

SCARLET BRIGADE BOOSTERS CLUB OF FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

BRIGADE NEWSLETTER

August 2008

In Hoc Signo Vinces

PRESIDENT'S NOTES BY THERESE RETHERFORD

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meetings and have done a great job planning band camp. It always amazes me what leadership our kids show. Every year it just gets better and better. I want to thank everyone (too many to name but you all know who you are) that was involved with our great E-Waste fundraiser. We did an awesome job and made \$2,200 plus \$400 in tips for our Trip Fund. Thanks to Mrs. Martinez for making that happen. Thanks to our barbequers (the Ford's and Howell's) for feeding our help and staying all day and helping out. We plan on

hosting another E-Waste event in early 2009, so save your electronic waste for the Scarlet Brigade. And last but not least, be sure to come to the last day of band camp for the finale and family potluck. We have lots of fun and it is nice to see everyone again before school starts. We hope to have Scarlet Brigade stuff to order and sell. The Scarlet Brigade will have a great year with lots in store. I hope we will all continue to work together and make this program the best it has always been.

*loquimus una voce
Therese Retherford*

BAND CAMP 8/11 - 8/15

1. Band Camp is mandatory.
2. Eat a hearty breakfast with lots of fluids.
3. Camp begins at 8:00 am don't be tardy
4. Bring a lunch. Access to fast food is limited.
5. Water will be provided.
6. Bucket hats, tennis shoes, comfortable attire are appropriate for camp.
7. Instruments needed on first day. Practice march prior to camp.
8. Friday pizza lunch provided by Boosters
9. Friday evening Family potluck.
10. Each day of camp is important.

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Special points of interest:

- Band Camp August 11 - 15
- Band Camp Potluck 8/15
- Congratulations to the Scarlet Brigade Pipe Band - 1st Place in FF July 4th Parade
- Uniform Fittings - see schedule page 2
- Booster Meeting 8/25 7pm in the band room
- TOC planning meeting 8/25 after Booster mtg
- Outback Steakhouse Dinner 9/24
- Mandatory Chaperone training 9/29 7pm in the band room

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 8/11-15 Band Camp | 10/25 Foothill Band Review |
| 8/11-14 Block Uniform Fittings | 10/27 Booster Meeting |
| 8/14 FSUSD Fingerprint Day | 10/31 Pep Band/Booster BBQ |
| 8/15 Band Camp Finale/Potluck | 11/8 Vintage Band Review |
| 8/25 Booster & TOC Meeting | 11/11 Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade |
| 9/22 Booster Meeting | 11/13 Band Picture |
| 9/24 Outback Steakhouse Dinner | 11/14 Pep Band/Booster BBQ |
| 9/26 Pep Band/Booster BBQ | 11/15 Tournament of Champions |
| 9/29 Chaperone Training | 11/17 Booster Meeting |
| 10/3 Pep Band/Booster BBQ | 11/22 NCBA Fall Championships |
| 10/4 Petaluma Band Review | 11/28 Depart Hollywood |
| 10/11 Cupertino Band Review | 12/2 Return from Hollywood |
| 10/12 Pipe Band Rio Vista Parade | 12/5 Pipes FF Holiday Night of Lights |
| 10/22 Cookie Dough Kick Off | 12/6 Oakland Xmas Parade/Bingo Hall |
| 10/24 Pep Band/Booster BBQ | 12/17 Holiday Concert |

BINGO BY COLLEEN CASWELL-SNUFFER

Did you know? The Scarlet Brigade Booster Club runs one of the most successful bingo games in Solano County every Saturday night at the

VacaValley Bingo Center.

Bingo is the biggest contributor to the Scarlet Brigade program. In other words, the money earned at Bingo keeps the Scarlet Brigade

program alive and running.

Can you volunteer a few hours each month? That's all it takes if everyone participates. We have positions for everyone.



Uniform Fittings Band
Block: Seniors 8/11 6-9pm
Juniors 8/12 6-9pm
Sophomores 8/13 6-9pm
Freshmen & Makeup 8/14 6
9pm

Bring \$25 if you need to order marching shoes.

Pageantry: Seniors & Juniors
8/20 6-8pm Sophomores & Freshmen
8/21 6-8pm

Please contact Karey Thompson at 437-3483 to schedule hours. You earn \$10 credit per hour for your Student Account. This credit can add up quickly and satisfy your band expenses. Many members incur little or no out of pocket expense for trip package costs and transportation fees.

TOURNAMENT OF

Mark your calendars! The 20th Annual Tournament of Champions Band Review will be hosted by the Scarlet Brigade Band on Saturday, November 15, 2008. TOC marks one of the biggest events of the

year for the Band and is one of our major fundraisers. Nearly 40 elite middle and high school band programs from Northern California and Nevada are expected to perform in parade, concert, jazz and field competition. An event of this magnitude requires everyone's

CHAMPIONS BY RICHARD HOWELL

help to make it a success. We need chairpersons and volunteers. A planning meeting will be held on Monday, August 25th, immediately following the Booster meeting. Please plan on attending.

“loquimus una voce”

translated

“we speak with one voice”

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Back to school greetings to everyone. I hope each of you had a great summer. We are headed for a busy and exciting year in the Scarlet Brigade and

it all begins at band camp. The camp starts on August 11th at 8:00 am. This is where we all come together as a team. We need to work hard and be willing to do whatever it takes

to stay on top. Extraordinary teamwork will enable us to ensure our success. Our band slogan

this year is "loquimus una voce" -we speak with one voice. We are planning a very exciting trip to Southern California to participate in the Hollywood Santa Parade. I hope all

In closing, make sure to come to band camp prepared. Practice your

Parents interested in chaperoning any band trips or driving for Jazz, Winterguard or Winter Percussion must attend our mandatory chaperone training, tentatively

Fairfield Suisun Unified School

Mark your calendar for an eventful evening on August 15, 2008.

The Band Camp finale begins at 5:00 pm followed by the family potluck at 5:45 pm.



If your name begins with the below alpha: A - H please bring a salad I - P please bring an entree Q - Z please bring a dessert Barbeque hamburgers and drinks

P.O. Box 1099 Suisun, CA

interested band members have filled out the commitment form and sent in the deposit to secure your reservation. Don't be left out. I encourage parents to get involved with the Scarlet **music, work to refine your skills, and come with a great attitude.**

I look forward to seeing all

CHAPERONES BY BARBARA MARTINEZ, HEAD scheduled for September 29th, and must chaperone 3 of our fall marching band reviews. Before you can chaperone you must be cleared as a volunteer with Fairfield High School. You will need to be fingerprinted,

BAND CAMP FAMILY POTLUCK

provided by the Boosters. Bring a chair and enjoy a wonderful evening.

District is offering a fingerprinting session on August 14th from 8am to 2pm. Call 421-4001 to schedule an appointment for that day. There is a fee for the fingerprinting.



SCARLET BRIGADE BOOSTERS CLUB OF 94585-1099

Next Band Booster Meeting will be on August 25, 2008 7:00 pm in the Band Room

Brigade Band Boosters and their activities. Don't miss out on the opportunity to join in with other parents with the same goal - it's all about the kids.

of you very soon.

Mr. Taylor

CHAPERONE

provide proof of current TB test, and complete a volunteer agreement with the school. Driver's also need to complete the driver's forms with insurance verification.

SCARLET BRIGADE MISSION STATEMENT

Promote and encourage the education and associated activities of the Scarlet Brigade Band students.

FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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

WE'RE GOING TO

To the Scarlet Brigade Parents of:

HOLLYWOOD!

There is still time to secure your reservation for the fall band trip to Southern California to participate in the

Hollywood Santa Parade. Don't miss out on this fun trip. Trip documents were mailed to you in May. You may also download the required forms from our web site at www.scarletbrigade.com.

Mail documents, deposit and trip payments due to Scarlet Brigade Band Boosters at P.O. Box 1099, Suisun, CA 94585 or turn in to the Band Room Office on August 11th. For those that have already

437-3483 Head Chaperone - Barbara Martinez 434-1185



turned in your commitment forms and deposit please check the trip payment schedule and make sure your account is current. \$100 was due on July 7th and the third installment of \$100 is due August 11th.

Important Phone Numbers:

Band Room/Band Director Steve Taylor

438-3065 2008-09 Booster eBoard

President - Therese Retherford 422-

0318 VPresident - Barbara Martinez

434-1185 Treasurer - Carol Rummel

426-2444 Secretary - Jan Howell 429-

9230 Bingo Director - Colleen Caswell-

Snuffer 425-1383

Bingo Manpower - Karey Thompson