

Hi SCHS Band Families!

The following are announcements for the week of September 3rd. (Please read to the bottom for announcements specific to Marching Band).

ALL BAND UPDATES

TAG DAY

Parents of ALL Band students – sign up slots are now available in Charms for **TAG DAY! WE NEED PARENTS TO DRIVE – MORNING, AFTERNOON, OR BOTH SHIFTS.** The event will run from 8:30AM until 4PM (or when all routes are finished) and pizza will be served (free!) during lunch. Reminder on “how to” sign up in Charms is below.

SCHS ROCK-N-RUN TWILIGHT 5K

Band Families – we need your help in two ways:

First, volunteers are still needed to get the word out about registration. Specifically, the 5k Committee needs people to help put out fliers on cars during upcoming events (Back to School Nights at local schools, other races, etc.). This is a great way for students to get a jump on their service hours. Please visit this link to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ea9ab29aa8-schs>

Second, volunteers are needed for the day before the race AND race day itself. Please help us make the 5k a success (and join the party!) by volunteering the day before (September 21) and/or the evening of the race (September 22). All kinds of positions are available - please click on this link to see:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ea9ab29aa8-2018>

SYMPHONIC BAND FAMILIES. A reminder that there is a meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 7 PM in the auditorium to discuss the Music for All trip in March. Please plan to be in attendance.

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Don't forget about the SCHS Band Program when you are shopping on Amazon! Go to smile.amazon.com, and select South County Secondary Band Boosters as your designated charity before you begin shopping. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your qualifying purchases to the Band Program. It's that easy – every little bit helps!

REMINDER ON HOW TO ACCESS THE CHARMS VOLUNTEER SIGNUP PAGE

Go to charmsoffice.com

“Parents/Students/Members” Sign In

The school code is: FCPSSouthCountyHSBand (not case sensitive)

Click on “Volunteers” then “Volunteer Needs”

Choose the date you want to sign up for, click “Show Volunteer Needs”

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media for pictures and important announcements!

Find us on Facebook at South County High School Bands, and on Instagram at SoCoStallionsBand.

If you have a proposed submission for social media, send it to socobandstallions@gmail.com. We may not post pictures of individual students without their parent’s permission (just FYI).

MARCHING BAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES- MARCHING BAND GAMES, EVENTS, ETC.

Signups are now up in Charms for upcoming Marching Band events (including games, competitions, etc.). It takes a village to march the Band, so please don’t be shy! We need your help! If you want to help on a particular night, but your schedule doesn’t permit – we’ll gladly accept your water donations. We prefer the little bottles of water, when possible! A reminder on how to access the Charms Volunteer Signup page is above.

SHOE/GLOVE ORDERS

For all **Freshmen/New Marchers & Guard Members** – If you have received an email about shoe or glove payment, and you haven’t sent it in, please do so. If you are not sure how much you owe and/or if you have paid, please contact Linda Clark at lebc2159@yahoo.com.

OPTIONAL PURCHASES

For those marchers asking for knee pads, consider:

https://www.amazon.com/Mizuno-Volleyball-Kneepad-Black-Medium/dp/B00114T938/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1535990570&sr=8-1&keywords=mizuno+knee+pads+volleyball

Available on smile.amazon.com.

Foam **earplugs** are available for students in the band room, although they tend to block most of the sound. Below you will find the links to a couple that Grant Butters suggested for Drumline last season. They are high fidelity ear plugs ~ they reduce the noise. Wearers can still carry on a conversation.

<https://www.steveweissmusic.com/product/hearos-high-fidelity-ear-plugs/ear-protection>

<https://www.steveweissmusic.com/product/earasers-musicians-earplugs/ear-protection>

https://www.amazon.com/Comfortable-Protection-Professional-Cancelling-Motorcyclists/dp/B01M1P3U1O/ref=sr_1_4_a_it?ie=UTF8&qid=1534610110&sr=8-4&keywords=hearos+high+fidelity+ear+plugs
(Remember to use smile.amazon.com!)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday (9/3) – NO rehearsal – HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Wednesday (9/5) – Rehearsal from 6PM – 9 PM

Friday (9/7) – Home Game Against Centreville

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Rehearse

5PM - Tailgate (those students who did NOT order a tailgate meal for 9/7 should remember to bring a dinner!)

6 PM – Get ready – GO STALLIONS!! A few reminders:

Black socks- Please wear a pair of calf length black socks (think Nike half calf or dress socks) to the game and competition! No short ankle socks or navy blue socks.

Black Marching Shoes- Make sure you have your marching shoes for the game. Write your name inside your shows (both of them 😊)

Jewelry- No jewelry is to be worn.

It is going to be hot on Friday. Please dress accordingly. Athletic shorts are a good choice to wear under your uniform bibbers. Please don't wear jeans, baggy sweatpants or bulky shorts.

Saturday (9/8) – Rehearsal (10AM – 6PM).

Also, Parents – come out to the football field on Saturday to see a full run of this year's show. Show starts at 6PM!

If you have an announcement for the weekly e-mail, please send them to Heather Cooper (heather.cooper2011@yahoo.com) or Renee Flynn (reneeflynn1@msn.com). Please reach out to us with any questions, and have a great week!

Heather Cooper and Renee Flynn
