

Hi SCHS Band Families!

After taking a hiatus following a whirlwind fall of 2018, the Weekly Band Announcements are up and running again! The following are announcements for the week of February 25, 2019.

- 1) **AIA Competition – HELP Needed.** SCHS is once again hosting an Atlantic Indoor Association (percussion) event this year. AIA is the circuit in which our indoor drumline and winterguard compete. This competition serves as one of our most profitable fundraisers during the school year (and the only one this Spring), with our profit for the past several years being about \$9,000 each.
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This event takes an ARMY of parents and students to run and make successful. We cannot do this without everyone chipping in. Please mark your calendars and plan to help. The date for this is **Saturday, March 30th**. This is an all-day event. Students/parents may volunteer for shifts (usually lasting about 4 Hours) or they may stay for the entire day. Students will receive volunteer hours for their time. Sign Up Geniuses will be going “live” this week. In addition to lots of volunteers, we will need lots donations for concessions, along with donations for hospitality rooms for Judges and Directors.

South County has received accolades in the past for running this event, and we definitely want that tradition to continue this year!

- 2) **Spirit Night.** Let Squisito Pizza & Pasta do the cooking on **Thursday, March 7th**! Come out to their Lorton location (Shoppes of Lorton Valley) between 4PM and 9PM, mention the fundraiser, and our generous friends at Squisito will donate up to 30% of your purchase to the SCHS Band Boosters!

- 3) **Drumline.** *From Linda Clark:*
Our drumline show this year is: "Don't Look Back". It is about Orpheus and Eurydice's journey through the underworld. For those of you not well versed in Greek mythology Orpheus goes to rescue his wife from the underworld after she is bitten by a snake. He is told she will follow him out, as long as he does not turn around to look at her. At the end of the journey he turns around and she disappears forever.

A few reminders for our drumline families, each student will need:

Compression shorts and shirts.

Hearing protection - (Also good for any band member, may be found on smile.Amazon.com too.)

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

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

Eye liner, each student should have their own.

Hair gel, or hair spray, for those that need it. (Each student should know if they need it, ask them.)

Make-up remover wipes.

Black socks (Helpful to have a spare set for if the original gets wet, like yesterday.)

For anyone who is still interested in volunteering to drive for competitions, please fill out the survey below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuEX9sL5D3cutnyvV1bwwg9bc_egAYQb_rtFFxVKeets3WAIA/viewform

4) **Music For All Festival (Symphonic Band)** *From Linda Clark:*

We will be having a meeting on **Tuesday, February 26th at 8:15 PM** following the symphonic band's rehearsal in the auditorium. It will last about 30 minutes.

A couple of important pieces of information:

-Attire for the entirety of the event (minus a student social on Thursday evening) is business casual for both students and parents. All are expected to look presentable and professional for the duration of our time there.

-For any families who are interested in attending the festival and making the trip to Indianapolis, please see the following website for housing information:

<https://www.musicforall.org/resources/directors-lounge/festival-friends-and-family>
There are rates available for family and friends.

For those that have family in the area who would like to attend the performance, we will be playing on Thursday, March 14th at 5:30 PM in the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts on the campus of Butler University.

There will be a MFA Send-off Concert on **Tuesday, March 12th at 7pm. Come out and support the symphonic band as they prepare to leave for Indianapolis and represent South County HS at the Music for all Festival.**

5) **2 Ways to Help!** There are two easy ways to donate to the SCHS Band Boosters this week:

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- **Amazon.** Remember, when you are making purchases on Amazon, please go to **smile.amazon.com** and select South County Secondary Band Boosters as your designated charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your qualified purchases to the Boosters – that’s all there is to it!
 - **Patron Fund.** If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Boosters, please visit our website at www.schsbands.org. Click on “PATRON FUND,” and “DONATE.” Thank you for keeping us in mind!
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6) **Social Media.** Be sure to follow us on Social Media for announcements and pictures! Find us on Facebook at “South County High School Bands,” on Instagram at [socostallionsband](https://www.instagram.com/socostallionsband), and on Twitter at [@schsbands](https://twitter.com/schsbands).

7) **PTSO.** Graduation is less than 4 months away! The PTSO needs volunteers for this year’s All Night Grad Party. It’s a Friday night this year (June 7th) so we will all be up late anyway, right? Sign up to help at:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0545aea723a3f58-angp>

Calendar of Events

February 26, 2018 – Symphonic Band Rehearsals 6PM – 8PM; MFA Meeting 8:15

February 27, 2018 – Concert Band Blue Rehearsal 3:15PM – 5PM

March 1 – Symphonic Band Assessment Performance 9:15PM at West Potomac HS

March 2 – Concert Band Blue Assessment Performance at 11:30AM at West Potomac HS

March 5 – Symphonic Band Rehearsals 6PM – 8PM

March 7 – Spirit Night at Squisito! 4PM – 9PM

March 12 – Symphonic Band Rehearsal 6PM; 7PM Send Off Concert

March 13-17 – Symphonic Band Trip to Music For All Festival

March 21 – SOCO Pyramid Concert (Jazz Band) – 7PM

March 30 – AIA Percussion Champs at SCHS

April 24 – Marching Band Interest Meeting at 7PM

June 4 – Spring Band Concert 7PM

June 7 – Graduation at Eagle Bank Arena (9:30 am)