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THOUGHTS FROM THE PODIUM...

As we wrap up another year, and our first year together, it is time to not only reflect on the past, but to look toward the future. Thanks to all - parents and most definitely the students. Transitions are never easy for either students or band directors, and this year we've come through it together. Perhaps we all had some rough times adjusting and readjusting, but I believe the results for the year show a lot of promise!

During this coming year, as some of you may have already heard, the band rehearsal schedule will be changing. This year, we rehearsed Mon.-Thu, which left NO time for doctor's appointments, make up tests, etc... Next year we will have practice on Tue., Wed., and Thu. In order to give you time to take care of such necessary events. I hope this will help cut down on the absenteeism that we experienced this year.

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This past week, Mr. Keefe and I took the XHS drumline and several other students to talk and play for the Central and Warner Middle School Bands. The response was fantastic, and after receiving information sheets, it looks as if we will have a very large incoming group of freshman and 8th grade students!! I'm VERY excited to have such an influx of participants to the XHS band program. Those of you who are current members in the band - it is your charge to bring them into the fold. To help them become valuable members of every ensemble, so that the traditions of the Xenia High School Band may be maintained and championed. Remember all of those alumni that joined us in the fall? That is the legacy of this program, and we want that legacy to continue!

Looking ahead to the fall, please pull out your calendars and set dates for the 2008-09 band year! Within this newsletter, you will find a rough outline for the 2008 band camp held at XHS. I will remind all members that band camp is a requirement. We will accomplish more in rehearsal during those two weeks than through the rest of the season's rehearsal combined! It is always a challenge to get started again - to start back down at the bottom of that long climb, but the journey is worth it.

In closing I would like to thank Mr. Ted Rose for his work as band booster president, and for all he has done for me this year. He has been an invaluable help in answering my NUMEROUS questions and informing me of past practices with the program. Also, it would be unforgivable to allow the "retirement" of Mr. Kevin Keefe, after many seasons as the drumline instructor to go unrecognized. He has left his mark through the high performance and practice standards of the XHS drumline. His work has brought much to the program and to the school community. He will still be writing for the drumline, but he has passed the baton to Mr. Ben White, XHS drumline alum and all around good guy!

Please check the dates below, and add them to your calendars! As always, if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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Color Guard Notes

Color Guard tryouts are going very well. We have 15 new people trying out at this time and 5 returning from last year. Our new instructor Taylor is bringing some new ideas and we are really looking forward to a great new year.

Toni Charles
Color Guard Advisor

Upcoming Events

May 6

Spring Concert (Jazz, Concert, and Symphonic Bands)

Time: 7PM

Location: XHS Auditorium

May 12

Drum Major Audition Week

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

May 13

Band Booster Meeting – **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Time: 7PM

Location: XHS Band Room

All parents are encouraged to attend

May 18

Awards Luncheon

Time: 2:30PM

Location: Faith Community Methodist Church, Xenia

May 21

Graduation (Concert and Symphonic Bands)

Time: TBA (Evening)

Location: Erwin J. Nutter Center, Dayton

May 27

Band Booster

Executive Board Meeting

Time: 7PM

Location: Faith Community Church, Xenia

All officers and chairpersons are encouraged to attend

May 29

2008 Spring Trip & 2008 Marching Band Informational Meeting

Time: 7PM

Location: XHS Band Room

If you choose to be a member of the 2008 edition of the Marching Buccaneers, you will receive more detailed information in the mail this summer.

To be a member of the Marching Buccaneers, you need to be signed up for the regular band class during the day (except for the color guard members).

For now you will need to know the dates below. These rehearsals are **REQUIRED**.

Upcoming Events continued

Band Camp (at XHS)

August 4 th and 5 th	8:30AM - 11:45AM 6PM - 8PM	All new marchers and leadership Full Band music rehearsal
August 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th	8AM - 9PM	Band Camp for all members
August 11 th - August 15 th	8AM - 9PM	Band Camp for all members

The approximate daily schedule for August 6th - 8th and August 11th - August 15th will be:

8AM - 11:45AM	Marching/drill setting
12PM - 1PM	Lunch
1PM - 3PM	Indoor music rehearsal/Guard practice
3PM - 6PM	Go HOME!!
6PM - 9PM	Marching/Drill setting

If anyone has further questions or conflicts with this schedule, please email or call Mr. Springer.

Remember the informational meeting on May 29th!!!



Motorcycle Fundraiser Information

It is motorcycle time again and we are looking forward to starting our fundraiser in the month of May. With the trip to Florida coming this year I know a lot of you are looking for ways to help pay for the trip and this is the best opportunity we have. We need monthly coordinators to help out. We have everything documented so that you know what is expected. We also need event coordinators to help with events we take the bike to. Everything is documented to help you out.

Our first big event we are shooting for is the blessing of the bike's on May 4th at UD area. We need people to help and students to sell. This is one of the largest events of the year and we need to be there in force to kick off our year. If you would like to help out that day please contact Toni Charles as soon as possible and she will be the event coordinator. If you would like to help out as a monthly coordinator please let her know. I can't express enough how important this is and how much money you can raise by donating some of your time. All students are required to work at some of the events and we might as well start off strong.

To view the event coordinator and monthly coordinator responsibilities, please go to the band website or pick up information at the Informational Meeting. They have also developed rules and responsibilities for students and parents participating in the motorcycle fundraiser, see below.

Looking forward to hearing from MANY of you soon.

STUDENT/PARENT MOTORCYCLE FUNDRAISER RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES

We would like for all parents to work a minimum of two events either as Event Coordinator or Ticket Seller during this six month selling event.

All students should sign up for multiple events.

Tickets sales (whether personal sales or event sales) will be 60/40 split. 60% to general fund and 40% to student account. Some events will be general fund sales only. Monthly Event Coordinator to mark which events are general fund sales only.

All personal sale tickets are to be checked out through Ticket Coordinator and returned to Ticket Coordinator ONLY.

Only 50 personal sale tickets can be checked out at one time. You will be given a receipt for amount of tickets sold and amount of credit to be given to your student account. Once those are sold and turned in to Ticket Coordinator, 50 more may be checked out.

Personal sale tickets to be sold on own time. **NO** personal sale tickets are to be sold at events.

When signed up to sell tickets at an event, tickets will be checked out to you through Event Coordinator and all money, sold and unsold tickets to be returned to Event Coordinator during and at end of event. You will be given a receipt for amount of tickets sold and amount of credit to be given to your student account before you leave the event.

Event Coordinator (see responsibilities on next page) will **NOT** sell tickets at event they are working. Event Coordinator will get 10% of tickets sales sold during time they worked said event.

You must be signed up either as Event Coordinator or Ticket Seller in order to work event. Contact Monthly Coordinator to sign up for event. Events for each month will be posted in the newsletter. An email will be sent out by Monthly Coordinator for any events that arise after newsletter is printed.

See Newsletter for name of Monthly Coordinator and Ticket Coordinator.

All personal sale tickets must be turned in to Ticket Coordinator by October 4, 2008. All personal sale tickets will end on that date. Any tickets not turned in by this date will be charged to your account.

Last two home games in October ticket sales will be 100% general fund. If you sign up as Event Coordinator or Ticket Seller, entire amount of ticket sales will go to general fund ONLY.