

# Scottie Music Notes



Greetings Parents and Friends of the TV Band Program,

Our next meeting will be on January 9 in the Band Room beginning at 6:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we have completed another marching band season! It has been a very, very successful season and I want to give special thanks to our Seniors, parents, and staff for their contributions. I challenge everyone receiving this letter to remember that only 1/3 of the music year is done though! We have a ton of events still happening like Pep Band, Jazz Band, Symphonic bands, Solo & Ensemble in addition to a new Winter Guard program so **EVERYONE NEEDS TO STAY INVOLVED**. The true measure of our success for the year will be the level of participation we get from BOTH students and parents for the remainder of the school year. I commend everyone for the significant progress we have made on our goals so far this year. Our uniform fund is just under 50% of goal (Goal is \$30,000) and we resolved our transportation issue now that we have a dependable and fantastic looking equipment bus. A special thanks is owed to Everett Roush and Tony Davis for leading the bus repair effort. Thanks to all who helped! One area we must improve on is increased parent and student involvement in activities. Let's focus on being the exception to the rule that 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. I encourage those with computers to periodically check the band website for specific current events at <http://teachers.tvschools.org/ablevins/> This is the location where everything we are involved with is published. Here's what's coming down the pike the next several weeks and months.

**KUDOS-** Thanks to all who participated with the Longaberger work events. We have been offered several opportunities over the last several months. Even though we have had several schedule conflicts, we are now being requested to work nearly every weekend at Longaberger. Our new Winter Guard has worked enough events to pay for over 60% of their needs recently! Thanks to Carrie for leading that effort and earning over \$630 towards their monetary needs! We will have work opportunities March 12, April 28 and May 6 with the kids able to earn money towards band camp fees. The better we do with these events, the less we have to sell! It's your choice!

**POPCORN AND COAT CHECK-** We are selling popcorn and doing coat check at ALL boy's varsity basketball games. These events earn us over \$1,750 per year and go towards buying music and supplies for Jazz & Pep Band events. WE NEED STUDENTS AND PARENTS to sign up and work one date during the season please. Your son or daughter does not need to be in Jazz or Pep band for you to participate! Start time is 5:00 and games are usually done by 9:00. Several dates coincide with Pep Band also. Sign up sheets are in the band room. The dates we work are **Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 29, Feb 1, and Feb 5**. Parents, the kids do all the work once you start them and all the supplies are provided. The worst case is you get in to watch a ball game for FREE!!! I'd like to see some new faces at these events so please contact me at 452-6914 if you have questions or want to volunteer.

**SCOTTIE REWARDS PROGRAM-** Bobbie & Jennifer Walter have piloted this new fundraising program starting in October. This is an online shopping website where once you sign up you click on a company link and are immediately directed to their website. It SAFE, SECURE and you can have purchased merchandise delivered straight to your door. Over 300 companies are available and offer free shipping, plus a wider selection of items at the same or lower price than you will find in their retail outlets! When you do your normal shopping with any company through our website, the band gets a commission!! **TOO EASY!** The website is: <http://www.krymus.com/4010-tvbandfundraisers> and you can call Bobbie or Jennifer for help.

**NEW UNIFORMS-** As of December 15, we have raised just over \$17,400 towards the cost of new uniforms. Our first uniform payment of \$7,500 due was paid in December and we have invested the remaining balance in a bank Certificate of Deposit for future payments. As a reminder, **each student** is asked to obtain donations totaling \$300.00 this year. Karen Hand (754-0000) and her mom Nancy Crist are leading the results tracking effort so if you need to know where your student stands with respect to their individual goal, please contact them. Those collecting over \$300.00 will receive a \$10.00 credit towards next year's band camp fees. Also, a special "Thank You" goes out to Karen Bay and her team for keeping uniforms organized and looking great this year. Karen is looking for someone to lead this effort next year so please contact her to discuss your willingness to help or lead! Let's work hard on retiring the uniform debt before May 2008!

### **IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES:**

<b><u>Solo &amp; Ensemble</u></b>	January 26, 2008	Times TBD at John Glenn High School
<b><u>OSU Symphonic Concert</u></b>	February 14, 2008	Details in process
<b><u>OMEA Contest</u></b>	March 14, 2008	Times TBD at Zanesville High School
<b><u>Jazz Dance</u></b>	March 29, 2008	7:00 PM at the Cafetorium
<b><u>JR High Solo &amp; Ensemble</u></b>	April 5, 2008	Times TBD at West Muskingum Jr. High
<b><u>Muskingum County Fair</u></b>	August 17-24, 2008	Fair Grounds
<b><u>Dillon Days</u></b>	September 6-7, 2008	Dillon State Park

**STUDENT ACCOUNTS-** Students AND Parents please be aware that your student account statements need paid up ASAP. We still have several student accounts that still owe for band camp, shoes, shirts, meals, and equipment rentals. I need to remind everyone that it's EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that fees due are paid promptly. Please contact Judy Hatfield (796-6961) or Ms. B to discuss and issues/concerns about student accounts.

**CONCESSION STAND -** I want to personally thank Jackie Beardsley for doing an outstanding job over the last 2 years! (Applause). Thanks to those that helped with the "cleaning party", Varsity and JV football games, and various other events when food was needed! Someone needs to step up to the plate and fill this roll for next year. Now is the time while Jackie is still available to teach for someone to display the courage to say "Here I Am"...It's time consuming for 10 weeks but manageable with a good team. It would be wonderful to have 2 team leaders for this next year so as not to overburden one person. Who is going to be our leader(s)?

**NEW YORK RED EYE FUNDRAISER-** Thanks to Jody & Jodie for a very successful bus trip! We earned over \$5,400 and had a GREAT event. Plans are being made for an April 2008 trip also so stay tuned! The trip is open to anyone (students under 18 must be accompanied by an adult) and for more details contact Jodi Dickson (452-6899) or Jodie Armstrong (754-1103).

### **REMEMBER -**

If you need additional information about upcoming events or your student seems to struggle communicating important details with you don't forget to check out the Band Website at:

<http://teachers.tvschools.org/ablevins>.

If our paths don't cross between now and then I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We have a super program so let's keep supporting it with all our time, talents and treasures. Please let Ms. B ([ablevins@tri-valley.k12.oh.us](mailto:ablevins@tri-valley.k12.oh.us)), myself ([steves5295@adelphia.net](mailto:steves5295@adelphia.net)) know your thoughts or ideas on how to improve and grow the program more! Mark your calendar for booster meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and plan on attending!

**Steve Starkey**  
**Band Boosters President**