

# **SHS BAND/COLORGUARD WEEKLY E-LETTER**

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## **Band Booster Car Wash**

**Saturday, September 25 8 AM - 1 PM**

The Band Booster car wash is this weekend on Saturday, September 25. This event is being held to raise money for a new sound system.

Tickets - Each student should have received a packet of five tickets to pre-sell for this event. Tickets are \$8 each (an additional \$2 will be collected at the car wash for oversized vehicles). More tickets are available if you need them. Once you have sold your tickets, please put the money (cash or checks payable to SHS Band Boosters) in the silver lock box with any unsold tickets. All money and any unsold tickets should be turned in by Friday, September 24. Pre-selling tickets is the easiest way to ensure we make money on this event. We will also accept drive-in vehicles on the day of the car wash.

Student Volunteers - We are asking that each student volunteer to help at the car wash. There are four shifts of 1 1/2 hours each (starting at 7:30 and ending at 1:30). Students can sign up during their band class, or they can email me at [annabelcooper@yahoo.com](mailto:annabelcooper@yahoo.com).

Adult Volunteers - We are also in need of adult volunteers to assist with the car wash. Let me know when you are able to help anytime between 7:30 and 1:30 on Saturday.

Supplies - Students who are not able to help on the day of the car wash are asked to donate supplies. We need the following:

- Soap
- Sponges
- Chamois
- Towels
- Squeegees

Please bring any of the items on this list to school this week or call me to make arrangements to pick them up. Do not expect these items to be returned to you.

We also need 3 or 4 buckets, 2 or 3 hoses, 2 or 3 nozzles and 2 or 3 small stools. If you can donate these items let me know and I will make arrangements to get them from you. These items will be returned to you after the car wash is over.

We appreciate all of your support in making this a profitable event.

Ann Cooper  
VP - Ways and Means  
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### Coach's Corner, Andrea Ruof

#### **Clothing for Field Show Tournaments and Football Games**

Due to the tremendous growth in the band this year we are short on uniforms. New uniforms have been ordered and our first field show tournament is coming soon. All band students will be required to wear black socks under their uniform pants and their grey South Band tee-shirt under the uniform jacket. **The black socks must reach mid-calf or higher.**

At field show competitions we are adjudicated on not only our performance but our appearance and the long black socks are a must as skin showing from a distance on individuals will cost us points on our performance. Students who do not have the proper length black socks will be provided socks by the boosters but will be charged for the cost and will lose participation points on their grade....IT'S THAT IMPORTANT!! Always bring your band or colorguard jacket to all performances.

#### **Thankful for Parent Volunteers**

It takes a lot of parent support to manage our 170 student marching band and colorguard. Students, please be respectful, follow directions given to you by our volunteers, and be sure to offer your thanks to those who put in long hours to make our band the best it can be.

### Marching Band

GREAT PERFORMANCE AGAIN LAST FRIDAY! It's exciting to see the first movement being perfected and we are all looking forward to the performance of the second movement soon. Congratulations on your hard work!

Thank you to the majority of the students who wore the proper attire. We had some students this past week forget to wear their black socks and Dickie jackets. We want the band to look as uniform as possible until we are in full formal uniforms. Please wear your "Alice" T-shirt, blue jeans (thanks for no holes or rips!), calf length or higher black socks, band shoes, and Dickie jackets (not sweatshirts). Although the jackets are not worn during the performance, it looks more polished when all the students have them on during entry and the field anthem. As for the black socks, it is suggested that the

students store a back-up pair in their instrument case or back pack. We gave out several pair of socks and will need to start charging \$1/pair for replacements.

### **Uniform Update:**

We are expecting the arrival of the new uniforms by early October but unlikely in time for our first competition on Saturday, October 2. Mr. King would like the marching students (excluding the Pit section) in uniforms for that day. In order to do this we need to schedule a mandatory uniform fitting for the Freshmen class (except the Freshmen in Pit). Uniforms have been re-assigned and we need all Freshmen that are performing in the show to be re-fitted.

### **MANDATORY FRESHMEN UNIFORM FITTING DAY IS: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th AT 3:30 PM**

This is a student free school day but there is a band practice that evening from 6-9 pm. We will need parent volunteers again and, with enough help, we should finish before 5 pm so the kids can have a dinner break.

If you are a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior and were not fitted on 8/28, please come this day! Even if you are assigned last year's uniform, the sleeves and pants need to be re-hemmed.

We need:

- 1-2 parents to help check in and hand out assigned uniform.
- 3-4 parents to snap hems.
- 3-4 parents to bring irons, boards, and pillow cases for ironing.
- 1-2 parents to organize and store new freshmen shakos.
- 1-2 parents to pass out black gloves.

Call time for volunteers is 3:00 pm.

Please contact Shan Shan Au, Volunteer Coordinator, to confirm that you can help! Her email address is: [shanshan@ssccommunications.com](mailto:shanshan@ssccommunications.com).

When the new uniforms arrive, we will fit the Pit section and re-assign some uniforms as needed. What will the Pit section wear at the competition?

- Black "Alice" T-shirt
- Black pants (not blue this time)
- Black socks and black band shoes

Thank you for your patience and help with this. We are all anxious to see the band in uniform!

### **SPARTAN BAND WEAR**

The additional orders for the hooded and zippered sweatshirts will arrive this Tuesday. If you have been waiting for your pre-ordered sweatshirt or would like to purchase one,

please stop by the uniform room on Thursday evening before rehearsal. The green stadium jackets are not here. They may have been discontinued. Our local band wear vendor is still trying to locate a distributor who may have them in stock. If we cannot fill your order, a full refund will be returned to you.

### **TRUCK DRIVERS WANTED**

We need more volunteers for loading and driving the U-haul truck and Spartan van to the away games and competitions. This is a great job for our dad parents. The students do most of the loading and unloading but they still need help with the heavy lifting and moving of the band equipment.

We need 2 drivers for Saturday competitions: one to drive a 26' U-Haul truck and one to drive the Spartan van hitched with a large cargo trailer.  
We need 1 driver for the Spartan van for away games.

Please take a look at the away game and competition schedule and consider volunteering for one of the dates.

Again, please contact Shan Shan Au, Volunteer Coordinator, if you can help. Her email address is: [shanshan@ssccommunications.com](mailto:shanshan@ssccommunications.com).

Thank you! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Laura Stratton  
VP Marching Band  
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### **A Note from Lori Perez, VP Colorguard**

Reminder - Car Wash Food Booth on Saturday, September 25. We need **everyone's** participation and donation. Parents are welcome to help and get your car washed at the same time! Hours: 8:00am-1:00pm. Alyson has sign up sheets. Every girl needs to sign up for at least one shift and one food donation item.

Warm up jackets have been delivered for embroidery. Thank you to everyone for getting them turned in in a timely manner.

### **Big Trip Announcements**

For those traveler's who do not yet have your passport, please start this process as soon as possible as it can take several weeks to months to complete. Visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport/> for more information on how to apply for the first time or to renew your expired passport.

### **SPARTAN Traveler's Trivia**

In preparation for our "Big Trip" to Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic, look for Traveler's Trivia on a regular basis. Traveler's Trivia will provide fun facts about the music, culture, history and geography of the countries we will be visiting.

Famous composers and one of their most famous compositions:

### **Austria**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791) - Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

Johann Strauss, Jr. (1825 – 1899) - Blue Danube Waltz

### **Germany**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750) - Tocatta & Fugue in D Minor

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827) - Ode to Joy from Symphony Number 9

### **Czech Republic**

Antonin Dvorak (1841 – 1904) - New World Symphony

There are a limited number of spaces now available for the trip. If interested, please contact Jack Snowiss at [jsnow@earthlink.net](mailto:jsnow@earthlink.net).

### **SCRIP**

Our next order will be placed this **Thursday, September 23**. If you would like to place an order please do so **by 8pm**. Attached is a list of most of the vendors that are available from the website, for those of you who prefer this method. Remember that there are several vendors that are offering back to school specials where you get an additional 1-5% rebate.

### **Scrip Specials**

**Starbucks and iTunes** - 2% bonus rebate on gift cards ordered between 9/4/2010 though 9/24/2010

**Overstock.com** - Free shipping on orders through October when a card is ordered between 9/4/2010 through 9/24/2010

**Express** - 2% bonus rebate on gift cards ordered between 9/4/2010 though 9/24/2010

**Home Depot** - 1% bonus rebate on gift cards ordered between 9/4/2010 through 10/1/2010

**CVS** - 2% bonus rebate on gift cards ordered between 9/4/2010 though 9/24/2010

**Shutterfly** - 5% bonus rebate on gift cards ordered between 9/4/2010 though 9/24/2010

**L.L.Bean**- 2% bonus between 9/18 and 10/15.

**Marriott®** - 2% bonus contribution from 9/25 through 10/15.

**Gap \$75 Gift Card**, while supplies last. The \$75 card will have a 14% contribution, instead of the normal 9% contribution

**Subway®** -1% bonus from 9/11 to 9/24.

**California Pizza Kitchen®** -2% bonus contribution 9/11 to 9/24.

**See's Candies** -2.5% bonus contribution from 9/11 through 10/22.

**Burger King®** -1% bonus contribution effective 9/11 through 9/24

If you don't feel comfortable placing the order through [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), then check out the attached list and just let us know what you would like and we will order it for you! Email orders to [lbshsb@msn.com](mailto:lbshsb@msn.com)

**Ralph's** has started their yearly sign up on September 1st.

1. Go to [Ralphs.com](http://Ralphs.com) and create an account if you have not done so yet. You will need to have your Ralph's club card available
2. Go to Community Contribution Program
3. In the "find your organization" type in **SOUTH HIGH SPARTAN BAND BOOSTERS**. Click on the radial button to select and click the red button that says "save changes" That is it for the school year!

Attention **VONS/Pavilion and Safeway** shoppers - connect your Von's club card on e-scrip to South High Band Boosters. [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

Be sure to sign up or renew your account if you are a Vons/Pavilions shopper to have rebates given to the Band. Our group number to register your Von's Club card is 6095793.

### **Local Scrip Available!**

**Sprouts** - \$25 - 5%

**Whole Foods** - \$50 and \$100 - 5%

**Rascals** - \$5 - 10%

Thank you,  
Lynda and Sharon  
[lbshsb@msn.com](mailto:lbshsb@msn.com)

### **Fees Now Past Due**

If you did not receive the Fee letter, please download it from the Downloads section of our website [www.southhighband.org](http://www.southhighband.org) and return the forms and your payment now. Don't forget that the completed athletic clearance packet and transportation fees must be returned to F-1. The packet can also be found in the Downloads section.

### **Donations of Bottled Water Needed**

Our marchers, musicians, and colorguard performers get very hot, dry and thirsty during performances, especially at the all day competitions. Please help us keep them hydrated and comfortable by donating water. We need cases of 12-16 oz. individual bottles and/or 2.5 gallon containers. Please drop off these items with your child before band practice during band camp as much as possible. The hospitality room (next to the uniform room) will be open before rehearsals to accept your donations. You may also consider donating a grocery card and we will do the shopping for you! Please contact Karen Tanaka @ [kcmtanaka@aol.com](mailto:kcmtanaka@aol.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for your help!

### **Potluck Leftovers**

If you are still missing items from the potluck, they are all cleaned and ready for pick up from the hospitality room.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

September 20 – Night Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

September 23 – After School Rehearsal 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

September 24 – SHS vs. Palos Verdes Home Football Game, call time 5:30 PM

September 25 – SHS Band Car Wash

September 27 – 3:30 PM Uniform Fitting for Freshmen and others who need to be fit

September 27 – Night Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

September 30 – Night Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

October 1 – Football Game @ West

October 2 – First Field Show @ West

October 4 – Night Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

October 8 – After School Rehearsal 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

October 11 – Night Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

October 14 – After School Rehearsal 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

October 15 – Football Game @ Torrance

\*\* All rehearsals subject to change. Mr. King's announcements supersede these dates and times.