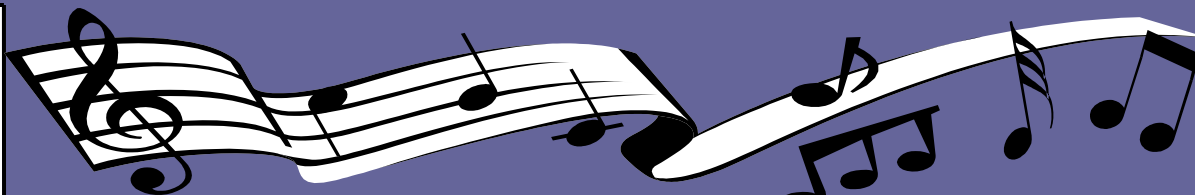


ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND & AUXILIARIES
DHS BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER – August 2009



The Pride of the Stallions



Director's Corner

Dear Parents and Marching Band Members:

I would like to welcome all of you to the 2009 marching band season. We have great group of seniors who are ready to lead what I believe will be an excellent marching band. This year we have a schedule that includes a trip to Youngstown on Sept. 4th and back to back weeks in Cincinnati on Oct 16th & 23rd.

As you may know, the Marching Band is a self-supported and self-funded group. The majority of the money for our equipment and uniforms comes from the fund raising done by our Band Booster organization. I hope you take the time to get involved in this groups activities. You can sign up to help out in various areas at our meet the band night held in August or contact the Band Booster at any time.

We will again this year charge a band fee of \$80. This covers most of the cost of our transportation to and from games and the food for the spreads before home games. First year members may also have to purchase some uniform parts like pants, gauntlets and summer uniforms. Returning members will be able to use the same summer uniform we wore last year (i.e. purple shorts and Band T-short).

I would ask that returning members check to be sure they still have pants and gauntlets. All Band Members need to have plain white tennis shoes for both summer uniform and full uniform performances. Dance team members will have their uniform shoes, that will be ordered with Mrs. Crandall. Flag Corps members need the black uniform shoes that should be ordered through Mrs. Steller.

I would like to thank the Band Boosters and the many other parents who are already working on projects in preparation for the fall season.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is: bsteller@cducation.org and my home phone number is (614) 459-3095.

Bill Steller

Band Camp & Other Key Dates

BAND CAMP @ SCHOOL

August 10(Monday) - 14 (Friday)
8 AM - 1 PM

Aug. 17 (Monday) – 19 (Wednesday)
8 AM - 1 PM

Aug. 20 (Thursday) – 21 (Friday)
7 PM to 9 PM (Night Practice)

(See Page 2 for Band Camp Items!)

MEET THE BAND NIGHT! @ SCHOOL GYM

**Weds August 19, 2009-
7:00 p.m.**

Band Booster Officers

Bill & Sue Thompson - Band
bthompson@hondros.com
508-7240
sthompson@honros.edu
508-7201

Rob & Peggy Shield, Treasurer
614-659-0190

Cheryl Van Meter - Dance Team
614-775-9185
revelectric@sbcglobal.net

Band Camp Items

- Practiced Music!
- Positive Attitude!
- Excellent Work Ethic!
- Your Piece of Equipment (Flag, Music, Lyre, Tape Player, Instrument, Pompom, Drumsticks, Etc....)
- 2 Water Bottles Per Day
- Sunscreen (R50 Plus)
- Athletic Shoes (Only)
- Appropriate Clothing (No Bare Tummies, Bikinis, or T-Shirts/Hats with inappropriate words/pictures)

Band Fees

Dance Team	\$80
Flag Corps	\$80
Marching Band	\$80

- > Gauntlets if needed \$ 8
- > Pants if needed \$ 40
- > Tee Shirt \$ 10
- > Shorts if needed \$ 10
- > Flag Corp Shoes \$ 25
- > Percussion/Flag Corp Grip Gloves \$ 3

Please fill-in and return the enclosed, detailed form by the requested date.

Fees are payable no later than Aug 21st (Friday) to:

**DHS Band Boosters
c/o Bill or Sue Thompson
6404 Johanne Street
Columbus OH 43229
Or Bring to Band Camp**

Fall Football Game Schedule

- Pre-Game Practice at School 3:30 PM
- Spread (Eats) at School 5 PM
- Assemble for Pre-Game 6:15 PM



Date Opponent - All Games @ 7:30

- Fri 8/28 Gahanna**
- Fri 9/4 @ Youngstown Cardinal Mooney
- Fri 9/11 @ New Albany
- Fri 9/18 Anderson**
- Fri 9/25 Findlay**
- Fri 10/2 @ St. Charles
- Fri 10/9 Watterson**
- Fri 10/16 @ Cincinnati Elder
- Fri 10/23 @ Cincinnati LaSalle
- Sat 10/30 Cleveland Benedictine**
- Playoffs:**
- Fri 11/6 7:30 Regional Quarterfinals**
- Fri 11/13 7:30 Regional Semifinals**
- Fri 11/20 7:30 Regional Finals**
- Fri 11/27 7:30 State Semifinals**
- Dec 4-5 State Championship**

SPREADS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spreads are an informal chance for all Marching Band and Auxiliary members to get together for food & drinks - before each home football game. The members get a chance to know each other and relax before they perform. Mostly, they are FUN - held in the Cafeteria. All spreads will be at school, before the home football games, for all Marching Band and Auxiliary members.



Meet the Band Night!

**AUGUST 19
(Wednesday) 7:00 PM
In the School Gym**



This is a night when family and friends are invited to preview this coming year's **DeSales Marching Band - The Pride of the Stallions**. It is a mandatory event!

Each member of the Marching Band, Dance Team and Flag Corps are introduced to the audience.

Parents and guardians get an opportunity to receive first-hand information from the Band Boosters and to sign up to help with specific, helpful jobs.

Don't miss the opportunity to meet our members and to sign up to support our TEAM. Spirit Wear will be available for purchase or to order, so don't forget your checkbook.

Away Game Travel Reminder

The Marching Band and Auxiliaries travel together to all away football games. To ensure the safety of all members they must go to and from the games on their assigned bus(es).



BUT, don't forget to pick-up your students after the game at school!

Becoming a Booster

How do you join?

Being a parent/guardian of a Marching Band, Dance Team or Flag Corps Member grants you automatic induction into the Band Boosters' membership. All are WELCOME! See the Meetings Schedule for dates/time and place.

We Welcome You!

Spirit Wear

View and purchase (school) spirit wear ... to include polo shirts, fleece pullovers, jackets, etc. ... through the Band Boosters' web site:

www.dsband.org

Order by AUGUST 8th and you can receive your merchandise at Meet the Band Night!

www.dsband.org

This is the official Band Boosters web site. You will find the latest band & auxiliaries related news here - as well as photos - our newsletter - spirit & band wear - fundraisers - and directions to away games.

Marching Band Uniform Items

Gauntlets: Each Marching Band member must have a pair of gauntlets as issued by the Band. Cost is \$7.

Percussion/Flag Corp Grip Gloves Each Percussionist and Flag Corp member must have a pair of grip gloves as issued by the Band. Cost is \$3 per pair.

T-Shirt: All Marching Band members must have the official Band T-Shirt that is worn at various functions. Cost \$10.

Purple Shorts: Each Marching Band member must have a pair of purple shorts as issued by the Band. Cost is \$10.

White Pants: All incoming Marching Band Members must have white pants (order with Mr. Steller). These are for the members' to keep throughout their DeSales band career. Cost is \$40.

White Shoes: All instrumentalists need to have an all-white leather, vinyl or plastic (no canvas) pair of shoes. Or, you can order a regular Marching Band pair.

-Each Marching Band and Auxiliary member is responsible for the care and cleaning - at your own expense - of your uniform. The uniform should be cleaned a minimum of two times per Band season depending on the weather and/or inspections conducted by the Band Director or Auxiliary Advisors.

-Paint the uniform pants' metal belt buckles with clear nail polish to keep them from rusting. You can launder the bibs. Don't submerge straps if you're soaking items.

-Parents! Please reinforce to your Band or Auxiliary Team member the importance of taking extra special care of their uniform. Replacement is costly!

**Flag Corps**

LORIE STELLER 459-3095
stellerette@wowway.com

See Band Camp & Fees!

Band Fee is \$80.00

Members may need to also purchase
Grip Gloves (\$3) & Shoes (\$25)

**Dance Team**

LINDA CRANDALL
lcrandal@cddeducation.org

See Band Camp & Fees!
Band Fee is \$80.00

We Need COOKIES and WATER

This year, at each Home Game, we need cookies as a half-time treat for our Marching Band and the visiting Band.

Can You Help Us with baking a few dozen and bring them that night?

We will also have sign up sheets on Meet the Band Night

Also, this year, we are providing Band and Auxiliary Members a cool 16 oz bottle of water at each of the games when it is warm outside. It's hot in those uniforms and we need to keep the kids cool and refreshed. But, over the year, it's A LOT of water. Can you or someone you know donate cases of water to keep our kids healthy during the games? If so, sign up at Meet the Band Night or Call Sue Thompson @ 508-7201 sthompson@hondros.edu

Football Divisions

This year, St. Francis DeSales is a State of Ohio

Division II, Region 7
Divisional Football Team
Assignment.

That means the football Tournament is as follows:

- **Fri Nov 6 @ 7:30 p.m.**
Regional Quarterfinal Tournament;
- **Fri Nov. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.**
Regional Semifinal Tournament;
- **Fri Nov. 20 @ 7:30 p.m.**
Regional Final Tournament;
- **Fri Nov. 28 @ 7:30 p.m.**
State Semifinal Tournament;
- **Fri/Sat Dec 4-5**
State Final Tournaments,
- Canton or Massillon

Address Changes
Have You
Moved, or changed
your e-mail address?

Your home and/or work email and/or post office addresses need to be kept current.

When you change an address, please send the change to:

Bill & Sue Thompson
bthompson@hondros.com
sthompson@hondros.edu

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How do you join?

Being a parent/guardian of a Marching Band, Dance Team or Flag Corps Member grants you automatic induction into the Band Boosters. Our first meeting is Wednesday Sept 2, 2009 after the 9th period class of "Back To School Night" in the Band Room.

Please come.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Need Something to Do?

We Need You!

Signup to Be a
Committee
Chairman
@ Meet the Band
Night

Away Game Buses

This year we will have Parent Buses to the long distance away games. This is a GREAT way to travel to and from the games, leave the driving to someone else and enjoy a comfortable ride. Sign up at Meet The Band Night and reserve your seat. We need At least 40 parents to sign up for each trip just to cover our costs. **SO PLEASE JOIN US!!**