

BAND NEWS 2-7

The First Annual Dinner Dance was a HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to Mr. Mike Cheripka and the BHS Jazz Ensemble for the wonderful music and entertainment. You are the talk of the town! Mr. Taylor Belt did a great job as our DJ and MC for the evening. The audience loved the “Name those TV Tunes” game as well as the dance music. It was a real treat to have the BISD Culinary Arts Team serve the meal to us and they did a first class job. We are also very appreciative to Mr. Bryant Dukes for preparing our outstanding dinner and hosting the live auction. What a surprise to hear him play a trumpet solo with the Jazz Ensemble! The audience was also entertained by several guest soloists including Mr. Cheripka on trumpet, Mr. Barnard on guitar, and Mr. Schechter on saxophone. The BHS Winterguard demonstrated their contest show and we were very impressed. Thank you Mrs. Renee Cantrell and members of the guard. A huge thank you is in order to Mr. Jay Rhodes and his committee of volunteers who put together an amazing Silent auction in a very short amount of time. Thank you for reaching out to the community and gaining support for the BHS band program. Mr. Kendrick wowed us with so many impressive photos of the band. The historical autographed photo of the Mighty Hawk Band at the Finals Retreat of the Bands of America Super Regional in St. Louis, MO sold for \$500.00! Congratulations to the Section Leaders for putting together very creative and impressive section baskets. They were in high demand for purchase. We are also appreciative to the decorating committee as well as all of the student and parent help to pull off an event of this magnitude. Our student teachers, Gina Grant and Elias Barry were instrumental in helping us prepare for this event. The night was extra special with our guests, Superintendent, Dr. Waddell, BHS Assistant Principals, Mrs. Hopper and Mr. Waldman, Fine Arts Secretary Kathy Handler, as well as SMS Band Directors, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Schechter. The BHS Band Family is an amazing and dedicated group of people and together we collected close to \$5000.00 for the band program!!!!

As we continue to look for ways to participate in large fundraising opportunities, your support of these activities will reduce the total cost of band fees for each family and help the band to continue competing at the highest level. Our next fundraiser has the opportunity to generate a large income profit and if we prove to be great hosts, it will help us to host this event for many years to come.

On February 20th, the BHS Band has been invited to host the Winterguard and Percussion Contest at the BISD Coliseum. We need many parent and student volunteers in order to host this event from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Please consider a morning, afternoon, or evening shift. It is also possible for you to work multiple shifts. The directors and staff will be working all day and we need your help. Shifts include help with Concessions, Greeters, Monitors, Parking lot, Judge Runner, Music Runner, and Spectator Entrance volunteers. Please contact Christy Wells to volunteer your service at 817-229-7020 or bubbchaperones@hotmail.com.

Mighty Hawk Band \ Texas Brahmas Hockey Night is coming!

On Friday, February 26, at 7:05 pm, the Brahmas will meet the Corpus Christi Ice Rays at the NYTEX Centre. Tickets are \$12, and a portion of all proceeds benefit the band. It is also Mini-Stick Night; the first 1,000 fans will receive a mini-hockey stick. For tickets, contact Ralph (r.houy@att.net).

Schedule for this week:

*Students continue to rehearse with their ensemble – contest is **Tuesday, February 23rd**

February 8	Monday	BBI meeting	6:30 PM	FAAC
February 10-14	Wed-Sun	TMEA		San Antonio
February 15	Monday	Staff Development		

Remember to check the band website and calendar often at www.mightyhawkband.com

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