

Hi SCHS Band Families!

The following are announcements for the week of September 16th. (Please read to the bottom for announcements specific to Marching Band).

## **ALL BAND UPDATES**

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS** will now be posted on the SCHS Band website ([www.schsbands.org](http://www.schsbands.org)). Please spread the word! Charms has its limitations, and not everyone is receiving the announcements by email.

### **TAG DAY – THANK YOU!**

Early indications are that Tag Day 2018 was very successful! Donations rolled in in the form of cash/checks and some pretty cool instruments! **THANK YOU** to all of the students and parents who volunteered to make the day run smoothly! In particular, **THANK YOU** to Chris Walton, who organized the event again this year! This day is a huge undertaking and everyone's time and energy is much appreciated!!

### **SCHS ROCK-N-RUN TWILIGHT 5K**

**The Rock-N-Run Twilight 5K is only 6 days away!** This is shaping up to be a fantastic event!

On Thursday, September 21, 2018, from 4PM – 9PM, our friends at **SQUISITO'S** will host a CARB LOAD FUNDRAISER for runners and band members (with proceeds from all who mention the Fundraiser going to the Boosters).

During **GOLD OUT** at Friday's football game (more info below), \$5 from each race registration that we take in that evening will be donated to the **EMMA JORDAN KIDZ FIGHTING CANCER FOUNDATION**, an organization close to our hearts.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, race day, Principal Gary Morris will be announcing the start of the race, right after our chorus sings the National Anthem. Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Stork and Ms. Karen Corbett Sanders, Chair and Mount Vernon District School Board Member, will be attending as well! Band students will play all along the route, cheering our runners on!

Band Families – we still need your help to make this race a success! You can help in several ways:

1. **Volunteer.** Please volunteer 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>

2. **Donate.** Donate refreshment items for runners and concessions! **Please note** that the “sign up” for concessions is on Charms (not on Signup Genius). A reminder on how to sign up in Charms is below. Please deliver concession donations to the Band Room on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, between 5PM – 7PM.
  3. **Run or Walk!** It’s not too late to register to run or walk! There will be a kid’s run as well! We really want a large crowd of runners as this is shaping up to be a huge community event. The more participants we have – the better the sponsors will feel about being a part of this endeavor in the future! Register today at [www.schsbands.org](http://www.schsbands.org)!
  4. **Social Media.** Visit the *South County High School Twilight Rock n Run 5k* Facebook page, like the page and the posts, share posts to your own page and invite your friends to like the page! The 5k race is also on Twitter (@socotwilight5k). Please follow and retweet!
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## HELP US RECOGNIZE 5K SPONSORS!

Many local businesses have given generously to the 5k by way of sponsorships! A listing of those sponsors can be found on the band website at [www.schsbands.org](http://www.schsbands.org). Let’s all try to recognize those sponsors, and patronize their establishments when possible!

One opportunity to recognize a sponsor AND support a good cause is coming up this week. **MARCO’S PIZZA**, a sponsor of the 5k and a source of support for Marching Band tailgates, is hosting a **Hurricane Florence Relief Effort Fundraiser** September 17-19, 2018. If you order in-store or over the phone, mention that you want your order to be included in the Relief Effort. If you order online, click on the fundraising tab and look for the Hurricane Florence Relief Effort tab. 15% of these orders will be donated to the Red Cross Hurricane Florence Relief! Marco’s is located at 9027 Silverbrook Road (703.690.7000; [www.marcos.com](http://www.marcos.com)).

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

There are more fundraisers on the horizon ~ DETAILS COMING SOON!

- 1) **Pie Sales** – The Band’s popular Pie Fundraiser is coming soon – just in time for Thanksgiving! Students will soon be bringing home “pie forms” with details/instructions.
- 2) **Silent Auction** – The SCHS Band Boosters is once again running the Silent Auction at the SCHS Holiday Extravaganza & Craft Show on December 1, 2018. We will be looking for donations for baskets, along with gift cards, tickets to sporting events, etc. for auctioning.
- 3) **Yard Sale** – A new fundraiser will be held in the Fall – specifically geared towards raising funds for the Symphonic Band’s participation in the “Music for All National Concert Band Festival” in Indianapolis in the spring! (If you have items left over from your own yard sales, and/or items that you were thinking of donating, please save them! We will send information soon!)

## **WHY WE FUNDRAISE**

If you are new to the SCHS Band Program, you've probably noticed that the Boosters do a lot of fundraising! We wanted to take a moment to remind everyone why we work so hard on these endeavors. The Boosters organization assists with a wide array of expenses each and every year, including purchases of instruments/equipment (including last year's purchase of rosewood keys), uniforms, props, music, guest musicians for instruction and concerts, recognition events for our Band seniors, an annual scholarship, travel expenses, concert recordings – just to name a few. The Boosters organization is also proud to donate funds raised from the Silent Auction to the PTSO's All-Night Grad Party – one of the largest graduation parties in the county that keeps our students safe! This year, we have also committed to helping defray the costs for each Symphonic Band member to attend the "Music for All National Concert Band Festival." We are so proud of our Band Program – and we want to support our students and their dedicated leaders in every way we can! In order to do that, we focus a lot of time and energy on our fundraising. Thank you to all of you who have supported these efforts so far this year, and who will do so in the months to come!

## **REMINDER ON HOW TO ACCESS THE CHARMS VOLUNTEER SIGNUP PAGE**

Go to [charmsoffice.com](http://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"

## **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.

### **SHOW SHIRTS**

If you have not yet picked up your extra Show Shirts, please see Linda Clark ([lebc2159@yahoo.com](mailto:lebc2159@yahoo.com)) after rehearsals on September 17<sup>th</sup>, OR before or after the game on Friday evening.

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday (9/17)** – Rehearsal from 5PM to 8 PM

**Wednesday (9/16)** – Rehearsal from 6PM – 9PM. This year's **PARENT PREVIEW** will be held at the end of this rehearsal in the stadium. Please plan to arrive at 8:30 PM. The Marching Band will finish up their rehearsal, and Mr. Engdahl will talk a bit about the show before they perform. This will be their first full run – so please don't miss it! This is a great opportunity to give the students an audience before this Friday's game/performance!

**Friday (9/21) THIS WILL BE A FUN AND BUSY NIGHT!**

The Band will rehearse, and then host the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders from South County Middle School for **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night!** Marching Band – please be welcoming to our guests! We want them to have fun, and realize what an amazing Band we have (so that they aspire to join!)

It is also **GOLD OUT** – Parents - wear gold to support Childhood Cancer Awareness and, in particular, the **Emma Jordan Kidz Fighting Cancer Foundation!** Band members will be wearing gold ribbons made by Renee Flynn, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be given gold stickers to wear on their t-shirts. We will also be providing the Hayfield Marching Band with a basket with some goodies, including gold stickers so that they can join in the recognition.

It will also be the Band's first performance for a full audience! Band Members – a few reminders:

*Black Socks* – Please wear a pair of calf length black socks to the game. No short ankle socks or navy blue socks.

*Shoes* – Is your name in your shoes (BOTH of them?) 😊 It should be!

*Jewelry* – No jewelry, please.

**LOOKING AHEAD – VMBC NOVA Regional Itinerary (Herndon HS)**

The Marching Band's first competition is coming up on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at Herndon HS. Here is the day's itinerary:

**9:30 am** – arrive at SCHS (**Eat breakfast before you arrive**)

**9:45 am** – Load truck; change into uniforms

**10:20 am** – Load buses

**10:30 am** – Depart for Herndon HS

**11:00 am** – Arrive at Herndon HS

**11:15 am** – Warmup

**12:45 pm** – On Deck

**1:00 pm** – PERFORM!

**1:15 pm** – Return to buses, change out of uniforms

**(Students must have their short shirt as well as their undershirt to wear after the performance. They may also wear any other sweatshirts or attire depending on the weather.)**

**1:45 pm** – return to stadium for final performances and awards  
**(Students may bring money for concessions if they wish to do so)**  
**3:15 pm** – Return to buses; depart for SCHS  
**4:00 pm** – Arrive at SCHS; unload truck  
**4:15 pm** - Dismissal

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

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