

Austin Band Boosters Newsletter

September 2009

BAND BOOSTER GENERAL MEETING

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Band Room. These meetings are a valuable way for you to stay connected to the band's happenings. Please make every effort to attend.

AHS BAND TRIP NOVEMBER 11-15

If your student is going on the band trip, please remember to send your payments directly to Thomas Tours. The first payment should have already been sent in. The second payment is due by Sept. 25, and the third payment is due by Oct. 23.

FRUIT SALES

Fruit packets will be handed out on Sept. 19, and the sale ends Oct. 9. The prices have yet to be determined.

Sorting dates Dec. 3 and 4

Distribution dates: Dec. 5 and 6

All at Morgan County Fairgrounds

If you have any questions, please email Denyse Stephens at melyssa_stephens@yahoo.com. You can also call her at 580-3134 or 606-8384.

CONCESSIONS

Remember, every student has to have one parent work a shift in the concession stand in order to get credit for points. Please call Tammy Cortez at 345-4381 if you have not signed up to work a concession yet.

PICTURES FOR WEBSITE

If you have any pictures of our band students at Band Camp or the football games, please email them to our webmaster, Dan Burleson, at dan@danburleson.com. They will be posted on our band website, Austinband.org. You can also email them to Laurie Fraser, our Publicity chairperson, at TheFrasers@aol.com.

BBOF IS DUE NOW

The BBOF (Band Booster Operating Fee) of \$150 is now past due. Please place check or money order (made out to Austin Band Boosters) in the Orange Box in the

Director's office. Remember to include your student's name, grade, and what the payment is for on the check. Email Janet Brown at jimandjanetbrown@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

PARENTS' DRY CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

(Things to know when you get your uniform dry cleaned.)

You need a golden coupon for **EACH PIECE** that you are cleaning. This method allows you to clean only one piece if that is all that is required.

1. Drop off your uniform on **Monday** or **Tuesday** to assure that it is ready Thursday evening. If you wait later it may not be ready for that early departure time on Friday for away games. **Do not leave** your gloves or anything else in the bib pocket. It will not make the journey back to you.
2. If you are pinched for time, use the Four Seasons Cleaner location since they actually do the cleaning there. It could cut out a day's wait but ASK before you just leave it and assume it will be ready.
3. You do not have enough tickets to dry clean every week, so, ration them but *please use them*. Save one set to get your uniform cleaned before concert season if you are in B Band. In case of emergencies you may request a couple of additional tickets until we run out.

STUDENTS' GUIDE TO NOT STINKING *(notice this is NOT your parents responsibility)*

1. Let your uniform air out between dry cleaning. Do not let it sit crumpled on the floor, stuffed in the back seat of the car, or hide it in a closet right after you take it off.
2. The collar needs to be removed and either hand washed (yes some people still have that skill) or washed with white clothing. Hang up to air dry. Let your mom know you threw it in the wash pile or clothes hamper. Remember to put it back into your coat *before* the game. This will eliminate embarrassing ring-around-the-collar!
3. You can wash your gloves, but air-drying is recommended so that they do not shrink. DO NOT send to the dry cleaners. Again let mom know you put them in with the dirty laundry since the sock monster in your washer also enjoys eating black gloves. If you do lose one glove and must purchase new ones (\$5 at the truck), keep the old one in case you need it later.

4. Put your hat in the hat box upside down but do not close the box so that the hat can air out. While you are there, empty all the trash out of your hat box that you put there from the game. Thanks for not littering.
5. Take your crumpled up socks out of your shoes and put them in the wash so that your shoes can also air out and you can start out with fresh feet for the next game. If your shoes are muddy or dirty a wet paper towel will work for cleaning them. This is a chore for *you* not your mom.
6. Remember to put your black show shirt in the laundry basket, too.
7. DO ALL OF THIS ON FRIDAY NIGHT OR SATURDAY, so that you are not pulling stuff out of the dirty clothes pile on Friday afternoon to wear that night. The guy next to you will thank you!

If you have questions you can call Mary Sue Fleischauer at 309-0326.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Band Boosters General Meeting – September 17
- AHS v. Hazel Green (Away) – September 18
- Marching Competition – Hendersonville, TN –
September 19
- AHS v. Florence (Homecoming) – September 25
- AHS v. Huntsville (Home) – October 1 (Thursday)
- Marching Competition - October 3
- Band Board Meeting – October 8
- AHS v. Sparkman (Away) – October 9
- AHS v. Bob Jones (Home) – October 16
- AHS v. Buckhorn (Away) – October 23
- Jazz Band/Percussion Ensemble Concert – October
29
- AHS v. Cullman (Home) – October 30
- Band Boosters General Meeting – November 3
- Fall Band Concert – November 5
- Band Trip to Washington D.C. – November 11-15