

Firebird Fortzando

Minimally Speaking

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From the Director...

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that you have extended to me. As we complete our sixth and final day of band camp 2008 I couldn't be more pleased with all aspects of the program. The students have been wonderful. They are enthusiastic and hard working. They are learning the show and a very fast pace. The staff has been keeping the kids on task helping them accomplish their goals. A great group of professionals and a real pleasure to work with. The parents have been there every step of the way supporting for the kids and staff. A special thanks to the administration for all their support and guidance with this transition...AND a super big, huge, awesome, and not overstated thanks to Mrs. Rudy for her help and guidance keeping the ship sailing. Finally...to the seniors in the band, thanks for staying in the program and giving us your leadership.

You have a great thing going here in Phoenix, let's keep it going!

Great news to report. We have added 5 new 8th graders into the band. We hope this is just the start to including our middle school students into the program. Thanks to Mrs. Grethel for her leadership with this new initiative. The veterans in the group are key to their success. Vets need to help the new kids "fit in" and help show them the ropes.

Some details that need to be attended to:

1. Medical forms must be turned in to Mrs. Rudy ASAP.
2. Tee shirt orders are due by Monday to Mrs. Dunnigan.
3. **Clean team still needs help.**
4. To the athletes in the band...get your proper sleep and stay hydrated.
Doing multiple activities is great; remember to treat your body correctly.

In closing, the next couple of weeks are very important. With the fair, the opening of school and the addition of our new members. We have limited practice time and we must keep the show going forward. Review your drill, music, equipment and stick moves on a daily basis so we don't have to go back to square one after camp is complete. Remember the preview show for the families is September 6th.

Mr. Elwood

YOUR SCORE AND HOW IT IS DETERMINED

MUSIC

Field Music
Ensemble Music
General Effect Music

VISUAL

Field Visual
Ensemble Visual
General Effect Visual

FINAL SCORE

TOTAL MUSIC

TOTAL MUSIC



NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- Medical Permission Slips/Medical Authorization Forms are overdue. It is necessary to be on file in order for you to attend rehearsal and work the clean team (it start's tomorrow). Please check the whiteboard in the bandroom to see if your name is listed for owing this form.
- If you will be late or absent from rehearsals, upon return, please turn in an excuse with your name, date of concern, and reason (please turn in earlier if you know beforehand). All excuses can go to a drum major and they need a parent/guardian signature (If you don't see a drum major, please put them in the excuse envelope by the band room door.)
- We are almost finished with fitting for shoes, gloves, uniforms, etc.... Next week your child will receive a form stating what they owe for and how much (per handbook). We were lucky to save a couple dollars on the shoes (new shiny ones). Stay tuned! If you have not been fitted for a uniform, please see Mrs. Driscoll ASAP.
- **T-Shirts and Hoodie orders are being taken until Aug. 25th.** Each student is required to have one t-shirt...and families are encouraged to order items that they'd like as well. Kids can also order extra items if they'd like. Please see the attached order form.
- Thank you once more to Mrs. Shaben and all the boosters that helped to set up and run our Band Camp Café. KUDOS KUDOS KUDOS
- Please make sure the web site form (attached) is filled out and turned in by next week. Also attached is a media permission slip. Please turn that in as well (both can go to a drum major or in the envelope on the bulletin board by the outside doors in the bandroom.
- **A show chaperone application is attached....please turn in by Aug. 27th....we'd love to have you!**
- Family Picnic and Sneak Peek....September 6th....Forms are attached and due no later than Sept. 3rd! Thank you Mike Branch for organizing this!

BAND and COLORGUARD BOOSTERS

Fundraising...

HELP!!!! We still have many shifts open for Clean Team.... Both for students and parents. We have a contract with the State Fair to have 16 students and 4 adults there every day... should we not fulfill our obligation we risk losing this contract in the future.... This has been a long and prosperous event for our students... please come sign up to work!!! For more information contact Mrs. Dunnigan at 575-0764.

Entertainment Books will be arriving soon. See Mrs. Deshaies for them. Students earn 9 credits (1 credit equals 1 dollar) for each book they sell.

Mrs. Grethel has the order forms in now for the Yankee Candle fundraiser... they can be found in the band room.

Be on the look out for Chicken BBQ forms... the BBQ will be on September 14th at the Fire Dept. at the intersection of Ct Rt 10 & 12. Chickens are pre-order only. See Mrs. Pangaro for more information.

Don't forget about the September 2nd Booster Meeting at 6pm in the JCB Library!!

PROP PEOPLE....

Have you seen Mrs. Moore to help sew flags for the guard? What about Eric Krause for help constructing this years props? Just a few hours of your time help to make the show possible.... thanks....

Uniforms.... Washers needed...if you can help to wash some of the uniforms please see Linda Driscoll.... All the band uniforms needed to be washed... we are asking a few parents to take 5 or 6 uniforms home to clean and return. Linda is around the rehearsals....

Show Shirts and Hoodies.... Order forms were in last weeks Fortzando....Checks are required at the time of placing the order. Checks need to be made payable to the Phoenix Band and Color Guard Boosters Inc. All orders will be due Monday August 25th. The order will be place Tuesday morning so that we can get them back for the preview show and family picnic. There will not be a second order this year so please order what you need the first time.... Thank you.



Marching Firebirds Field Band

2008 Production Schedule



August—Rehearsal & The Great NYS Fair Week

- 8/25 - Monday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) – (*Woodwinds & Brass at Clean Team*)
- 8/26 - Tuesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) – (*Drumline & Pit at Clean Team*)
- 8/27 - Wednesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) – (*Guard at Clean Team*)

September - Rehearsal & Competition Schedule

- 9/4 - Thursday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 9/5 - Camp Talooli (3:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.)
- 9/6 - Preview Show and Picnic - Times TBA
- 9/9 - Tuesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 9/11 - Thursday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 9/13 - Saturday - NYSFBC @ CNS - Times TBA
- 9/16 - Tuesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 9/18 - Thursday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 9/20 - Saturday - NYSFBC @ Oswego - Times TBA
- 9/23 - Tuesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 9/25 - Thursday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- * 9/27 - Saturday - NYSFBC @ Lancaster - Times TBA
- 9/28 - Sunday - Darien Lake Theme Park - Times TBA
- 9/30 - Tuesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

October - Rehearsal & Competition Schedule

- 10/2 - Thursday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 10/4 - Saturday - NYSFBC @ Liverpool - Times TBA
- 10/7 - Tuesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 10/9 - Thursday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- ** 10/15 - Wednesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 10/16 - Thursday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 10/18 - Saturday - NYSFBC @ Central Square - Times TBA
- 10/21 - Tuesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- **10/22 - Wednesday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 10/23 - Thursday (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- 10/25 - Saturday - NYSFBC @ Phoenix Home Show @ Fulton HS
- 10/26 - Sunday - NYSFBC Championship Show @ SU Carrier Dome