

BRIGADE NEWSLETTER

“In Hoc Signo Vincens”

“Under This Banner, Thou Shalt Conquer”

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Cathy Bryan (Editor)

PRESIDENT'S NOTES By Therese Retherford

I hope everyone had a great time in Petaluma, Santa Cruz and Pleasanton with all our band reviews. I just want to say how proud I am of the kids with all the great performances; Drum Line, AU, Wind Ensemble and our Marching Band have done wonderful jobs. We are coming up to a very busy time of the year with the Napa review, Veteran's Day parade, Oakland



Holiday Parade and of course our TOC. Don't worry if you haven't signed up to help with TOC yet. You still have a chance. Please call Bill Young at (707) 425-8953 or email him ASAP at wy-oung@sbcglobal.net.

Fundraisers are still going strong! We just ended our Friday

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TOC Report By BILL YOUNG

Our 19th Annual Tournament of Champions is just a few weeks away, and the TOC Committee has been hard at work planning this spectacular event. This year the Scarlet Brigade will host many out of state bands from Oregon , Nevada , Arizona and Idaho . This will be our largest TOC yet! There are many open volunteer positions that need to be filled to ensure the success of our event. We also have many trophy sponsorships still available. If you or the company you work for would like to sponsor a trophy, we would greatly appreciate your donation! To volunteer for TOC or be a trophy sponsor, please contact Bill or Judy Young at (707) 425-8953. Our final TOC planning meeting is Tuesday, November 13th at 7 p.m. in the band room. Hope to see you there!

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WANTED!!

Donations for Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

We need Christmas wrapping paper, ribbon of all sorts, tissue paper, gift boxes, and tape. All donations may be dropped off in the Band Room. Call Therese with any questions!

NOTE:

The holiday concert has been rescheduled to Tues., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the FHS Gym.

TREASURER'S CORNER

BY CAROL RUMMEL

Fiesta Bowl Trip – Departure is nearing for the Fiesta Bowl trip. Thank you to all who have kept current on your monthly payments. We do have several past due participants and will appreciate those accounts getting current now. It is very frustrating when people ignore the Financial Contract they signed, notices mailed home, and promises made. The Boosters have been making monthly payments to the Travel Agent to secure participant reservations. These payments are non-refundable. The next scheduled payment of \$116 is due November 12th. Final payment of \$116 is due December 10th. All student participants must be paid in full by the final due date. Many do not realize that the actual cost per student participant is \$1,137. The Boosters are asking you to pay only \$800 of the actual cost. The

difference of \$337 is being paid through fundraising for the General Trip Fund. Fundraisers that benefit the General Trip Fund benefit the trip participants. We need you to participate in the fundraisers provided that benefit not only your Student Account but also the General Trip Fund. In addition to the trip cost differential, the General Trip Fund is used for trip expenses that are not included in the trip package cost charged by the Travel Agent, such as transportation to and from the airport, equipment transportation and meals not included in the package. Thank you to Therese Retherford, Nancy Ford and Barbara Martinez who are constantly scouting for fundraisers to offer. Remember, you can continue to fundraise after the trip and request reimbursement from available Student Account credits for out of

pocket trip package costs. You earn Student Account credits after the annual Scarlet Brigade Contribution has been satisfied.

Great Lakes Scrip – Plan ahead for your holiday scrip shopping. Orders are due Monday, December 10th by 3pm. Many retailers are offering holiday bonus discounts. Visit glscrip.com to check it out.

Cookie Dough Delivery – Cookie dough distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th after marching band practice. Orders will be sorted and ready for pick up at that time. Please plan ahead. If you have a large order make sure you have transportation. You will need to deliver to your customers immediately or have enough freezer space to store the items.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 10 - Vintage Band Review - Napa
November 11 - Veteran's Day Parade, Fairfield
November 12 - Fiesta Bowl trip payment due,
Cookware Open House - Call Therese Retherford
422-0318
for information
November 13 - TOC planning meeting 7pm in
the band room
November 14 - Cookie Dough distribution after
marching band practice
November 15 - Wreath orders and money due,
band pictures after school. Bring marching shoes.
November 17 - Tournament of Champions Band
Review, Fairfield High School
November 19 - 26 Thanksgiving Break
November 27 - Vacaville's Merriment on Main -
Pipes and Drums
November 30 - Fairfield's Holiday Night of
Lights - Pipes and Drums
December 1 - Oakland Holiday Parade and Bingo

Hall performance, Bingo Marathon
December 2 - Westfield Mall Gift Wrapping
9:30 am to 6:30 pm. Call Therese Retherford
422-0318 to sign up
December 5 - Chevy's Dine to Donate Night
December 8 - LMC Jazz, Westfield Mall Gift
Wrapping
December 10 - Scrip orders and final Fiesta
Bowl trip payment due, Trip Chaperone meet-
ing 6:30 p.m., Parent trip meeting at 7:30 p.m.
December 11 - Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., FHS
Gym
December 15 - Westfield Mall Gift Wrapping
December 17 - Booster meeting
December 21 - Winter Break begins
December 22 - Westfield Mall Gift Wrapping
December 26 - Load luggage 6pm
December 27 - Depart for Arizona
December 29 - Fiesta Bowl Parade
January 1 - Return from Arizona

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night BBQs and did pretty well! Thank you to all who helped with that. We could not do it without everyone pitching in and helping out. Our car wash was a great success, making over \$1200 for the trip fund. We have cookie dough sales and wreath sales going on now and those will wrap up before we go out for Thanksgiving break. We will have Chevy's Night December 5 so come out and have dinner and they will donate 20 % of the evening with us bringing in the flyers. We did pretty well at Mary's Pizza Shack earning \$418, and we also did well at Applebee's. We had lots of fun seeing everyone there. I have one more fundraiser this month with a Cookware party. It will be at my house, 507 Canvasback Drive, Suisun, November 12th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. I will have an open house and attached with the newsletter will be the inventory of what I will have. Meyer Company donated

some cookware that I will have for sale. This will go towards our Crab Feed, which is February 1, 2008! Please come and see what we have. There is a lot of great merchandise, all of which is of great quality. We have one more fundraiser that we will need lots of help with from both parents and band members. We will be doing gift-wrapping at the Solano Mall on the following dates: December 2nd, 8th, 15th and 22nd. The shifts will be 3-hours and if you have a talent with gift-wrapping we would love for you to be involved. We are also looking for donations of wrapping paper and tape. Please contact me if you can help.

So we have lots of fun stuff going on and are very busy. We are a great team working together and are having a great time. We don't have a Booster meeting in November but we have lots going on, so there are a lot of chances to be involved. We will

have a Booster meeting in December so please check for all the important dates. Thanks again for everything.

“In HOC SIGNO VINCES”

Your President Therese

BINGO NEWS FROM COLLEEN CASWELL- SNUFFER

The next bingo Marathon is on 1 Dec 2007. The theme for the marathon is a Fiesta. Doors open at 2:30 and session begins at 5:00. Kerry Thompson is the Bingo Manpower Coordinator. She can be reached at 437-3483 to schedule bingo shifts. The Scarlet Brigade Marching Band & AU will be visiting the Bingo Hall and Performing after the Oakland Christmas Parade. All workers get paid \$10.00 per hour into there student account and additional profit from the marathon goes into the trip fund.

Chaperone News and More — from Barbara Martinez

Chaperones for the Oakland Holiday Parade

The list will be up soon in the band room for chaperoning the Oakland Holiday Parade. Please remember to have your son or daughter put your name on the list if you are a cleared chaperone and interested in going. This will be the last chance to get your 3 required band trips in before the Fiesta Parade.

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**SCARLET BRIGADE BOOSTER CLUB OF
FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

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**Next Band Booster meeting will be on
Monday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Band
Room**

**We're on the Web:
www.scarletbrigade.com**

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Chevy's Restaurant Night!

Come dine at Chevy's in Fairfield with the Scarlet Brigade on Wednesday December 5th.

All you need to do is come in between 5 pm and 9 pm and present the enclosed flyer or download a copy a copy off www.ScarletBrigade.com and Chevy's will donate 15% of your total bill back to the Scarlet Brigade. Keep an eye out at the beginning of each month for a new "Restaurant Night".

Fiesta Parade Meetings

There will be a mandatory Chaperone meeting Monday, December 10th at 6:30 pm for all Fiesta Bowl Chaperones. Immediately following at 7:30 pm there will be a Mandatory Parent meeting for the parents of all students going on this trip. Attendance by one parent or guardian for each family is required, and we will have a sign in list. This will also give you a chance to meet your student's chaperones. Please mark this date on your calendars.

Luggage Drop off Night for Fiesta Parade Tour
ALL luggage for the Fiesta Parade must be brought to the School December 26th between 6-7 pm to be tagged and loaded on to the trailer. You will not be able to bring your luggage with you the morning of the 27th when we leave. Make arraignments now to get your luggage to the school. You will be allowed a small carry-on for the plane. More details will be given at the December 10th meetings.

To the Scarlet Brigade parents of:

Important Phone Numbers

Band Room/Band Director

Steve Taylor 438-3065

Booster eBoard

Pres.—Therese Retherford 422-0318

VPres — Barbara Martinez 434-1185

Treasurer — Carol Rummel 426-2444

Secretary — Cathy Bryan 429-8681

Bingo Director —

Colleen Caswell-Snuffer 425-1383

Committee Chairpersons

Bingo Manpower —

Karey Thompson 437-3483

Uniforms — Kathy Longaker 428-5416

TOC — Bill and Judi Young 425-8953

Head Chaperone —

Barbara Martinez 434-1185

Webmaster — Steve Lamb 429-5521

Fundraising —

Therese Retherford 422-0318

Nancy Ford 422-2133

October was a Great Fundraising Month!

We had our Mary's Pizza fundraiser night October 10th and 44 families came in with their coupons and friends and helped support the Band. We Raised \$418.00! October 13th, the kid's all showed up at Lithia Toyota for a great Carwash Fundraiser. The weather was perfect, the kids had fun and we raised over \$1100.00 for the Trip fund.