

## **BAND NEWS 3-7**

**WOW!** If you did not attend the **PERCUSSION CONCERT** on Friday night, you missed a great show. Congratulations to Mr. Taylor Belt and all of the percussion students on an excellent and entertaining concert. Your dedication and commitment really showed as you presented a moving and memorable concert. We were also pleased that the UNT Steel Drum Band was able to be our guests and to entertain us with some unique percussion sounds. Thank you to Mr. Ben Moore for making that possible. Percussion T-shirts are still available for \$10.00 in the band hall next week. Congratulations to all involved.

**CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO THE BHS WINTERGUARD** who competed in the WGI National Regional competition at South Grand Prairie High School on Saturday. This is the first time in school history that the BHS Winterguard has competed in a WGI event. We are proud to report that out of 40 top guard programs from 6 different states, BHS was among the top teams to make finals. The girls performed again that evening in finals and came out 15<sup>th</sup> overall. This is another great accomplishment for the guard! There are only 2 more contests left and we hope you will have a chance to see the show and support the team. This Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the guard will compete at Mansfield HS at 7:30 pm and their final contest is on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at South Grand Prairie HS.

We need to make a correction on the number of students receiving a first division superior rating at the **BISD ENSEMBLE CONTEST**. BHS had **110 students** (previously listed as 93) receive the highest award. This is an increase from 60 superior ratings in 2008-09. Congratulations to the students on their superior performances. In addition, 8 ensembles received the "Outstanding Ensemble" Award. Outstanding ensembles from the Symphonic Band were the Flute trio, Clarinet Quartet, Bassoon Quartet, Woodwind Quintet, Saxophone Quintet, Trumpet Quartet, Low Brass Choir, and the Percussion Ensemble. Congratulations to all the participants on their successful day.

**UIL CONTEST** is fast approaching. The clinics with Mr. Randy Vaughn from Houston last week were very productive. We are looking forward to presenting the first concert for you this **Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. Each of the three bands will be performing their contest selections. The dress for the concert is concert tux attire.

Individual student **PHOTOS FOR THE COMPOSITE BOARD** were completed last week. Proofs will be available for families to select at our first UIL concert this Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

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. 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>.

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 **servicing 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 this week:**

March 11	Thursday	Pre UIL Concert at 7:00 PM
March 12	Friday	Winterguard Contest at Mansfield HS
<i>March 15-19</i>	<i>all week</i>	<i>SPRING BREAK!!!</i>

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

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