



STALEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND, FRISCO ISD

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BAND NOTES

Band Website and Communication

If your family has not checked out the band website please do so (listed above)! You can find reminders, upcoming events, and important forms and information that your students may have forgotten to bring home! We will also be sending a monthly newsletter (Band Notes) to remind everyone of upcoming events. I will be sending future Band Notes through email and post it on the website. **If you have not received an email from Mr. Wood and would like to please send an email to let him know!** Please include both student and parents name.

SMSBPA General Meeting Tuesday 9/6/11 5:30 in the Band Hall

The Band Parent Association needs you! Our first general meeting will take place before open house *and end before the PTA meeting begins*. All parents are encouraged to attend and find out how you can help the band through your gifts of time and talents! If your family would like to join the SMSBA at the meeting please bring \$10 (per family-not student) to the meeting!

Band Spirit Nights

Be looking for dates that your family can eat out at some of your families favorite restraurants. If you attend one of the band's spirit nights a portion of your total ticket will go to the band!

School Owned Instruments

If you are playing on a school owned instrument your liability form and fee are due Sept. 2nd! Please return the form and \$100 (or \$50 if paying per semester) to your band director as soon as possible. Please note that families who need financial assistance will need to complete the financial aid form. If your student did not bring a form home you can download one off the website or let a band director know so we can have a hard copy sent home.

Practice Reports

ALL students should be filling out practice reports. Student Practice reports are always due the Friday. Please encourage your student to practice as our success this year is directly related to the amount and quality of time each band member spends in personal practice.

Private Lessons

If your family has not called to set up lessons please do so soon! Remember that private lessons are set up directly with the lesson teachers and schedules are set up on a first come first serve basis. Lessons are never required to be in band, but we have consistently seen students who study privately excel and are much more prepared for the following year in band. A current list of lesson teachers is available on the website under the lesson teachers page.

Paperwork/Forms/Money

To make things as easy as possible ALL band paperwork and Money is due September 2nd. If your family needs additional time or would like to set up a payment plan please send a written note or email to your child's band director as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events on the next page

September Events

All Band Members

- ♪ Band Fundraiser begins September 29th and runs through October 14th. We appreciate your family's willingness to help sell the items in the catalog or we are happy to accept direct donations to the SMSBPA! Thank you in advance for your participation.

Concert, Honor, and Symphonic Band

- ♪ 7th grade football game - 9/26/11 Cooley Stadium. (we would love to see our beginners there!!!)

ALL 8th graders

- ♪ WHS vs. FHS combine night (sit with the HS band during a Varsity game!) 9/23/11 Pizza Hut Park

Jazz Band

- ♪ Jazz Band Rehearsals begin the week of September 6th. The band is open to any 7th and 8th grader who has had at least one year of music instruction. **ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE WELCOME** but we will primarily need: Saxes, Trumpets, Trombones, and a rhythm section that includes Drumset, Piano, Guitar, and Bass.
- ♪ *Beginning band members will have a chance to learn and play jazz second semester. Be looking for more details in the Spring.*

Band Parents

- ♪ Spirit Nights- look for more information!
- ♪ Opportunities to volunteer at concessions. This is a MAJOR fundraiser for the band and we need all the help we can get!
- ♪ Office work/volunteers to work directly with the band directors. (Filing music, organizing, etc.)

Upcoming October Events

All Band Members

- ♪ Optional trip to UNT to hear their Symphonic Band perform. Thursday, 10/27/11

Beginning Band

- ♪ Preview Concert 10/6/11 5:00-5:45

All-Region (Select students from the advanced Band)

- ♪ All-Region Qualifier and Party. Saturday 10/8/11 1-3:00. Party afterwards!!!

Concert, Honor, Symphonic Bands

- ♪ 8th grade football game. Tuesday, 10/18/11

**Thank you for your continued
support of the Staley Band Program!**