

August 13, 2024 Band Booster Meeting

Mr. Smith had 3 requests:

1. The Band truck needed to be taken to McGriff's in Good Hope for service before football season starts.
2. Golf Cart is not holding charge. Need to figure out why & how it can be repaired
3. The wooden Podium on the practice field is starting to deteriorate, as well as the Tower. They both need to be looked at to assess damage & how to repair.

We are in need of a fridge in the main concession stand. The middle fridge that is used for food storage is not staying cool enough to continue to store food. If we can find someone to donate or can possibly buy a bent & dent one at Lowe's for cheap would be great.

Joe said that we have 2 propane tanks that need to be filled up. Need to decide where we are going to get them filled since we no longer have Marvin's donations.

Middle School/ Mrs. Bean

Advanced band will need khaki shorts for fair parade along with band shirt. Also needs Khaki pants as part of their uniform for this season.

Beginning band will have a meeting Tuesday night at 6pm with Gadsden Music to help assist what instruments they are best suited for. Mr. Wiggins has generously donated snacks for this meeting.

Will need chaperones to sign up for events where band will be traveling by bus.

Beginning Band will have Night at Stadium on 10/4/24

Advanced Band will have Night at Stadium on 9/6/24

Both groups have received a member agreement form that were to have been signed & returned on 8/12/24 in order for student to be able to continue in band. This packet also has parent volunteer form, which parents are requested to sign up for at least 2 home game dates in concession stand.

Parents have been going a great job with making payments on line. That is the preferred method of payment but if they want to pay in person with check or cash we will write them a receipt.

Advanced Band will have couple of after school practices. Beginning band practice will be during school hours.

Middle school football schedule has recently changed. Updated calendar is available to pickup tonight & is always available on Parent Square. Advanced Band parents are asked to look at calendar for performance times, as Advanced Band will perform at games. Students will need to wear full uniform.

Both Beginning & Advanced band will be attending the Fall Spectrum at University of Alabama on 10/11/24. Will need chaperones for this trip. Students will have a fee of \$10, which will help cover the buses used.

Gadsden Music Rep bragged on how attentive the Beginning band was & how interested they were at everything he was saying.

The Advanced Band is way ahead for this year. So excited for what this year holds for both Advanced & Beginning Bands.

High School Band:

Leanna Smith: First installment for High school band trip to Disney is due 8/15/2024 for \$550.00. First installment will need to be made by card sales. If total of 55 cards has not been turned in, the amount left will need to be purchased & money turned in. Ex: if you've sold 50, you can purchase the additional 5 to make total of 55. Next installment will be due 9/15/2024

We are in need of water donations for this football season. We not only supply water for our band students during the games but also the visiting band at home games. We have several ways to sign up, facebook booster page, parent square & sign up genius.

Mr. Smith called attention to mistake on the printed calendar for the Jasper game, which has been moved from Friday 9/13/24 to Thursday 9/12/24.

Next weeks away game to Bob Jones has a 4:45PM departure time.

If you want to know the full years list of events, it can be found under the Band handbook tab on the Bearcat band website. There is also a tab for the football schedule & also a calendar that lists events & schedule for each month. This way you will know drop off & pick up times.

Practices will be on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday will be till 5PM. Try not to have practices on Wednesdays but occasionally it will happen. Next week will have a Wednesday practice. Will also have one the week of Labor Day

Band Trip to Disney will be 11/10/24 thru 11/14/24. We will be marching in the Festival of Fantasy Parade on 11/13/24.

9/28/24- Band will march in the Fair parade & will perform at the Annual Cullman Band Exhibition. We will be the last band to perform that night.

We will have 2 marching band competitions- 10/5/24 & 10/19/24, at Pell City & Oneonta(Covered Bridge Marching Competition)

We are currently making the transfer from Remind to Parent Square to keep you informed on events, changes & reminders with the band. Right now, we will continue to use all avenues available to make sure you are kept informed with all things Cullman Bearcat band related. We will also be creating a group specifically for the Band Boosters, so anything needed or going on specifically with this group will be found there.

The students have been working really hard learning this years show. 100+ weather, constant rain, day & night practices & now after school practices. It's coming together & every week you will see additions to the half time show as the band continues to learn the choreography. In a few weeks, you will be able to see the hard work has paid off with the completed show being marched on the field.

Mr. Teuscher:

Upcoming Percussion trip- 9/9/24- Parking Lot Preview @ Muscle Shoals. We will leave after school, so students will not miss any school for that day. We will perform a set in front of several area high school percussion sections & UNA percussion section. Then all percussion sections come together to play the same

musical piece. Really a great opportunity. Will need chaparones for the trip & about \$5 for food.

Also want to thank boosters because of you, we were able to purchase new electronic carts to house all our electronics, even has a shade to keep sun from blaring down on the equipment. It was very appreciated.

Joe Moore addressed the meeting stating that for the past 15 years it has been his honor to serve in the Booster Program. And it was because of the band student's comments of how much being in the band, has meant to them! And along the way the experience of meeting so many new parents, different personalities, learning about everyone's life experiences, he has come away a better person for it. Being around so many people with a passion for their kids and wanting to work to create a great experience for them and the audience they perform for. Joe also stated that he feels a calling in another direction & will be stepping down as grill master but is so grateful for those who have stepped up to shadow him & carry the torch for the next generations to come. The Booster organization cannot survive without all band parents coming together, to do their part to help our children grow in their love for music. He also stated for us to BELIEVE in our leaders because they are doing an excellent job teaching our childrem, from the beginning with Mrs. Bean & Mr. Teuscher to the high school band with Mr. Smith & Mr. Teuscher. The students learn to work hard, work as a team, build confidence in themselves, have respect for their instructors, themselves & each other while having a shared passion for music. All coming together to entertain millions who gather to watch at ballgames, competitions, exhibitions or parades. This program is one to be very, very proud to be a small part of. Thanks for the memories!