

WEEKLY BAND ANNOUNCEMENTS - APRIL 19 - 23

• *BBQ Fundraiser Follow-up*

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's BBQ a success. There are so many people who gave their time, but I'd especially like to recognize Scott Stiles and Jan Kolodziej for their leadership with this fundraiser. Thanks also to the band students who came out and did their part.

We don't have our financial totals yet, but we'll get the word out as soon as we do.

• *Tuesday, April 20, 2010 - 7 - 8:30 PM - Marching Band Orientation - FVHS Auditorium*

We are proud to present this year's Marching Band Orientation in the FVHS Auditorium on Tuesday night at 7 PM. Please park in the lot between the football stadium and main building and enter through the orange double-doors. The auditorium entrance will be on your left after you enter the building.

Any student interested in being part of the Marching Bengals (band or color guard) should attend this meeting and **bring their parents**. We will share with you all the benefits of being a Marching Bengal as well as explaining the expectations of involvement in this award-winning organization.

Whether your child is *considering* whether to participate or already knows for sure you should encourage them to attend and come along with them.

We want to see every student who marched last year come back (well...except the seniors...we want you to graduate!) and we'd like to welcome our rising freshmen as well.

A few things to remember about the Marching Bengals...

1) The Marching Bengals are a family. The group is about great performances and amazing experiences, but it's also about making friends, having fun and working as a team towards a common goal.

2) We teach you how to march and play at the same time and how to memorize music. Some students are intimidated by these things and are afraid to join as a result. Don't be scared. We'll show how to do it.

3) Students can join the Marching Bengals after their freshman year if they missed out. There are huge benefits to joining as a freshman, but it's never too late to get on board.

4) This year's performance schedule includes an overnight stay and performance at the Bands of America Regional in Baltimore, Maryland.

• *Thursday, April 22, 2010 - 7 - 8:15 PM - Band Booster Meeting - FVHS Band Room*

Please join us at this month's meeting. We will vote on the 2010-2011 budget. Please note that next year's budget for Marching Band includes an overnight trip to perform at the

Bands of American Regional in Baltimore. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, we'd like to hear from you.

- *Friday, April 23, 2010 - Specialty Apple Fundraiser orders and payment due*
 - 1) COMPLETELY fill in order form.
 - 2) Count money collected. It must match the order form.
 - 3) Cut the order form on the dashed line just below "Miss Debbie's Specialty Apples"
 - 4) Put cut-out order form and payment in a white envelope.
 - 4) Seal the envelope.
 - 5) Put your child's name on the outside of the envelope.
 - 6) Put the envelope in the white box at the front of the band room.

Mr. Edwards does not provide envelopes.

- *Monday, Apr. 26, Tuesday, Apr. 27, Thursday, Apr. 29 - 6:30 - 8 PM - Color Guard Clinic/Tryouts - FVHS Gym*

- *Thursday, April 29 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM - Band Concert - FVHS Auditorium*
 - Symphonic Band call time: 7:00 PM
 - Wind Ensemble students playing on 1st half call time: 7:10 PM
 - Wind Ensemble students playing only on 2nd half call time: 7:25 PM

We will be auctioning the large stuffed Bunny Rabbit used in last fall's marching band show during the concert. The rabbit is about 4 feet tall seated and would make a fantastic present and toy for a young child. It is very durable and beautiful. I'll get a picture posted on the website later this week.

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