BAND BOOSTER MEETING. 27 AUG 2020

President:

We are sorry we have not been able to provide as much information as we usually do. As soon as we get the information, we are passing it on. The school is waiting for information just like we are. We must be fluid. We will let you know as soon as we find out information.

There will be no Tour-D-Ford this year. All the sponsors will be moved to a different race.

March a thon: This is a full day of practice where we bring in experts in marching from around the nation to spend a day with us and polish the performance. This will be 26 Sept from 12-8pm. There will be a parent preview at the end of the day. This is a Saturday and extremely important that all band members are present.

The football schedule is tentative and may change from week to week. You can find the schedule at bitly.com/RHfootball

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| 9/4/2020 | Away | @ Camden | 7:30 PM |  |
| 9/11/2020 | Away | @ Ware Co. | 7:30 PM |  |
| 9/18/2020 | **HOME** | **Wayne Co.** | 7:30 PM | SENIOR NIGHT |
| 9/25/2020 |  | OPEN |  |  |
| 10/2/2020 | **HOME** | **Northside, WR** | 7:30 PM |  |
| 10/9/2020 | TBD | TBD | TBD |  |
| 10/16/2020 | **HOME** | **Statesboro\*** | 7:30 PM | Homecoming |
| 10/23/2020 | Away | Effingham\* | 7:30 PM |  |
| 10/30/2020 | **HOME** | **Brunswick\*** | 7:30 PM | Breast Cancer Awareness |
| 11/6/2020 | Away | GA\* | 7:30 PM |  |
| 11/13/2020 | **HOME** | **South Effingham\*** | 7:30 PM |  |
| 11/20/2020 |  | OPEN |  |  |

Treasurer:

Working on fixing the problem that caused several uniform orders to be doubled and sometimes tripled.

Color Guard please make sure you filled out the uniform orders you received.

Even though we may not perform at as many games we will still need the entire budget. We still have uniform needs, travel needs, and we are going to competitions.

We are requesting that each family donate two cases of water bottles. You can bring them during band practice. As you can imagine we go through a lot of water during games and competitions.

Fixed assets coordinator:

As always, we will need volunteers. We will need help with transportation and getting equipment to and from the field.

Volunteer coordinator:

Everything is fluid. We are posting volunteer opportunities as we are sure that we need them.

We are always happy to have more volunteers.

Fundraising:

The sponsors for Tour d Ford will be moved to a race on Sept 11. We will not be playing at this race.

We sold 500 tickets for Savannah Bananas. The money is coming in soon and will be distributed to the student soon.

Dr. Kiene:

We would like to welcome Mr. Kevin Britt as the new assistant band director. He is recently from Gwinnett county and a graduate from the University of Kentucky.

We have had an interesting start to the school year. We are truly fortunate to even have a band program this year. Many schools are not having a physical band class.

The band sounds great

Their will be a parent preview night soon. Date to be determined.

As a band we are practicing social distancing very well. The band is protected, and the school is doing a very good job protecting students from Covid.

The school is providing protection for instruments. They provided flute guards and covers for other instruments to protect the students. Many of the section practices are outside to further protect the students.

The students want to be at school and to follow the new rules.

The meeting is online tonight. It is in the same format as the regular class. There is a HD camera that is on the band director, and a smaller camera that shows all the students in the classroom. We use a HD speaker that will pick up noise from anywhere in the classroom. The band director that is not in front of the class monitors the virtual room and is able to answer online questions in real time. The online students are even able to play along with sectional practices. This is the best version of what we can do.

Competition! We are going to the Effingham classic Oct 10th. We do not know much about the format or other information at this time.

Football games: Home games we will have the whole band performing. The pit and guard will be on the edges of the stands and the band will be very close to 6’ apart on the stands.

Away games: Currently, we have only 3 busses. And some schools will not let us bring any band. We have 183 band students. We will take 60-70 to away games. The band will be broken up by instrument and parts. We need equal seniors and freshmen to go to games. The guard will be broken up into thirds. The list is out and students should know which group they are in. As the season goes on, we may be able to take more students to games.

Senior night will be 18 Sept. We will be performing after the game.

Facebook: Facebook is for the kids to be excited about band. It is not the place for specific questions. The problem with questions is that to answer some questions it would require sensitive information about students to be shared with the entire group.

If you have specific questions, please e-mail or text Dr. Kiene directly. 912-414-2830 is his personal phone number. Texts work great. Please be aware of the time of day and if it can wait until the morning 1am may not be the best time to text.

The band booster board is all volunteer. They have regular full time jobs and may not be able to answer your questions immediately. Please be kind to all the band volunteers.

Feel free to record any of our performances. DO NOT POST ANY VIDEO OF ANY PERMORMANCE UNTIL AFTER COMPATIONS ARE COMPLETE FOR THE YEAR!!!

Generally, at competitions we are the last band to perform. We do not want a rival school to see some part of our performance and put it in their show before we perform.

Thanks

Richard Payton

Band Booster Secretary.