



THE BAND OF BLUE



December 8, 2009

Dear Band of Blue Parent:

Thank You! This past marching season was great! We really appreciate all that you do for your child and the Band of Blue Program. We are very proud of your son or daughter's accomplishments this past fall. We won two contests, came in second at two, were runner up at Lower State and once again ranked in the elite TOP Six in the State! Words cannot express what your continued support of BIG BLUE means to our staff and the band. We could not do it without the hard working members of the Band of Blue Booster Club. We need you to become more involved and attend the booster club meetings. We regularly post the meeting times and dates on our website: www.bandofblue.org Please check our website for the most current information about our band.

As many of you know, we are planning our trip to New Orleans, LA to march in the 2010 **Mardi Gras Endymion Parade**. The trip will be February 10-14, 2010. We are planning to leave Wednesday, the 10th and will return on Sunday, the 14th. The students will not be counted absent for this trip. They will be allowed to make up any missed work before or after the trip. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a parade of this magnitude, while affording the students the educational opportunity to visit one of our nation's oldest and most historic cities. Our tentative plans are to visit the D-Day Museum, Audubon Aquarium, Jacks Brewery and Market, the Natchez Queen, Riverwalk Plaza, Jackson Square and Preservation Hall-Birthplace of Jazz, the Ninth Ward, the Battle of New Orleans area and the SuperDome. We are also planning for a dinner at *Michauels* and a dinner cruise on the Natchez Queen paddle steamboat. A full buffet breakfast will be provided at our hotel on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our lodging will be at the Sheraton Four Points in Metairie, Louisiana. We are planning on having several parents chaperone this trip including two deputies from the Colleton County Sherriff's Department and an administrator from Colleton County High School.

The parade will be Saturday, February 13 and will be televised locally in New Orleans. We will have a more detailed itinerary passed out in January. The total cost of this trip is \$535. We have asked that you have a total deposit of \$300 (either in cash or fundraised) turned in by December 18. We have to start reserving rooms and tickets. We will need the remainder of all monies turned in by remainder of all monies turned in by January 15. We will ask students to room 4 to a room and we will need to make room assignments in January also.

Students need to plan on having the remaining \$235 balance turned in (either in fundraising or money) by January 15th. All money needs to be turned in to either Anita Rentz, booster club treasurer in the student store or Zenida Simmons, CCHS Bookkeeper in the front office. We will need the total \$535 to be in by January 15.

Cost of the trip is \$535 per person. This includes transportation, hotel, breakfast and dinners.

DEPOSIT #1 (\$100) DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15

DEPOSIT #2 (\$100) DUE BY OCTOBER 15

DEPOSIT #3 (\$100) DUE BY NOVEMBER 24

DEPOSIT #4 (\$100) DUE BY DECMEBER 18

FINAL DEPOSIT #5 (\$135) DUE BY JANUARY 15

\$535 Total amount of New Orleans Trip

If you have any questions or you are interested in one of the parent follower's package, please contact me immediately at 893-6026.

Musically,

Tom Finigan
Director of Bands



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2010 SPRING EVENTS FOR THE BAND OF BLUE

- DEC. 8** NEXT BOOSTER MEETING AT CCHS BANDROOM – 7PM
DEC 10 FRUIT DELIVERY – 12:30 UNTIL 5:30 AT COASTAL
DEC. 12 PANCAKE BREAKFAST (*BREAKFAST WITH SANTA*)
AT CCHS COMMONS AREA
- JAN 4** BACK TO SCHOOL
JAN 9 REGION BAND AUDITIONS AT SUMMERSVILLE
JAN. 17 MLK PARADE - WALTERBORO
JAN. 23 ALL-STATE AUDITIONS AT LEXINGTON
JAN 26/28 PRACTICE FOR PARADE
JAN 30 1ST WINTER GUARD/DRUMLINE CONTEST – WEST ASHLEY
- FEB 2/4/9** PRACTICE FOR PARADE
FEB 10-14 NEW ORLEANS TRIP
FEB. 26-27 REGION BAND CLINIC - CSU
- MARCH 6** WINTER ENSEMBLE CONTEST AT HANAHAN
MARCH 20 WINTER ENSEMBLE CONTEST AT SUMTER
MAR 23-25 CONCERT FESTIVAL(HS CONCERT, SYMPHONIC)
MARCH 27 CWEA WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ROCK HILL
MARCH 28 SPRING CONCERT
- MAR 30-APR 1** CONCERT FESTIVAL (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
- APRIL 24** RICE FESTIVAL PARADE
APRIL 30 SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL AT FORT DORCHESTER
- MAY 3** USC SALK GRADUATION IN ALLENDALE
MAY 11-13 SPRING MARCHING PRACTICE
MAY 27 AWARDS PROGRAM AND HAMPTON STREET
- JUNE 9** GRADUATION PRACTICE DURING 4TH BLOCK
JUNE 12 GRADUATION AT COUGAR STADIUM 7:30 AM