



JACKSON BAND NOTES

February 2009

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

The Band Trip for this year – has been cancelled, due to the lack of participation. As a result, we are going to plan a trip for Seniors, sometime in May, that will be JUST for Seniors. (possibly a Broadway show and dinner cruise in NYC). We will try again for a Band Trip next year.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is approaching quickly. As you know, the parade route is a 4 mile walk. This is the LONGEST parade of the year. We will be preparing outside in the next few weeks. Make sure you dress appropriately for Band Class...Thank you.

8th grade Band Orientation is February 10th, at 7pm in the Band Room. 2009-2010 Section Leaders and Drum Majors will be talking to the students. They will be passing out next years Music. Please be on time, and make it an “awesome” first impression for the Class of 2013.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ben Learish who qualified for the 2009-2010 All South Jersey Wind Ensemble.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ryan Laws who qualified for the 2009-2010 All South Jersey Symphonic Band

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Montgomery who is JMHS – Senior of the Month

ALL SHORE BAND AUDITIONS:

APPLICATIONS DUE – Friday Feb 13, 2009

Audition Monday, March 2, 2009 Freehold Twp. High School 5:00 p.m.

Audition Snow Date Wednesday, March 4, 2009 Freehold Twp. High School 5:00 p.m

Rehearsal Monday, March 16, 2009 Neptune High School 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rehearsal Thursday, March 19, 2009 Neptune High School 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rehearsal Monday, March 23, 2009 Neptune High School 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal Friday, March 27, 2009 Neptune High School 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal Saturday, March 28, 2009 Neptune High School 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Concert Sunday, March 29, 2009 Neptune High School 3:00 p.m.*

THEME for 2009-2010 – “MUSIC APPRECIATION – Room 405”

NEEDS FOR THE 2009-2010 MARCHING BAND SHOW

4 Snake Baskets with Lids – The lids will have snakes attached underneath lid.

4 X 8 wooded platform that can be used as a stage...strong enough to hold two people

1 Student Desk, 1 Classroom School Bell that Rings VERY LOUD with Switch to turn on and off

Big old bells, from either firetrucks or churches for 1812 Overture

A Sign that has Adjustable Letters and Numbers. 2 inch numbers preferred so audience can read the sign on a weekly basis (letters are going to change every week)

Example: ROOM 202 – Mr Apgar when we go to Manchester, Mr Katona when we go to Liberty

Wigs, Bald Wigs, Glasses, Props for actors to look like teachers. Eagles Memorabilia

8-12 FAKE Tambourines for Color Guard to be used as a prop

2 ACTORS for every performance.(preferably from equipment crew)

ROLES: Music Teacher, Student with Headphones who can Sleep and Imagine!!!



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Anybody Could, But Nobody Would

This story is about 4 men named: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought

That Anybody could do it, and Nobody realized the Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended

Up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody should have been blamed by Anybody.

Mr. Bud

SENIOR PHOTOS WANTED

Help us make a keepsake for you! We are asking each senior for a baby picture as well as a current picture for a "video montage". We are also looking for photos of your four years in band – those silly, goofy pictures you took on the bus, during band camp or the photos your parents took during performances. Please give them to Jessica Mulvihill or Kaitlyn Riley during band class. Please be sure to put your name and phone number on the back of photos so we can return them to you!

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATIONS IN 2009...

Here is the 2009 Jackson Memorial HS Jaguar Band Summer Band Schedule *Summer Rehearsals*: 6:00PM – 9:00PM in the Band Room

July 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30

Band Camp 2009: August 10th-13th and August 17th-20th

BAND CAMP PERFORMANCE August 20th at 7pm – Jack Munley Field

BAND WEBSITE – www.jacksonjaguarband.com

Please be sure to check the unofficial band website regularly for the most up-to-date information about the band. Also, take a few minutes and look at the photos on our website. Several parents have taken tons of photos that are online – feel free to browse, download, print – even make a scrapbook for your child. Thanks to all our shutterbugs!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Hospitality is looking for volunteers for next year!!

Food Server's, Cooks, BBQ Grilling Master's, Concession Stand Help and the list goes on!! We'll have sign ups in the spring!

Incoming Freshman students & parents: Please get food surveys handed in as soon as possible. We are always up for new ideas so please let us know.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day Parade, NYC

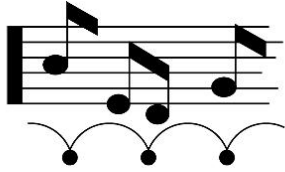
April 30 – Spring Band Concert

Sunday, June 14 – Band Banquet



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WELCOME TO THE 2009/2010 BAND SEASON!

Christine and I would like to welcome all of our new freshman parents and students to the band program at Jackson Memorial High School. The next few months may seem a bit overwhelming to some of you, but it is well worth it – in fact – get ready for one of the most wonderful, worthwhile school based activities you or your child could have! As you will read from the band packet or hear from Mr. McCormick, Mrs. Katona, or other band parents, our band is renowned throughout the region for its award winning, crowd pleasing band shows, its organized, active band parents' organization and its successful home competition.

Your child will gain musical ability, responsibility and time management as well as enjoy the thrill of two weeks of band camp in the summer, marching in performances at football games and performing at many competitions and other events throughout the fall. They will be part of a team of dedicated students, many at the top of their class academically, who have in common their dedication to the band and to their music. They will have the opportunity to also play in two concerts during the year and join specialized ensembles such as Jazz Band, Woodwind Choir and Percussion Ensemble.

Your child will have a responsibility to the band – to learn the music, be present at band camp, rehearsals during the week and on weekends, at games and competitions, and for their uniform and other band equipment.

You will also have a responsibility as their parents. It is important to come to band parent meetings (second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm) so that you can listen to what is going on with the band and ask questions, and to check our website, www.jacksonjaguarband.com, often, especially during band season, for the most up to date information. Please come to the performances and support the band. We usually all sit together in the stands at competitions. We are colorful (wearing red and black), we are loud (cowbells and cheering!) and it means a lot to our kids that we support them at everything.

We also need your help. We need parents to chaperone, help cook and serve food, work the concession stands, serve on committees and help with the home competition. The best way to “become” part of the band parents' organization and get to know other band parents, is to help out!! Over the next months we will supply you with a list of “vested” parents who are willing to serve as mentors. Please call them or speak to anyone on the board if you have any questions at all with the band program.

Again – Welcome! Get Involved! And get ready for the time of your life!

A few other notes:

Due to lack of response, the proposed band trip has been canceled. We will be looking into a trip to NYC (Broadway show and dinner) for a weekend in May; details to follow.

Banquet invitations will be going out shortly. Our banquet is June 14 at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood from 1-5 pm. This is a beautiful venue and the food is very good. Please watch for your invitation to come in the mail and reply promptly. We are hoping to see a large attendance at this end of year celebration and our farewell to the senior class.



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AIDA

Many of our band students are sharing their talents during the school's annual musical "Aida". Watch our students play instruments in the orchestra, dance across the stage in various roles or try to catch a glimpse of those working behind the scenes! The show will be presented March 12 – 15 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

TRI-M TALENT SHOW

On Friday, March 27 Tri-M is presenting their annual talent show. Many of the band members are involved in the planning, performing, hosting and behind the scenes activities that are needed to run such a wonderful night of entertainment. Please come and support our students and enjoy a night out!

2009 JAZZ BAND SCHEDULE

Support our Jazz Band by attending some of their upcoming competitions:

Feb 20	Burlington City Jazz Festival	Mar 27	Princeton Jazz Festival
Feb 28	Rotary Performance at JMHS	April 4th	Liberty Jazz Festival
Mar 19	Pennsbury Jazz Festival	April 23rd	JMHS Broadway Night
Mar 20	Pennsauken Jazz Festival		

FUNDRAISERS

Eighth graders can begin fundraising after completing the "Permission to Fundraise" form. Students are not required to fundraise, but it is highly recommended to help defray the various costs involved in participating in the band. Ongoing fundraisers include food store vouchers, Kohl's gift cards, Scrip and WaWa shorti coupons. Visit <http://www.jacksonjaguarband.com/fundrais.htm> for more information on all available fundraising opportunities. Below is a brief description of a few of our fund raisers:

WAWA: Books of 6 coupons, each good for a shorti sandwich, will be sold for \$21 at the band parent's meeting with \$6 credited to the assessment account.

SCRIP: Scrips are gift certificates/gift cards that you purchase at a discounted price for stores, restaurants and services that you can use to make purchases or to give as gifts. For a list of participating companies, visit <http://www.glscrip.com/retailerlist/index.aspx>. Order forms are available on the website. Please submit one check (payable to Jackson Memorial Band Parents, Inc) for the total face value of cards order. Shipping fees are divided among all those ordering. Assessment accounts will be credited with your profit. Orders will be placed after each band parent meeting with additional orders if you need scrip in between meetings. Contact Beth Riley (bethril@yahoo.com) with any questions.

BAGGING: Bagging shifts at Stop & Shop are 2 hours. All money collected during that day is divided equally among those who bagged and credited to the band member's assessment account. Chaperones will also be needed for each shift. The band member must wear tan or black pants (no jeans), red band shirt and closed toed shoes. Sunday, June 14th is the first bagging date for incoming freshman and only incoming freshman can bag on this date. Since incoming freshman may not have the red band shirt, *incoming freshman only* can wear a Goetz band shirt or a plain red shirt. Band members can be signed up for bagging dates at the band parent meeting or can email/call on the 1st day of every month. See the band website fundraising page for more details.

Friday Feb 20	Sunday May 31	Sunday Aug 30
Friday Mar 20	Friday June 12	Sunday Sept 13
Sunday Mar 29	Sunday June 14	Sunday Oct 11
Friday Apr 17	Friday July 24	Sunday Nov 15
Sunday Apr 26	Sunday July 26	Friday Dec 18
Friday May 22	Friday August 14	Sunday Dec 27