

BAND NEWS 9-28-09

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Mighty Hawk Band for their performance at the Carrollton Tournament of Champions this past Saturday! Birdville HS received the "Best in Class" award for Division II and ranked 6th overall in both prelims and finals. The BHS band was the only 4A Marching Band to make finals among many accomplished & recognized 5A bands. We are looking forward to many more outstanding performances throughout the season. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to make this a very special day for the band. If you would like to see some photographs from the competition, please visit the band website at www.mightyhawkband.com.
- **THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE INVITATION** was offered to the BISD combined marching band at the school district board meeting this past Thursday night. On January 1, 2011, the All Birdville ISD Marching Band will proudly represent our district at the Tournament of Roses New Year's Day Parade. The marching band is a combination of Haltom, Richland, and Birdville high schools. The band will travel to Pasadena, CA as the only group from Texas invited to march in this nationally televised event. The marching band will have between 350-450 participants. Of the more than 50 bands from outside of California to apply, fewer than 10 high school bands were selected to participate. Congratulations!
- The **BISD Marching Contest** is this Saturday, October 3rd. Please email Christi Wells at bubbchaperones@hotmail.com if you are available to volunteer for this important event and fundraiser. **The Mighty Hawk Band will be performing at 7:00 PM** before the finals competition. The band has the privilege of rehearsing in the Southlake Dragon Stadium that morning from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Students will need to provide their own transportation to the rehearsal.
- **March-a-Thon pledge money** is due this week. Make sure you turn in all collected pledge money before the end of the week. *Now* is also the time to send out any remaining mail-out requests to family, friends and businesses. Any pledge money received from mail-out requests will be deposited into your account and a record of the people who donated on your behalf will be given to the student. Additional pledge sheets, mail-out letters, and tax deductible receipts for each sponsor are available on the website at www.mightyhawkband.com
- The **end of the 1st 6 weeks** is this Friday, October 2nd. 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 2nd 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.
- **Charms financial statements** are now available on the website. You can log into your Charms account with your user ID and see your account balance as well as print out statements and receipts.
- BOA (Bands of America) is coming soon to Arlington and St. Louis. **Ticket information** is available on their website at www.musicforall.org.
- **Thank you** to all the students and parents who volunteered their time and expertise at the **sewing parties**. A special thank you is in order for Gail Day for organizing and coordinating this project. We received many compliments from the judges and community regarding the beautiful silk flags. It was very special to have them ready for our first contest. I hope you are all very proud of their efforts and recognized how much the flags contributed to the success of the show! We are very excited to get the guard dresses in this week.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE – Homecoming week:

Monday

- 3:30 – 5:30 PM at FAAC (dismissal from 7th period at 3:00 pm with teacher permission) bring flip folder and water
- 5:30 – change to “Green Out” shirt, eat snack (leave flip folder and water on sideline)
- 6:00 – meet in band hall to travel to parade line up
- 6:05 – travel to Legacy Church to line up for parade
- 6:30 – parade begins
- 7:00 – pep rally in FAAC
- 7:30 – put away all band items in the band hall
- 7:45 – enjoy carnival in parking lot

Tuesday

- practice 4:15 – 6:15 PM

Wednesday

- practice 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Thursday

- practice 4:15 – 6:15 PM

Friday

- homecoming game at 7:30 PM

Saturday

- 8:45 AM – arrive Southlake Dragon Stadium
- 9:00 AM – rehearsal begins. **Clinician Mr. Bret Kuhn here!**
- 11:00 AM – rehearsal ends.
- 5:30 PM – meet in bandhall, uniforms on
- 6:00 PM – inspection
- 6:15 PM – travel to warm up
- 6:25 PM – warm up
- **7:00 PM – PERFORM**
- 8:00 PM – dismissal