

## BHS Band News 9-20-09

- Hopefully you are all aware of the change to this week's calendar in order for us to practice at Pennington Field. **IMPORTANT EVENTS** happen this week including the first marching contest and the first away football game. This weeks events are listed at the bottom of this email:
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BHS DRUMLINE!** The drumline competed at the HEB contest on Saturday at Pennington Field and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Novice division with only 6 points separating the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. BHS placed 9<sup>th</sup> place overall scoring ahead of 4 teams in the 5A advanced division. Way to go drumline students, Mr. Taylor Belt, and Ben Moore. We are proud of all your work.
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE JAZZ BAND MEMBERS WHO COMPETED IN THE REGION V TRYOUTS ON SATURDAY MORNING AT UT-ARLINGTON.** The following students were selected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Jazz Band: Mac Whaley, 1<sup>st</sup> chair Bass Trombone, Caleb Barnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> chair Drum set, Eric Perry, 4<sup>th</sup> chair Trumpet. All 3 of these students will move to the **area level** where they will compete for a spot in the Texas All-State Jazz Band. Selected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jazz Band is: Trevor Meagher, 6<sup>th</sup> Trombone and Thomas Wittner, 7<sup>th</sup> trombone. First alternates are Chad Houy, Alto Sax and Jesus Quiroga, Drum set. Thank you to Mr. Cheripka and all the jazz band members for representing BHS with high honors.
- The **Fall Rally and Spaghetti Dinner** this past Thursday filled the cafeteria and gym with many band fans! Thank you to all the participants and to all of you who came to support the middle school and high school band performances. It was a special and memorable evening with a delicious meal followed by enjoyable entertainment. Thank you to Briant Dukes for preparing the meal and to Christi Wells for organizing the volunteers.
- **Volunteers** are still needed for the **BISD Marching Contest** on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Christi Wells at [bubbchaperones@hotmail.com](mailto:bubbchaperones@hotmail.com) if you are able to volunteer.
- **CHARMS** is up and running. You can now log into your account to see your financial records and print invoice receipts. Thank you to Janis Hernandez for her efforts in making this service available to you. **The 3<sup>rd</sup> installment of \$100.00 was due on September 14<sup>th</sup>.** Any extra items that you purchased as well the school-owned instrument use fee is also due at this time. It is important that you are up to date with your fees so that we will be able to fund the St. Louis trip.
- Now is the time to collect your **March-a-Thon pledges**. All pledge money will be due on **Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. One of the main functions of the parade event was to help each family raise the necessary funds to pay for their band fees. 100% of the funds you raise will go into your individual account. Please

visit the band website at [www.mightyhawkband.com](http://www.mightyhawkband.com) to find pledge forms for a face to face request, a mail-out form for those who live far away, and tax-deductible receipts. I encourage each family to check out the photos on the band website to show when requesting pledges. Perhaps the realization of the bands dedication for this event as well as their continued commitment to success will inspire more pledges!

- Here are the **Cold, Hard Facts regarding grades**. State law prohibits a student from participating in extra curricular events if a failing grade below 70 is received in any class. The first 6 weeks ends on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the “No Pass, No Play” rule will keep a marching band student from participating in football games, BOA Arlington, BOA St. Louis, UIL Region, and UIL Area contests. ***No refunds are given due to ineligibility.*** Please **check your grades on skyward weekly** and turn in your homework. We are all busy but there are **no excuses** regarding your academic responsibilities.

### **THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE:**

**Monday – practice 4:15 – 6:15 PM at BHS** (change in time and place when Pennington Field became unavailable as of last week)

**Monday – 5:00 – 9:00 PM** – We need YOU to sew, iron, and pin in order for the contest flags to be ready this Saturday. Please come and volunteer your services!

**Tuesday – practice 6:00 – 9:00 PM at Pennington Field** (change in time and place to allow us to have a stadium practice before our first contest) You are invited to come out at 8:30 PM to see our run through performance.

**Wednesday – inside practice as scheduled 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Thursday – practice 4:15 – 6:15 PM at BHS as scheduled**

**Friday - away game at Azle HS.** Return time approximately 11:30 PM (*itinerary attached*)

**Saturday – First contest!** *Itinerary attached and on website.*

As always, check the website at [www.mightyhawkband.com](http://www.mightyhawkband.com)