

Greetings Parents and friends of the TV Band Program,

**Our next meeting is November 8, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Band Room.**

Well, what can I say? The last thing I remember is it was July and we were preparing for Band Camp. Now here we are, 11 football games, 4 contests, a Band Classic, and State Competition later! What a beginning to 2006. Now that we are heading into the winter season, Jazz and Pep Band start soon and before you know it the Spring Concert season will be upon us! Since we won't be seeing each other 3-4 days a week I felt it is time to get back into my writing mode so here goes. First, I congratulate the band for an absolutely outstanding season. We qualified for State at **EVERY** show we attended PLUS they brought home their **FIRST SUPERIOR RATING IN 9 YEARS!** This was the band's 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year qualifying for State Competition! Well done to Ms. Blevins and this year's Marching Scotties band! We also hosted our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Classic and had an 84% participation rate by parents for this event. The bar has been raised and next year our goal will be to increase participation to over 90%! We have received many compliments about how well planned and organized our event was and we even had Mr. Spade & Mr. Pottmeyer attend this event. I recommend every parent contact them to acknowledge their support was noticed but let them know we need more support going forward! I personally would like to thank every parent/friend for their support this fall. Our season is off to an absolutely excellent start but let's not lose sight on the fact that we have a lot school year left and several major events/fundraisers are on the horizon. Let's not rest on our laurels but keep the positive energy going and make this the best year ever! PS, if you're a 9<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent I encourage you to learn more about the music program and the band booster's organization. Call on any Band Booster Officer or Ms. Blevins to see how you can get involved! We need everyone's involvement to maximize this program's potential and demonstrate our support to an outstanding educator. Here's what's on the horizon.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MARCHING SCOTTIE BAZAAR** – This event is scheduled for Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the High School Cafetorium. Yes, I know this is the day of the OSU/Michigan game but the good news is we should be done by kickoff! If not, we have 4 TV's in the cafetorium! GO BUCKS! Jennifer Booher (452-0742) has agreed to lead this event again this year. We need someone to lead the Concession and Raffle sales for this event. Please contact Jen for specifics and see where she needs your help. We need 4-6 adults and 4-6 kids for set up on Friday night and then 8-12 adults and 16-20 kids on Saturday. Sign up sheets have been posted in the band room so ask your child what role they are playing. As of November 5, we have 40 vendors committed with our goal to get 75 –85 vendors. We have begun advertising in newsprint, banners, radio and community event websites and this is growing into a very popular community event. For concessions we are requesting families donate pies, cakes, canned pop, water or CASH. We are asking vendors for item donations for raffle sale PLUS we will have a 50-50 cash raffle. This can work into one of our top events if we get more parental participation. Our goal is to gross over \$3,000.00 from this event.

**LONGABERGER DAYS-** We had an opportunity to help a Longaberger event in October but the timing just didn't work out. Last year we participated in the Collectors Club event and Soccer Tournament. Please mark your calendar for each event for this Spring in April and May then plan on helping. The Soccer Tournament is scheduled for May 12 - 13 and the Collectors Club event is April 28-29. We had 55 helpers for Collector's Club and 24 for the Soccer Tournament last year and earned about \$2,200.00 between the 2 events. It is easy money, requires no sales or band resources, you get to meet new people and enjoy some good fellowship. Please keep time open in your schedules for these weekends and plan on working at least one shift. Longaberger normally will take as many people as we can send and look at it this way, **WE MAY NOT HAVE TO SELL OTHER STUFF DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO RAISE MONEY IF WE GET GREAT PARTICIPATION!** Longaberger has been a strong supporter for our program and we now have an inside track for future events. It's our turn to perform now! Exact details will be available as event dates arrive. We need your support with these easy fundraisers....

**MARKET DAY** - Due to a lack of sales, increased competition, and overall lack of interest, we have cancelled our contract with Market Day. All interested market Day buyers are encouraged to contact their local elementary school PTO organizations or visit the website [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) if they wish to place an order. Thanks to Julie Siddle and Jackie Beardsley for their efforts with this fund raising event.

**KUDOS** - Thanks to Jan Gatton-Shirer for her efforts leading the “a peeling” card sales event. Our goal was to sell 400 cards and we actually sold just over 300. Cards were offered by Wendy’s, Subway and Taco Bell with a buy 1 sandwich and a drink, then get a free sandwich offer. This fundraiser earned us over \$1,100.00 and was very popular at the High School. Thanks are also due to Mike Rauch who sold 33 “a peeling” cards to fellow teachers/students. Well-done Mike! Along those lines, a HUGE THANKS goes out to Jackie Beardsley for her efforts in the concession stand this year. Jackie did a great job planning, organizing and then controlling the concession operations for **17 football games** and our Band Classic. I bet everyone thought we only did 5 football games, right? Needless to say, it is a more complicated job than most understand but this is the #1 fundraiser we do all year and requires commitment and dedication. Thank you Jackie and all concession volunteers.

**FUTURE IDEAS BEING CONSIDERED-** We have several “projects” to consider/plan during the rest of the 2006-07 season. We can do 1) Bill’s Barbecue about working once per quarter (Deb Starkey), 2) a combined Poker Run / Corn Hole Tournament (Reid Walter/Bobbie Walter), 3) “Red Eye” bus trip to New York (Jodi Dickson) as well as previously suggested ideas like 4) Selling window decals (Lisa Thomas), 5) Community Yard Sale (Katie West) or 6) conducting a monthly raffle (Jen Booher) offering the opportunity to win a \$100.00 gas card. Please determine which event interests you the most and contact any Booster Officer to determine discuss you thoughts about how to proceed on any/all proposed projects.

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES-**

November 9	High School teacher conferences begin.
November 13	No School.
November 15	Jazz band practice begins.
November 24 – 27	No School.
December 2	Dresden Holiday Parade.
December 7	Holiday Concert Grades 7-12 at TVHS at 7:00 PM.
December 13	Band Boosters Meeting.
December 21 – Jan 1	No School.

Our kids sacrificed several “traditions” this year including Senior pictures on our equipment bus (still broke down and needing motor repairs) and no dinner after State Competition due to being required to attend the Football Playoff Game. While we are discouraged by the overall lack of outside understanding or respect for our traditions and how it impacts each child, we are proud and encourage with each child’s dedication, understanding and personal growth during these challenging changes. Parents, we can either adapt or allow the adversity to tear us down. It’s our choice and I’m a firm believer in perception is reality. FYI, we are working on alternative plans for a night out for the kids before the Dresden Holiday parade on December 2.

I would like suggestions and feedback about ANY item on their mind about our program or this information format. Please let Ms. B ([ablevins@tri-valley.k12.oh.us](mailto:ablevins@tri-valley.k12.oh.us)) or myself ([steves5295@adelphia.net](mailto:steves5295@adelphia.net)) with your thoughts and/or ideas. Our organization is only going to be as strong as we make it!

I also still need many parents e-mail addresses. Get them to me ASAP or let me know you have no e-mail! As a reminder, please mark your calendar for future meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month. Please mark December 13, January 10, February 14, March 15, April 11 and May 9 on your calendars for future band booster meetings and plan on attending.

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