

## **BAND NEWS 2-20**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BHS WINTERGUARD** on their success at the NTCA contest yesterday. The team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Scholastic AA division and brought home a trophy! This is a great accomplishment especially since the judges moved them into a higher more competitive classification at their last competition. We are so proud of Mrs. Cantrell, her staff, and the girls on their success.

Thank you to all the students and parents who helped **HOST THE NTCA CONTEST** at the coliseum this past weekend. The association and judges were very impressed with how well the contest was run and we received many compliments from other high school directors. Thank you to Renee Cantrell and Angela Evans for coordinating the entire event, to Christy Wells for coordinating the volunteers, to Don O'Connor for coordinating the concession stands, to Aletha Houy for coordinating the hospitality room and to all the parents and students for your amazing help and dedication throughout the day. Many parents and students worked double and triple shifts with some arriving at 6:00 am and returning home at midnight! We will report to you the total profit received for this fundraising event in the next band news.

The **BISD ENSEMBLE CONTEST** is this **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Students received their scheduled times last week and should plan to arrive 30 minutes before their performance time. The contest will be held at Richland High School in the fine arts wing. Good luck!

The **CLUSTER CLINIC with the middle school bands** is this Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The BHS Symphonic Band students will combine with the middle school bands to work on the music for the Sunday, April 11th BISD Gala concert. The bands will rehearse from 4:00 to 5:45 pm and then enjoy snacks and games followed by a brief concert presentation at 6:40 pm. Students will be dismissed at 7:00 pm.

### **Birdville Band Fundraiser with the CHL Champion**

#### **Texas Brahmas!**

Friday, February 26, 2010, @ 7:05 pm at the NYTEX Sports Centre in North Richland Hills! The first 1000 Fans receive a Brahma's Mini-Hockey Stick. Students from the Mighty Hawk band will be performing stand tunes between quarters and at the half.

Tickets are only \$12 and a portion of all proceeds benefits the Birdville Mighty Hawk Band. Tickets will be on sell in the bandhall this week. Contact Ralph Houy ([r.houy@att.net](mailto:r.houy@att.net)) for more information on tickets and how you can help make this fundraiser a success.

**PHOTOS FOR THE COMPOSITE BOARD** will be scheduled after school on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in full marching uniform. Students will sign up this week for their preferred time slot. Proofs will be available for families to select at our first UIL concert on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**UIL CONTEST** is fast approaching. Mr. Randy Vaughn from Houston will be our guest clinician on **Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. He will work with each of the three bands during their regular band class. In addition, the Symphonic Band will begin at 7:30 am that morning and will return for an evening clinic from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The Concert I Band will move their Thursday rehearsal one hour earlier and have their clinic from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

The **PERCUSSION CONCERT** is only a few weeks away. I hope you are excited to hear some outstanding ensemble performances. The middle school percussion students will also be performing and there are several "surprise" guest artists that you won't want to miss. We are proud to announce that the **North Texas Steel Drum Band** will be our featured guest performers. Mark your calendars for **Friday night, March 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Be diligent in checking your grades on Skyward. The end of the 6 weeks is this Friday! **Eligibility** is important as you have many other students who are counting on your participation in the upcoming extracurricular events. The

BISD Fine Arts Letter Jacket policy requires that you are *eligible* to compete in the UIL Contest as one of the requirements for qualification.

Please remember that all 2009-2010 **band fees should be paid in full at this time**. The BISD policy requires that all current band fees are up to date before reserving a spot for the 2011 Rose Bowl trip. The first deposit is due on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE** “friends and family” package is now available. If you were unable to attend the district meeting or our last band parent meeting, please check the attached information letters too see how you can travel to California with the band. Several options are available through the tour company and you will be able to sit in the stands with the Birdville community to cheer on the band the morning of **1.1.11**. Make plans to come to the district Concert where all the middle and high school bands will perform in the BISD coliseum on Sunday afternoon, April 11<sup>th</sup> to kick off the parade.

The nominating committee will be meeting soon to select officers for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact President, Mr. Ralph Houy at [r.houy@att.net](mailto:r.houy@att.net) if you are interested in **servng as an officer or committee chair**.

We have many **excellent chefs** in the band program! Do you or any member of your family have a great recipe that is a family favorite? Get them ready because we will be collecting recipes in April to put together our first ever **Birdville Band Cookbook** which will be ready for distribution in the fall. Details will be coming soon.

**Schedule for the next 2 weeks:**

February 23	Tuesday	Ensemble Contest at RHS
February 25	Thursday	Cluster clinic with middle school bands
February 26	Friday	End of the 4 <sup>th</sup> 6 weeks
February 26	Friday	Brahmas Hockey Night
February 27	Saturday	Winterguard Contest at Aledo
March 1-3	Mon-Wed	Band Photos in marching uniforms
March 3	Wednesday	TAKS
March 4	Thursday	Band Clinics with Mr. Vaughn
March 5	Friday	Percussion concert
March 6	Saturday	Winterguard at WGI Regional Contest at South Grand Prairie

**Remember to check the band website and calendar often at [www.mightyhawkband.com](http://www.mightyhawkband.com)**

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