased tickets thank you for your support.

If you sold tickets I have your name and number for next year! I cannot say thank you enough for all who helped make this year a SUCCESS!



Grand Raffle

Thank you for every ones help with selling grand raffle tickets. Our top sellers were Patricia Hojnack at Gerisch selling 179 tickets, and in a close second was Danielle Polosky from Gerisch selling 112

tickets. Way to go girls! We had a profit of \$2,147.85 and we issued \$ 953.00 in student credit. Our Raffle winners were:

***500.00 winner was Cydia Allor ***Sandi Sharkey won 100.00 ***John won 100.00 ***Brian Iwen won 100.00 ***Wayne Bosell won 100.00 ***Karen Lerenard won 100.00
If you won please contact Patti Schmitz @ 734 283 8312.



Port Huron Camping Trip

Hello again all band parent's, It's that time of year again when we start planning the annual Southgate Anderson Band weekend camping trip at the Port Huron KOA. This year's trip is going to be In May again but with a different weekend due to Prom. The dates for this year's trip is going to be Friday May 16th, Saturday May 17th and Sunday May 18th. Unlike other years this is not a buy one night get the second one free at this time, however the Camp is looking at making it one. If you would like further information I can be reached by email at Nomad2791@wideopenwest.com or by phone at 734-282-7543 (home) or 734-788-79220 (cell) Many changes to the trip are being considered to keep it interesting and fun. If you have any suggestions let me know. This is open to all families 6th through 12th grade and alumni. Please keep in mind that we are obligated to follow the camp rules.

Band Booster Meeting

Why do you need to come to the Booster Meeting?

- To get all the paperwork you student never brings home.
- To be the first to hear all of the new things that are up and coming.

So come and be an informed parent:

Wednesday January 9th 2008 @ 7pm in the Media Center

Wednesday February 13th 2008 @ 7pm in the Media Center



Please Welcome your Boards members for 2008:

Beckie Smith - President / Nomad2790@wideopenwest.com
Toni Wood - Vice President / Toni Marie3171@comcast.net
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Juli Kerr - Treasurer / Julikerr@gmail.com
Danielle McGrath - Trustee / Mdmcgrath2002@yahoo.com
Rose Bailey - Trustee
Brian Batko - Trustee / Batko@ugs.com

Something new is happening at Gerisch!

Students in 6th (2014) & 7th (2013) grade are going to have the opportunity to go to band camp this spring. The dates of camp will be May 1st – 4th 2008. We will be having a parent and student informational meeting on Tuesday January 15th 2007 @ 7pm @ Gerisch Middle School in the Digitorium.



BAND CAMP

Marching Band / Band Camp Any students in 8th (2012) – 11th (2009) grade that may be interested in participating in Marching Band. There will be an information meeting for both parents and students on Thursday January 24 @ 7pm in the Media Center at Anderson High School .

You will be missed Mike

Mike has served as a trustee on our board for two years. He was an awesome force within our band program, keeping the web page updated, putting pictures up of all the kids, taking videos, and there is just so much more.



We may not have always taken the time to say "Thank You" so we will say it now THANK YOU. We truly appreciate everything you have done for our program.



Nina what can we say

You accepted one of the hardest jobs on the board and you ran with it. For that we are truly appreciative and would like to take this time to say Thank You! We wont say Good Bye

because we know that we will still see you on the uniform committee. Again Thank You for all the hard work you did, and you did it with a smile.



Hello, I am Brian Batko and I am excited to be part of the Anderson Band Boosters 2008 Board as a Trustee. The music program at Southgate is first class and it shows when the kids perform at their concerts, Band-O-Rama or in Marching competitions. All 3 of our children have participated in the Southgate Band Program. Clark is a 11th grader and plays Baritone Sax in the Marching Band and Jazz Band. Clay is a 9th grader and plays the Baritone Sax in

great fundraiser for the class. Thanks again from the CLASS OF 2011.

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

I would like to "Thank" everyone for working the guard show, even if you did not have a student in the winter line program - along with everyone that worked the spaghetti dinner, Band-A-Rama, Comerica Park and Ford Field - especially to the ones that did more than there 2 required events. If it wasn't for you, we most likely would not have made it through the year. To those of you who chaired a project, "Thank you" for all the hard work and many hours of your time you put into that project. To the board members: I would like to say, "We all appreciate all the time and energy that you have put into our students program".



If you did not love all these students like you do, we would not have the program we have today. Mrs. Zeld: "Thank you, Thank you" for all your hard work to help these students to love music so our program can grow. Mrs. Benson: "Thank you" for your patience, along with your help and support to our students. Mr. Kmet: You are the most ambitious person that we all know. You go above and beyond for this program. We cannot say "Thank you" enough to show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication you have for this program. "Thank you" to you and your family for all the time you have put into our students.

I would also like to "Welcome" the new board. Hope your year is wonderful and eventful. "Thank you" for doing what you will be doing to keep this program growing. Our students appreciate all the time and energy it takes to be on the board.

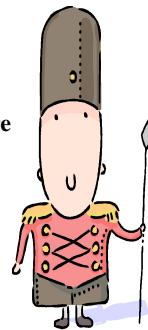
Have a wonderful, safe and festive holiday. "Thank You to everyone!!"
Danielle McGrath-Volunteer committee

CLASS OF 2011

A very big THANK YOU to all who purchased items from the Freshman Class booth at Band-a-Rama. THANKS to all parents that helped by working the booth or donating items. It was a great time and a

Jazz and Concert bands. Clay plans on being part of the marching band next year in the drumline. I look forward to a successful year in 2008. Thanks, Brian Batko

Senior uniform collection after Band A Rama was a success! Seniors who have not turned in their uniform will be contacted as to when to bring your uniform to school. For the rest of the students, please makes sure your uniform is cleaned and on hangers before storing them till Memorial day
Thanks Nina Solis, Shirlee Crum Uniform committee



STUDENT CREDIT

Hi, everyone. Hope your holidays were happy! We have just completed a lot of fundraisers, closed out the membership fees and NY trip payments, and now with winterguard and winterline activities starting up -- Shirley and I have been and expect to continue to be-- very, very busy on the student credit front.



A couple of things you can do to help ensure you get full access to all your hard-earned credit:

1. Please make sure you put your *student's name and grad year* on all fund-raising forms and any other paperwork you to turn in to the band. We have had several instances where the parent's last name is different than the student's last name, and other instances where the *parent's name* is on the form instead of the student's name, so Shirley and I have had to pull out our hats and magnifying glasses and do a little serious investigating to ensure that the credit hits the proper account.
2. If your family has more than one student in the band programs, please drop me a line at sherry_edmunds@yahoo.com and let me know the names of all the students who will earn credit for your family account.

As silly as it may sound, it is really difficult to tell if, for example, there is a student named Milford Cubicle and I get a report with the name Buford Cubicle, whether Buford is the parent, a sibling or belongs to a completely unrelated Cubicle family that needs to establish their own student credit account. Also, once I know who belongs in your family account, I can combine any separate accounts that may have been established into one fund for you to access.

As always, let me know of any questions or concerns you have with your account, and, again, your patience is always appreciated!

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

As many of you are aware, the eight board positions for the booster organization are annually-elected positions, with the election taking place at the December meeting each year. This is for all of you new parents (those with your first student in the band program having a grad year of 2012 or later). In order to participate in the election this December (2008), you will need to attend at least 3 of the 4 booster meetings between September and December, 2008, be a member in good standing (all fees and volunteer commitments met), and have a booster membership card for the 2008-2009 year (which costs \$1 per family each year, and which can be obtained from the Patti Schmitz, our treasurer, at any of the meetings). An active and informed membership is the band booster organization's best asset, so join us at the meetings, get involved in the activities and



committees that appeal to you, and set yourselves up to make your voice heard at this

Little Caesar's



Fundraiser

The Southgate Band Program

is once again hosting their popular Little

Ceasars Pizza Kit Fundraiser. The Forms are available in each of the school's band rooms, on the website, and by contacting Toni Wood at 284-9828. Student Credit is \$2.75 for each Pizza or Pie kit sold (*Marching Band, Guard, and Drumline students who pay fees to March or Perform may double their Student Credit to help offset these fees.*)

Order Forms and Money are due by January 11, 2008.

Please make one check payable to Southgate Band Boosters and be sure that you students name, graduation year, and phone number are on the order forms.

Delivery is scheduled for January 29th, 2008 between 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. at Beckie Smith's house: 12396 Kent Ct. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser or if you could please help with the delivery, please contact Toni Wood @ 284-9828.

year's elections!

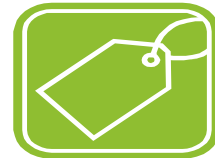
Toni Wood @ 284-9828

Frankenmuth Sale

The Southgate Band Program will be having their spectacular Spring Fundraiser with Frankenmuth Fundraising again this year. This fundraiser is a brochure order taker and has a wide variety of items. There are items for spring, Mother's Day, Easter and many other occasions. This fundraiser is very popular and an excellent opportunity to earn Student Credit to pay for the upcoming Band Camp and Marching Fees. If your student is not a marcher, Student Credit can be earned to pay for instrument repairs, lessons, shirts, and other items related to band class.

The fundraiser is scheduled to begin February 14th, 2008. Order Forms will be available at February Booster Meeting that night or in any of the band classrooms at each school. Forms and Money will be due on March 7th, 2008 (again

Please make one check payable to Southgate Band Boosters and be sure that you students name, graduation year, and phone number are on the order forms



If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser or if you could please help with tallying orders or delivery, please contact Toni Wood @ 284-9828.

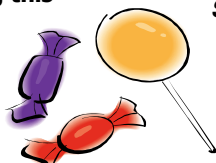
Sucker Sale

The Southgate Band Program will be having their Annual Sucker Sale again in January.

The Sale is scheduled to run January 9th, 2008 to February 13th, 2008. Suckers can be picked up at the Booster Meeting on January 9th or in any of the band classrooms. This fundraiser is a cash and carry prepay fundraiser. Each bag sells for \$10.00 and contains 20 suckers to be sold at 50 cents each. *Please make check payable to Southgate Band Boosters and be sure that you students name and graduation year are on the check memo.*

Student Credit is \$2.50 for each Bag of Suckers

(Marching Band, Guard, and Drumline students who pay fees to March or Perform may double their Student Credit to help offset these fees.) If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact



Ford Field

We still have Ford Field Dates that we need to work in order to fulfill this school year's contract and to remain in good standing with Ford Field. If you can work any events, your student credit will be \$25.00 per event per worker that goes down to Ford Field. Please contact me if you are available to work any of the following dates.

January 19th Monster Jam

January 24th-27th Camper and RV Show

March 7th-9th Detroit Home and Garden Show

March 28th NCAA Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament

March 30th Elite 8 Basketball Tournament

April 12th Supercross

If you need help with the online alcohol training, I can assist you or make the necessary arrangements to have someone help you. Please contact Toni Wood @ 284-9828



WELCOME ROSE BAILEY!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Rose Bailey to the Southgate Band Boosters Board. Rose Bailey joins us this year as a Trustee. She has been a great help behind the scenes this past year. She attended Band Camp this year as a Food Coordinator and arranged all of the "Outland Food" (Sub lunches, Pizza dinner, Senior Taco/Pizza Night, Cabin Clean-up Pizza Party, etc.). Rose prepared the food for the Lasagna Day Camp Lunch, as well as arranging the other day lunches and en

route bus food, snacks, and beverages. These are just a few of the examples of the volunteer work that Rose has put in.

Rose is the mother of Britney Bailey who is a part of our Color Guard in both Marching Band and Winter Guard, Shane Bailey who is in our Davidson Concert Band and an up and coming Marching Student, and she also has a younger daughter at Gerisch Middle School, Misty Bailey who is currently active in the City of Southgate Cheerleading Program. Rose is married to Wes Bailey who has helped her in all of the Food Preparation and the Day Camp Lunches.

We are lucky to have Rose as part of our Board and look forward to her fresh ideas and input this year. Welcome Rose Bailey!

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