



MCQUEEN BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Mark Your Calendar

- March 3 Zone Concert 7 pm
Bake sale/Roses/silent auction
 - March 5 Zone Concert 7 pm
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 - March 10 BPA elections/meeting 7pm **
 - March 11 8th Grade Parent Night
 - March 20 Del Oro Guard Show
 - March 21 Livermore/Grenada Guard Show
 - March 23 Wind Ensemble rehearsal 6:30-8:30
 - March 27 WCSD Festival at North Valleys HS
4:25pm Concert, 6:05pm Wind Ensemble
 - March 28 Elk Grove Guard Show
 - April 1 BPA meeting 7pm
 - June 16-19 Mini-Band Camp
 - August band camp. Times and dates TBA
- ** notice: Date change



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From the Band Director's Desk

Dear Parents and Students,

The first week in March begins our big recruitment drive for next year's band. As I explained to students in the band, it is easier for a large band to generate GE scores (general effect) than it is for a smaller band. Thus, it benefits everyone in the McQ Band to have more students in the organization.

Do you know parents or friends who have kids in 8th grade. If you think the McQ Band is a positive organization or has been beneficial for your son/daughter, would you please encourage your friends to enroll their son/daughter in next year's band. Woodwind and brass players would enroll in concert band. Percussion (drums) students would enroll in percussion class. Each year we have students who have never played drums join our band.



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The color guard is open to any student who would be interested in flags and/or rifles. We start new students at the very beginning. They do not need previous experience to join the flags. They should sign up for color guard.

Zone concerts are an excellent opportunity for younger students to see the high school bands. The zone concert for Clayton will be Tuesday, March 3rd. The zone concert for Billingshurst will be Thursday, March 5th. Please be available to answer questions for any *new* band parent. Think back to when your first son/daughter was about to enter McQueen and was thinking of being in band. Most of you had many questions. You can help remove many of the concerns of *new* parents.

One of the strengths of the McQueen Band Program has been the incredible parents who have served in the Band Parent Association. These wonderful people who have excelled with fund raising, food, uniforms, transportation, equipment, etc. have allowed me to concentrate on teaching their kids. Next year*s marching season will be short. We need a few parents who can spare a few minutes a week to help their kids have a successful year. If this might be you, consider coming to the next BPA meeting in March.

For those parents who need to schedule vacations way in advance, next year's mini camp will be June 15-20, ending with the Reno Rodeo Parade. Fall rehearsals will start the first week in August.

Rick Moffit
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Band Parents to Band

Hi all well it is hard to believe that my term is almost over. It has been a great year and I wish to thank all for helping and working so hard. Elections will be at the meeting on March 10th and I hope that the new Board will use all the knowledge this board has obtained. I hope you will support the new board the same as you have supported us. I know McQueen Band has many more exciting trips and competitions ahead of it.

Nadine Ferguson,
BPA President

Band Parents:

Leftover Tournament of Roses Parade t-shirts will be on sale at the band parent meeting on March 10. Come and get them while they last.
Cost will be announced at that time.

News from the Band Room

By now everyone should have received notification if you still had outstanding band fees. A big "Thank You" to everyone who has paid their band fees. Please keep those payments coming in. In that same mailing were any receipts from paid fees or sponsorships. Please let me know if you think there are any missing sponsorships or receipts. Also, the Lost and Found is again overflowing. Please ask your student to check it for misplaced items. There is some really good stuff in there!! The Zone concerts are coming and besides the bake sale we will be selling Roses with message cards attached, remaining Rose Parade items (t-shirts, posters, pins pictures) and having a silent auction for a framed Rose Parade Drum Head. Be sure and check out tables before and after the concert.

Cindra Maramdola
Band Coordinator

VISIT OUR WEBSITE mcqueenband.org FOR THE LATEST INFO, PICTURES AND UPDATES

**Upcoming McQueen band fundraiser: Reno Rodeo fundraiser.
The Reno Rodeo runs from June 18 - 27th.**

We are planning on running two beer booths each night of the rodeo. We will need 2—3 people at each booth every night. This is a fun event that has the potential to raise a significant amount of money for the BPA. Sign-ups will start at the April meeting. You can contact Trisha to sign up or get information at 225-2303. Since this fundraiser involves the sale of alcohol, participants need to be 21 years or older. All funds raised will be credited to the general BPA account. Even though this is not a big trip year, we still need to raise funds for band expenses.

Receive timely updates Via e-mail

Send your e-mail address to

Monica Anderson at

mcqbandinfo@sbcglobal.net

Include *McQueen Band* in your subject line.



If you received a hard copy of this newsletter and would prefer to receive an electronic copy, please email Monica at the above email address with your name, your band member's name, and the email address you wish the newsletter to be sent too.

McQueen Band PHOTO Website

From the redesigned McQueen Band website find a link to the McQueen band photo website. Many photos from the Tournament of Roses Parade trip are already posted. If you have any pictures from the trip you would like to share, please contact Gail Gonzales at ogidget@sbcglobal.net or 747-5354. Also, all photos of the band from 2006 to present are on the smugmug website. Photos can be purchased through smugmug. E-files from the website are downloadable for free.

Please Note: Be sure to check McQueen Band website regularly as dates and times and events change due to circumstances out of our control, occasionally.

ELECTION News:

Attached you will find the official ballot and instructions for the McQueen Band Parents Association elections being held on March 10, 2009.

You have two options to cast your vote. You can mail your ballot via US mail to the band PO Box, postmarked no later than March 4, 2009, or you can cast your vote in person at the March 10, 2009 meeting. Mailed ballots will not be opened until the night of the elections per the bylaws. Before votes are counted, each cast ballot will be validated as coming from a current member of the BPA. Contact Trisha at 225-2303 to verify your membership standing.

Zone Concert Bake Sale March 3 & 5

We are holding a bake sale at both zone concerts to raise funds for the band. We are requesting that if your last name begins with A-L on Tuesday and on Thursday if it begins with M-Z. Thank you

McQueen BPA Election Update

To be able to vote in the elections on March 11, 2009, you must be a current member of the band parents association. On the band website you can download a membership form, fill it out, and either mail to the band PO Box and drop in the box in Mr. Moffit's door. If you take care of this matter early, the elections will run smoother. Your band membership is renewed annually and is valid from April to March of each school year.

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