



Sheldon Band



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Sheldon High School: Band Parent Newsletter

Dear Sheldon Band Parents:

The mornings are getting colder and students are asking for tissue; it must be fall! The football games will be cooler as the month continues. And Marching Band Season will be coming to a close.

The marching band finished their "Meet the Beatles" show last week. We added movement in Come Together and Let It Be. The movement is using our prop, the tie, and incorporates it into the show. We will be spending the next week on cleaning the show to have it looking awesome for FOB. Please plan on coming to Festival of Bands. You can buy tickets at Autzen and we are on second that morning with a performance time of 9:14AM. The audience will be really small so come and support the Sheldon Band at Autzen on Saturday, October 10th. (No Duck Game)

Then the next Thursday, we are playing for the Freshmen Football Game, performing at half-time and then performing again for the Best of Irish Showcase that evening. Followed by our varsity home football game on Friday, finishing with the Pride of the Northwest Marching Festival in Grants Pass on Saturday. This will be a busy three days for us.

On Thursday, October 29th we have parent-teacher conferences and I also enjoy having the opportunity to visit with parents. If you are a parent of a student in Concert Band and did not sign-up for a conference, feel free to stop by my table and introduce yourself. Hopefully I will get to visit with many Concert Band parents at conferences.

The jazz bands are making lots of progress these last few weeks. They are preparing for the Western Jazz Festival on Thursday, November 19th at Western University. The concert band has started theory and looking forward to performing their songs at our first concert which is only weeks away. They elected their 9th grade rep: Congratulations to Taylor Eisele.

Also, check out the calendar; I have been adding jazz festivals dates for the entire year.

Mrs. Ross



Hey Band!

Our first couple of weeks of school have gone by fast, and we've been working hard. This season is going very well and we're proud of everyone. FOB and Grants Pass are coming up fast, and let's continue working hard until the end. It's finally time to show everyone what we've been working so hard to accomplish.

The band trip up to Southridge High School was a success! We all had a bunch of fun and played rather well too. We've heard many positive comments about the way we sounded that night. The bus rides up and back were a bunch of fun, but please make sure that it is appropriate and quieter fun than what was, thank you.

This Friday, October 2nd, is the Concert Band fun night. We will be having blast over at the Will Dickman's house playing games, eating food, and introducing the new band kids to band life. Thank you Dickman family for allowing us to use your house once again.

-Captain Morgan and First Mate Kerrigan

Upcoming Events:



Friday, October 9th:

Extra Practice 8:00-12:00PM

Saturday, October 10th

Festival of Bands, U of O, Marching Band
Call Time is 6:45AM-10:30PM

Thursday, October 15th:

Freshmen Football Game and Best of Irish Showcase in the Evening. Marching Band will perform during the game and the showcase.

Friday, October 16th:

Home Football Game, Call Time 5:45PM

Saturday, October 17th:

Pride of the Northwest Marching Band Festival, Grants Pass Call Time:
8:00AM-11:30PM

Friday, October 23rd:

Home Football Game, Call Time 5:45PM

Friday, November 6th

Home Football Game, Call Time 5:45PM

Tuesday, November 10th:

Band Concert, All Bands, 7:00PM

Fundraising for Florida, what's coming up?

Firewood Bundles for Sale!

We have been selling firewood bundles for the last couple weeks and will continue to sell them till we sell them all. They are \$5.00, great wood, stock up for winter and next summer.

Poinsettias, Wreaths, and Candles

Forms will be given out on Monday, October 12th. We will sell 4 colors of 4 & 6 inch poinsettias and the 12 inch Noble Fir wreaths with red bows. The candles are Rainbow in color are \$13.00 and from a local vender that sells at Saturday Market. Money and forms are due Wednesday, October 28th. The poinsettias and wreaths will be delivered to school on Tuesday, November 24th for pick-up.

Bottle Drive on Saturday, November 7th

Selling Butter Braids just in time for Thanksgiving and the Holidays. Order forms available on Monday, November 2nd for those students that want to sell great tasting pasteries.



Protecting your instrument!

Many of you may not realize that your student's instrument is covered on your home owners insurance. When you buy a new instrument or own your own instrument please write down the brand name of the instrument and the serial number. If your instrument gets stolen or you leave it somewhere (like I did my junior year, in the football stadium stands after rehearsal one day), you need to have that information to fill out a police report. Also, contacting local pawn shops about the instrument is also a good idea. If you have to make a claim, you need the brand name, serial number and how much you paid for the instrument.

Wish List for Sheldon Band Program



Parents are asking me what we need for the band program. In the last five years our list has gotten smaller thanks to all of you. People that make a donation to the band department can write it off as a tax deduction. Here are the items we are working on:

Concert Band:

Concert bells and rolling table \$1200.00

Upright Piano \$4000.00

Marimba \$5000.00

Digital Recorder \$400.00

Wenger Stands \$35.00 each, would like to purchase 10 stands a year = \$350.00.

New Drumline Equipment \$10,000

Within Five Years, new uniforms \$\$\$\$\$

You can also donate to EEF and mark it for Sheldon Band. They keep 5% of the donation to continue to operate EEF Fund. So, if you need a tax write-off think of the Sheldon Band at the end of the year.



Update on Florida



Last monday I sent home a final copy of the costs for Florida. We have managed to lower the cost by getting a great deal on airfare from Eugene to Orlando. The final cost of the trip is \$1085.00. All money must be in by February 1st since the trip is \$115.00 lower and I need to pay the remaining bills in that month. The only thing that does not include is a couple of lunches and baggage fees for luggage and/or instruments. We will be working on a baggage cost in the next couple of months.

We will ask every student to do one basketball game clean-up so we can raise the amount needed for our luggage and instruments. We will also be measuring and weighing our instruments so we know which ones will be considered oversized. Also, we will let Alto Saxophones and Trumpets know which cases can go on the plane and which ones we will need to check.

We will have a student/parent meeting in February with all the details of the trip, what to take, how to pack, etc...

