A Letter from the Band Boosters Co-Presidents

Welcome to the Shaker Heights High School Bands Winter Concerts!

As October ended, the power and pageantry of our Marching Band season came to a close and the uniforms were collected, cleaned and tucked away for the winter (okay, we are ALMOST done with that…). We welcomed the arrival of the Shaker Schools concert band season on November 10th with the performances of the Shaker Middle School bands.

The sheer number of musical opportunities provided by our Shaker Schools constantly amazes us. Every student at Woodbury begins his or her study of a wind or string instrument. The Middle School offers daily scheduled class instruction for band, orchestra, and choir. The opportunities expand even further in 9th – 12th grade, adding special musical ensembles. The High School provides the environment for our student musicians to pursue their musical ambitions at a variety of levels, playing compositions that range from Class 3 High School to Class 6 University and Professional.

It is wonderful to see the growth of our high school students from those first Woodbury concerts, to what you will hear at the High School concerts this week. It is fun to watch our Shaker 5th graders burst with pride in their first ever concert band performance. And how to describe the feeling, as we parents, grandparents, family and friends, delight in watching our high school student musicians create an evening of truly amazing music.

For us, this is what Band Boosters is all about: Supporting the directors and staff, contributing our volunteer time, our financial donations, and our boundless enthusiasm to help to create the environment in which all of our student musicians can develop their musical talents and thrive.

Watch for two upcoming musical events. On February 11, the Shaker Chamber Festival will be held at the High School. Our 8th-12th graders will showcase their solo and ensemble talents in a masterclass teaching environment before an instructional judge. And on February 15, the SHHS Music Department Centennial Concert will feature the Wind Ensemble joined by the Orchestra and Choir.

Our mission is to support and enhance the district’s band programs in grades 5 – 12. It has been said that it takes a village to support the band. We invite you to support us – simply fill out the Patron form found in this program. Our meetings are open to all band parents and fans! Our next meeting will occur Monday, February 13th at 7pm in the High School band room.

The Shaker Bands ARE the Pride of Shaker Heights. Thank you for all you do to support our amazing and talented Shaker student musicians!

Happy Holidays!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 19  MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ CONCERT
MS Auditorium  7 PM
(Woodbury and Middle School Jazz groups)

Jan 31 & Feb 2 MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER CONCERTS
MS Auditorium  7 PM

Feb 11  SHAKER CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Feb 15  CENTENNIAL CONCERT- Wind Ensemble,
Orchestra and Choir
SHHS Auditorium  7:30 PM

March 6  HS BAND CONTEST PREVIEW CONCERT
SHHS Auditorium  7 PM

April 11 EVENING OF JAZZ
MS Auditorium  7 PM (Wednesday evening)

May 1  HS ICE CREAM SOCIAL
HS Front Lawn  6:30 PM

LOOKING AHEAD…. Centennial Concert

The Shaker Heights High School Centennial Concert will be held on
Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 in the SHHS Auditorium. The SHHS Wind
Ensemble, Orchestra and Choir will perform. The Choir/Orchestra
Centennial Commission will be performed for the first time that evening.

75 Years of the Shaker Bands!
The Shaker Bands began in the 1936-7 school year as an after school
club. (The band still has the tubas pictured below!)

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Bands website for a list of
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For Band Activities,
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We’re on the Web!
www.shakerbands.org
www.shaker.org/BandBoosters.aspx

Shaker Bands Travel History

In 1988, the SHHS Bands and Choir together attended a band festival in Toronto.
This was the first international trip for the Band.

In 1990, the Shaker Bands were invited to Goslar, Germany. The Berlin Wall had
just fallen and the Bands traveled into East Germany and performed in
Wernigerode and Quedlinburg. The students were very well-received.

In 1993, the Bands were invited to perform in England and traveled to the small
village of Corby Glen and also Brighton Beach, Bath and London.

In 1995, The Bands took a Tour of Europe, starting in Amsterdam where they
played in a tulip park. They also performed during the halftime of a soccer game
performing without field lines! They traveled to Bruges, Belgium, Goslar,
Germany, took a Rhine cruise and ended in Paris. In retrospect, this trip was
considered to be overly ambitious.

In 1998, the Bands and Choirs traveled together and visited Goslar, Germany.
They visited the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. They traveled to Paris by
bus and boat and had time to really see Paris.

In 2001, the Bands traveled to Paris. They performed in the gardens of Versailles
and finally were able to play under the Eiffel Tower! Other highlights included
visiting EuroDisney, Paris sights and the beach at Normandy.

In 2004, the Bands traveled to Italy. They spent the first half of the trip in
Sorrento, Capri and Amalfi Coast and then traveled to Rome.

In 2007, the Bands traveled to China. They started in Beijing and played together
with the American-style band from Chinese Public School 166 in the Tiananmen
Square Business district. They played at the Great Wall. They went to Shanghai
and played to a very large and enthusiastic crowd of about 8,000 people.

In 2010, the Bands traveled across the Alps and played in Brixen, Italy, Venice,
Italy, Innsbruck, Austria and Salzburg, Austria. The students visited Munich,
Germany as well and spent time at the Dachau concentration camp.

In 2013, the Bands will again be traveling. Planning will begin in Jan 2012 with
student and parent committees. An announcement of the trip plans will be made
in May, after the seniors begin their Senior Projects.