

States Competition – November 20-22

Volunteers

If you haven't already signed up, please let me know if you plan on volunteering to help out at the states competition with chaperoning, props or pit. We especially need help with props and pit.

In order to finalize our travel plans we need to know if you plan to ride the bus to Tampa with the students and other parents, or if you're driving your own vehicle. In addition, let us know if you need us to reserve a room for you at the hotel where we are staying.

Meetings

EHS BOOSTERS MEETING At the next Boosters meeting, Tuesday, November 10, we will be discussing the States competition, as well as the Danny & the Juniors concert on December 5, and other items. Please plan to attend as your input and support is important to YOUR student and music program.

STATES VOLUNTEER MEETING All volunteers (chaperones, props & pit) **MUST** plan to attend this meeting, which starts at 7:00pm in the band room on Tuesday, November 17. This is an important meeting where you will find out the "whats, wheres, whens & whys" and your role.

Itinerary and Cost

We are working hard to economize and finalize this exciting and important trip. A tentative itinerary will be distributed soon. Right now, the busses will depart after school on Friday, 11/20, and will return very early Sunday morning, 11/22. The Estero Wildcat Marching Band is tentatively scheduled to perform Saturday at 11:02am, but this has yet to be confirmed. In order to economize we plan to spend only Friday night in an hotel, and will drive back late Saturday night. With two busses, one night in an hotel, meals, snacks, water, tickets and so on, we expect to keep the cost down to \$110 and hopefully lower for each student/chaperone. An exact amount will be announced once all of the details have been finalized.

Payments of Fair Share and/or States Trip

Please note we will be accepting credit card payments toward Fair Share, other band expenses and States trip. Please contact the Treasurer to make arrangements.

Honeybaked Ham Gift Certificates Fundraiser

Last week your student was given information and an order form to sell gift certificates for Honeybaked Ham. Selling HoneyBaked gift certificates is a win/win solution to your student's band account needs. The program is easy and you will be selling items that your friends, family and neighbors will love. That means you will generate more dollars for your student's band account. There is never any out of pocket expense to you or our program, and best of all, your student earns a 20% profit on every order, which goes direct into your student's band account to help with fair share and other expenses. In addition, there is no bulky merchandise to sort and distribute.

Please visit <http://www.honeybakedham.com/> for details on the large selection of items that can be purchased with gift certificates. In addition to ham (of course), turkey, desserts, dinners and many other

items can be purchased with these certificates. There are stores in many places throughout the country, with the closest store to the school in Bonita Springs -- and they make perfect gifts!!

If you did not receive the information please let me know and we will send another copy.

This is an ongoing fundraiser through December, and the first order will be due by 11/17. Gift certificates will be available by Friday 11/20 for any orders received by this date. Orders may be given to any Board member, or deposited in the safe located in the corner of the band room

This is an easy fundraiser – your customers get 100% of what they pay for and your student gets 20% of that amount placed in his/her account.

Germain Concessions Is Back!!!

Germain Concessions will soon restart, with November 14 and 15 as our first dates. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the class for students. Students will be rotated when necessary, so that the same students aren't always working. If a student signs up, he or she must attend, unless excused. If the student does not show up (unless excused), he or she will not be allowed to work the next three events.

Parents are also needed. Please contact Julie Cusson to let her know you can help on either the 14th or 15th. If you haven't helped out before, please join in the fun ... the kids do most of the work, with parents mostly directing.

Everyone must wear a band or EHS shirt, and shoes. Anyone not wearing both will be sent home (including chaperones).

This is another great fundraiser for the band and the students – each student who works will get a portion applied to his or her account. And it's a great way for the kids to get real life work experience and earn community service hours!!

Danny and the Juniors

The concert is Saturday, December 5, starting at 7:00pm in the school's auditorium – mark your calendars! Mr. Pardee will be asking students to volunteer to help with parking, ushering and other activities during the evening. Parents will also be needed to help with parking, chaperoning and where needed. Please contact Bethann Nelson if you can help. We need you to make this evening a success, and the band program needs the money this event will generate!!!

Also, tickets are available now for a donation of \$25 for reserved seating, and \$40 for VIP seating, which includes a pre-show backstage meet and greet with the cast. For tickets please call the Music Boosters Box Office at (239) 405-1663, or email EHSMusicBoosters.concerts@gmail.com and visit the music program's website, www.esteromusic.com, to view the auditorium seating chart.

Spaghetti Dinner

Please remember to send in spaghetti sauce (any flavor or brand) and spaghetti to help defray the costs of our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on December 17th. Thank you.

SEN10RS Night!

Friday, November 13 is Seniors Night. All parents of seniors will be receiving an invitation to attend the game and receive some well-earned recognition, along with our senior students. Please plan to attend.

And Last but Definitely Not Least ...

Congratulations to the Estero High School Wildcat Marching Band for their great performance at the North Port High School "Music on the Move" competition Saturday afternoon. The students donated most of their Halloween to compete against some of the best bands in SW Florida. The band was once again placed in a division higher than they are slated, and it proved successful due to the students' great work ethic.

The band once again took 1st place in the Division and 5th place overall, along with awards in the following captions:

- Best Music Performance
- Best General Effect (Overall appearance/design of show)
- Best Visual Performance (best marching technique)
- Best Percussion
- Best Drum Major Performance

Thanks for all your support and GO CATS!

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