

BRIGADE NEWSLETTER

"In Hoc Signo Vinces"

"Under This Banner, Thou Shalt Conquer"

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By therese
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Well, it's been a busy couple of weeks since school started. Band Camp went very well. Thank you Band Council!! They did a great job with lots of leadership. We had a great turnout for the potluck. Uniform fittings went very well with two of the finest pros Michele Victores and Kathy Longaker. Thanks to all that helped out. They couldn't

have done it without all your support.

Fundraisers are coming along with "Dining out with the Band" with Outback catering on September 19 @ 6:30 in the band room. Tickets are \$20 per person so please buy your tickets ASAP. We have Jamba Juice being sold every Tuesday after school for 6 to 8 weeks more. So give your

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TOC report

By BILL YOUNG

Planning is well underway for the 19th annual Tournament of Champions band review hosted by the Scarlet Brigade. TOC is one of the largest band reviews in Northern California, with over 40 middle and high school bands competing for top honors in marching, concert, jazz and field show competition. This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 17th.

Our first TOC meeting on September 5th was well-attended, with many of our veteran boosters as well as new band parents participating -- Welcome! We need many volunteers to help with planning, as well as working various TOC positions. Please join us in planning this spectacular event!

Our next meeting is Wed., October 3rd at 7 p.m. in the bandroom. Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri. 9/14 pep band
(football game)

Wed. 9/19 Outback dinner
Fundraiser in the band room

Mon. 9/24 Booster Meeting
(scrip orders due) 7:00 p.m.

Fri. 9/28 Transportation Fees
due to the SBA office

Mon. 10/1 Chaperone Train-
ing Meeting (mandatory)
6:30 p.m.

Wed. 10/3 TOC planning
meeting 7 p.m.

Fri. 10/5 pep band
(football game)

There are band reviews scheduled every Saturday in October. Expect your students to bring home itinerary information 2-3 days before each event.

TREASURER'S CORNER

BY CAROL RUMMEL

Fiesta Bowl – The September installment for the Fiesta Bowl trip was due September 10th. The final reservation deadline is September 17. To secure reservations participants must turn in the Commitment to Participant and Financial Contract form and have \$451 on deposit. If you do not have sufficient student account credits to apply to your trip account you must pay out of pocket when the trip installment payment is due. You may request reimbursement for out of pocket trip package costs at a later date when you have credits available. Please make sure your trip account is current. We are required to make monthly payments to the Travel Agent on your behalf.

Transportation Fee – The estimated band transportation fee for the fall marching season is \$95. This fee, due no later than September 28, applies to all marching band members. The fee for wind ensemble participants in the

Foothill/Pleasanton concert competition is \$19. Pay the fee at the Student Activities Office by cash or check made payable to Fairfield High School Band – SBA. Your student must bring their receipt of payment to the band room office.

Fundraising – Outback Steakhouse “Dine with the Band” September 19 – tickets are on sale now in the band room office. Tickets sell for \$20. Students will receive \$5 credit to their student account for each ticket sold. Proceeds will also benefit the General Trip Fund. Order forms are available in the band room. Come enjoy a delicious dinner with our band family. 50/50 raffle.

Scrip – the next Scrip order due date is September 24. Send your order to the band room office or turn in at the Booster meeting. Refer to our calendar of events for future scrip order due dates.

Escrip – be sure to visit www.escrip.com to renew

your commitment to Safeway and avoid interruption in contributions to your account.

Watch for news to come on the Cookie Dough sale scheduled for October and Christmas Wreath sale in November.

Fundraisers are provided to help you satisfy the annual Scarlet Brigade Contribution and earn credits you can apply to band trip package costs.

A big thank you to Therese Retherford, Nancy Ford, and Barbara Martinez who have been brain storming on a variety of fundraisers. Individual fundraisers help you earn credits for your student account. Some fundraisers benefit the General Trip Fund which in turn benefits participants on band trips. Our fundraising committee is always looking for new ideas. Feel free to contact Therese at 438-3065 if you have a fundraising idea that may be profitable.

More tournament of champions information

The Tournament of Champions Band Review hosted by the Scarlet Brigade Band is a major fundraiser for our organization. Trophies and awards are also a major expense. Over 200 requests for trophy sponsorship has been mailed to the Fairfield - Suisun business community. Unfortunately, we will get less than a 10% response. Inserted in this newsletter is a trophy sponsorship form. Please consider sponsoring a trophy or ask your employer or someone you do business with to be a sponsor.

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children \$3.25 to have Jamba Juice on Tuesdays to support our Trip Fund. The Tomato Festival was lots of fun (not very profitable but that's ok). Thanks to the Young's, Howell's, Butt's, Well's, Hawkins's and Debbie Blasingame for all their hard work. We had cotton candy in our hair and all over our clothes (it was a sight to see) but we had a great time. Thanks for the kids that came to help and support us boosters. We are kicking off a great fundraiser by one of our own boosters Terri Lamb. She is doing a tasting the night of our booster meeting with "Tastefully Simple". She is donating up to 25% of the total of the sales, so please help with selling some of their products. The proceeds are going to the Trip Fund. The pipe band had an awesome performance doing the opening ceremony for the Wine Curling Club. They had a tournament and wanted to have the Pipe Band bring out the teams. They were so welcoming

and just loved them so much. The Pipe Band also went to the Opening Ceremony for the Rolling Hills School and did a wonderful job.

Lastly I made it through my first Booster meeting and we have begun a great season. Thanks again for everything.

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Your President Therese

BINGO NEWS FROM COLLEEN CASWELL- SNUFFER

Funds raised from the Scarlet Brigade's sponsorship of the Saturday Night Vaca Valley Bingo game represent **70% of the band program's income budget.**

Without this critically important funding source, the program would come to a virtual standstill. Of course, the key to ensuring the health and vitality of the Bingo program is the continued participation and support of our incredible boosters. If our talented kids are

the heart of the band, then boosters and bingo are the blood that sustains them. Volunteering for Bingo is most definitely a team event that will allow volunteers to get to know fellow boosters. Many long friendships have started from working together at the Bingo Hall. Bingo also allows volunteers to help fund the considerable cost of trips for their students, while simultaneously providing much needed funds for the Scarlet Brigade General Fund. Starting this year, the hourly rate paid out for bingo is raised from \$8.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour. It's a win-win for everyone.

How Can I Get Involved in Bingo? Contact our Bingo Director, Colleen Caswell-Snuffer at (707) 888-5401 or e-mail at bingo_dir@scarletbrigade.com for more information about the Bingo program and the positions available. If you'd like to sign up, please call Karey Thompson at (707)437-3483 to volunteer.

Chaperone news — from barbara martinez

We must all be fingerprinted through the district office, have current TB tests and fill out a volunteer agreement with Kathryn Price in the Front office of the School. Prints take about 10 days to clear. District employees must fill out the volunteer agreement with Ms. Price.

Fingerprinting appointment info:

You must be on our Scarlet Brigade Volunteer list. Contact Barbara Martinez at bmarti-

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**SCARLET BRIGADE BOOSTER CLUB OF
FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

205 E. Atlantic Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Phone: (707)438-3065
Email: sbboosters@sbcglobal.net

**Next Band Booster meeting will be on
Monday, Sept. 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Band
Room**

**We're on the Web:
www.scarletbrigade.com**

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nez@lithia.com or 631-5282 to have your name added. Fingerprinting must be done through the district office, with their form. The fee is \$32.00. You must book an appointment to have your prints done.

Appointments are now running into October. Call Maryann Moody from the Human Resources Department 421-4001 to book your appointment.

Note*** You can have prints done elsewhere (see below), but you must first go to the District office (Hilborn) for the District Form and pay their \$32.00 in the Fiscal Department and then go to either the Solano County office of Edu.(\$25.00 in money order) or to Sheriff's dept (\$28.00)

Solano County Office of Education.(by Costco)

Pay for and pick up form from District. Solano County Office of Ed takes walk ins are

Tuesday thru Friday from 12 -2:30 pm.
Need \$25 money order.

To the Scarlet Brigade parents of:

Important Phone Numbers

Band Room/Band Director

Steve Taylor 438-3065

Booster eBoard

Pres.—Therese Retherford 422-0318

VPres — Barbara Martinez 434-1185

Treasurer — Carol Rummel 426-2444

Secretary — Cathy Bryan 429-8681

Bingo Director —

Colleen Caswell-Snuffer 425-1383

Committee Chairpersons

Bingo Manpower —

Karey Thompson 437-3483

Uniforms — Kathy Longaker 428-5416

TOC — Bill and Judi Young 425-8953

Head Chaperone —

Barbara Martinez 434-1185

Webmaster — Steve Lamb 429-5521

Fundraising —

Therese Retherford 422-0318

Nancy Ford 422-2133

Chaperone Training

Chaperone training will be held October 1, 2007 at 6:30 in the Bandroom. This is a mandatory training meeting for all volunteers wishing to chaperone any events such as Band Re-